

America's Tribal College

In 1968 the Navajo nation created America's first tribally-controlled college. Today there are 26 higher education institutions founded and controlled by Indians, serving communities from Michigan to California, from Montana to Arizona. America's newest colleges, they have undergone dramatic growth, succeeding despite physical conditions and budgetary constraints other colleges would consider impossible.

Today tribal colleges serve over 10,000 Indian students nationwide with vocational, technical, two-year, four-year, and now graduate programs. More than sixty percent of Indian students enrolled in post-secondary education now attend tribal colleges.

I waited 500 years for this opportunity . . .



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No one else in my family has ever gone to college. There was no place to go that we could afford, and that didn't take me out of our community, that recognized the value of our Indian ways, rather than put us down. The tribal colleges are giving us a new hope for the future. My graduation is only the beginning.

The American Indian College Fund is a national non-profit organization benefiting 26 tribal colleges. The fund promotes college development and provides aid to Native American students. All administrative costs of the Fund are underwritten by foundation grants. Your entire contribution goes directly to tribal colleges and students.

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