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American Indian Convocation: Spring 2008

June 2008

Spring Convocation

Spring 2008 American Indian Convocation was held Saturday, May 10, 2008, 10 AM at Grady Gammage Auditorium, Tempe Campus. There were over 200 native graduates; the largest spring convocation to date.

Fall 2007 Convocation

Fall American Indian Convocation took place Thursday, December 13, 2007 at 4 PM, in Neeb Hall, Tempe Campus. Numbering at 93, this is the largest fall graduating class to date; 2 Doctoral Degrees, 8 Masters



Del E. Webb School of Construction Graduates

Degrees and 83 Baccalaureate Degrees. ASU's American Indian Student Support Services (AISSS) in collaboration with volunteers from the Native American Alumni Association, faculty, staff, and student body are annual organizers.

For more information call 480-965-8044 or visit the website at <http://www.asu.edu/clas/aiss/acadhonor.htm>.

**Congratulations
Graduates!**

Sun Devil Promise

www.asu.edu/enroll/promise

Access ASU: higher education for all qualified Arizona students

The Sun Devil Promise is our commitment to families of Arizona. ASU promises to recruit, enroll, educate and advance Arizonans from every economic, social, and cultural

background. ASU keeps this promise by providing Arizona's youth the financial and educational resources to succeed, regardless of their ability to pay.

Visit Access ASU

<http://www.asu.edu/accessasu/principles.html> for a complete listing of

K thru higher education programs and opportunities.



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Special points of interest:

- See new video on *Our New American University* <http://mynew.asu.edu/>
- Prospective Students Visit <http://www.asu.edu/prospective>
- Newly Established Garrett Yazzie Rising Star Scholarship Fund
- Rosenzweig Scholars
- Online Photo Gallery
- Construction In Indian Country
- See *Events Page* on our website for detailed information on points of interests and scholarship/grant information.

Experience the ASU Advantage

<http://www.asu.edu/fa/advantage/>

Think you can't afford to go to ASU? Think again.

ASU Advantage is designed to help Arizona students attend and graduate from ASU with a bachelor's degree.

ASU covers the direct costs of attending ASU (minus the student's Expected Family Contribution) for eight full-time, consecutive semesters. ASU Advantage is available to eligible low-income Arizona freshmen. Direct costs include tuition, mandatory fees, books, room and board. ASU covers direct costs through a combination of financial aid resources that do not require repayment. The program is aimed at helping the Arizona families who need it most. Students are still strongly encouraged

"We have made a commitment to Arizonans who have a dream, and the desire to realize their full capacity and potential through education."

-President Michael Crow



to apply for other grants and scholarships to help cover in-direct costs. Visit our website for more tips on where to look for scholarships and how to apply for them. Also visit the ASU Scholarship Website.

How ASU Advantage Works

By combining gift aid (i.e., Pell Grant, SEOG, ASU Grant, University Grant, LEAP, and scholarships) from federal, state, private, and institutional sources with Federal Work-Study, ASU will cover students' direct costs of attending ASU (minus the Expected Family Contribution) for eight full-time, consecutive semesters.

Direct costs include tuition, fees, room, board and books.

Program Criteria

- Arizona Resident.
- Enter ASU beginning the fall semester immediately after Arizona high school graduation.
- Admission to ASU as a degree-seeking freshman beginning the fall semester (pursuing first undergraduate degree).
- Native American high school seniors that meet the Arizona residency criteria for tuition purposes at ASU are eligible.
- Demonstration of total family income of \$25,000 or less on the FAFSA for eligible students entering fall 2007.
- Full-time enrollment.
- Program participation extends for eight full-time, consecutive semesters.

American Indian Programs

ASU is one of the premier metropolitan public research universities in the nation; enrolling more than 63,000 undergraduate, graduate, and professional students on four campuses in metropolitan Phoenix.

Arizona is home to 22 Tribal communities. In 1996, ASU enrolled 672 Native American students, today ASU has over 1,400 Native students. Collaborative efforts between ASU and Arizona Tribes focus on increasing student enrollment, retention, graduation rates, and community and career development. To carry forward these goals, a variety of student support services, centers, and programs have been created to ensure the success of Native students and communities. Visit our website to see a complete list of offices and centers. Here is a sneak peak....

ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Indian Legal Program
- American Indian Students United in Nursing
- Indigenous Teacher Preparation Program
- Center for Engineering Diversity
- Entrepreneurship at ASU

OUTREACH PROGRAMS

- American Indian Policy Center
- Construction In Indian Country

STUDENT SERVICES

- American Indian Student Support Services
- Native American Achievement Program
- Career Services
- Labriola American Indian Data Center



Ann-Denise Taylor receives a blanket during special ceremonies for students in the Indian Law Program (ILP) at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law. The blanket ceremony took root in the 1990s from the efforts of David Montiel as a way of honoring students in the ILP who went the extra mile in their efforts to obtain their

To see a complete list visit our website and download the 2007-2008 American Indian Resource Guide visit <http://www.asu.edu/vppa/>. The guide is sponsored by the Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation Wassaja Fund and ASU for Arizona: Building Great Communities.

ASU Bound?

Prospective Students — Don't know where to get started with admission, orientation, financial aid, or housing? Visit www.asu.edu and click on the Prospective Students site. This comprehensive section will guide you to steps to attending.

Get to know your ASU Recruiter — You can find your recruiter or ASU Contact at <http://www.asu.edu/admissions/contact/> you can search by high school, state or for transfer and international students. Take advantage of recruiters who make school visits throughout the year.

Get to know ASU Scholarship and Financial Aid Offices — Be mindful of

application deadlines and visit the offices or websites often. Postings are updated regularly. Remember to follow up.

Attend Bridge Programs

A great way to get acquainted with any college or university is to take advantage of their summer and winter programs. Many are especially designed to help you get acclimated to college life. You get a great pre-view and head start before actually graduating from high school.

Get to know American Indian Student

and Community Resources — If it's important to you to remain connected to Tribal communities make sure get to know your Tribal representatives and support services, this is critical to establish a good foundation to help you through your college years.



NARD 2007 ASU Student Float

"Goin' to the Doin's" — Take advantage of the many free workshops/seminars/lectures and countless other support activities; ex. money management, internship opportunities, study abroad. Joining student organizations is a good start too.

Summer Programs

Kids, teens, and adults can keep busy this summer by participating in one of ASU's fun and challenging programs and camps. With over 70 programs to choose from such as digital arts, cinema studies, foreign languages, engineering, creative writing, sports, and studying abroad, people of all ages and backgrounds can find something that interests them. Learn a less commonly taught language, understand the inner workings of the human body, observe the stars in a planetar-

ium, or explore the history and culture of Ecuador and England—you can do all this and more with ASU !

<http://community.uui.asu.edu/summer/>

Summer Bridge
<http://studentsuccess.asu.edu/summerbridge/>

Categories:
Adult Learning

- Arts/Music/Performing Arts
- Career Exploration & Leadership Dev.
- College Preparation
- Computer Graphics & Animation
- Language/Writing/Reading
- Math/Engineering/Sciences
- Preschool
- Residential
- Sports/Outdoors
- Study Abroad
- Youth at Risk

Club ASU & Chapters

Club ASU is your ticket to special events & programs designed especially with you in mind – special campus tours, events with current ASU students, social and sporting events!



Club ASU is open to all students, grades 7-12, and their families. It's an opportunity to explore athletics, the arts, cultural and educational events at Arizona State University up close and personal! It's also a great way to see how higher education can fit into your future. Club ASU members will receive invitations for club-sponsored

events, newsletters and personalized messages. It is a fun way for you to connect to higher education. Visit the site to sign up or call 480-965-5373.

Club ASU is an outreach program that promotes higher education to youth and their families by connecting them to ASU's academic, athletic, and cul-

<http://www.asu.edu/clubasu/>

tural programs and resources

Club ASU Chapters support teachers, counselors, and community-based organizations, in their efforts to cultivate a "college-bound" attitude in their youth. Chapters provide another means by which community leaders can work to help bring knowledge and resources about college preparation to students.

Quick Facts is a summary page of ASU FAQs for the semester, including enrollment, degrees awarded, persistence and graduation rates, undergraduate costs and more. It is updated after the 21st day of each semester.

According to **2007 Fall** statistics the American Indian population held at 1,370.

Top four colleges/schools that the total American Indian student population are enrolled in **1. Liberal Arts & Sciences (399) 2. Education (131) 3. University College (125) 4. Engineering (112).**

For more information on other colleges/schools please visit the website. The breakdown for American Indian students is as follows:

Undergraduate

Top 4 Colleges/Schools:

1. Liberal Arts & Sciences (366)
Male (148) Female (218)
2. Education (74)
Male (16) Female (58)
3. University College (125)
Male (52) Female (73)
4. Engineering (99)
Male (65) Female (34)

Graduate

Top 4 Colleges/Schools:

1. Education (57)
Male (14) Female (43)
2. Law (37)

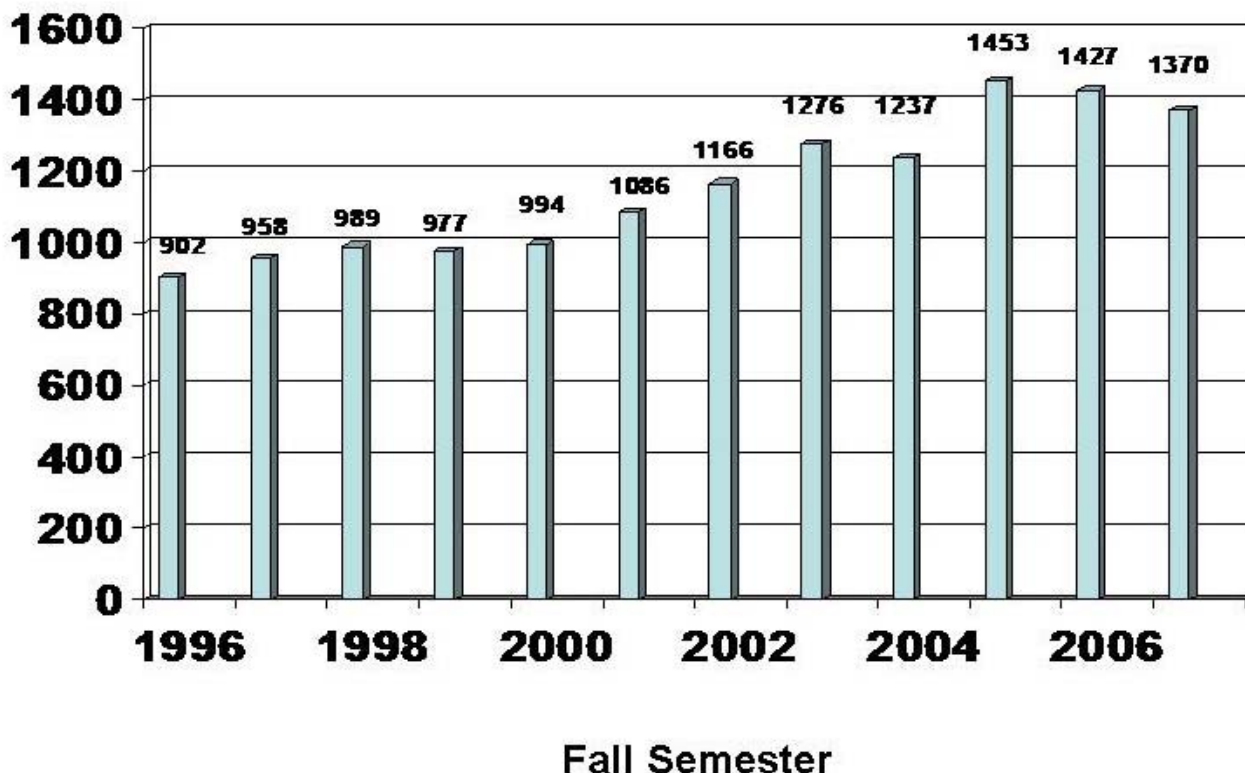
Male (19) Female (18)

3. Liberal Arts & Sciences (33)
Male (11) Female (22)
4. Public Programs (21)
Male (3) Female (18)

Total ASU Enrollment 64,394

Note: there may be more American Indian/Alaskan Native students not accounted for due to provisions that students are not required to mark their ethnicity/tribal affiliation(s) when they enroll. Ex. Fall 2006, 318 students identified as American Indian/Alaskan Native, but did not mark tribal affiliation(s).

American Indian Student Enrollment



Peterson Zah Speaks to Parents & Students



Peterson Zah continues to be in high demand for speaking engagements in classrooms and boardrooms across the country. He is also sought out to present at local and national events, conferences, and graduations. While at ASU he regularly advises students and families about education and career opportunities. Topics Include:

Personal Story/Experiences, Motivation & Leadership, Tribal Governments, State and Federal relations, Indian Education, Indian Healthcare, American Indian History, Economic Development, Indian Law, Student Recruitment & Retention, and Culture & Language issues.

Continue to check our online Events page for schedules or to request his attendance you may call 480-727-8325 or email pete.zah@asu.edu.

Spring 2008 ASU Office of the President American Indian Initiatives Tour

This spring marked our annual ASU Navajo Nation graduation and high school tour. Mr. Zah and current ASU students

visited schools to encourage jr. high & high school students to attend college. Groups can request him as a keynote/guest speaker for their graduations & honor banquets. He is also available to guest lecture for many Navajo Language, Culture, & Tribal Governance classes. For these visits our office will partner with other ASU departments and programs to present overall information related to ASU and higher education issues.



Call to ASU Native American Alumni

<http://www.asu.edu/alumni/>

There are over 310,000 ASU alumni worldwide, located in all corners of the globe. The thing that unites all Sun Devils - besides a degree from ASU - is our shared memories and stake in this place we call our alma mater. The ASU Alumni Association is our common expression of this sentiment.

All ASU Native Alumni are called to join the Alumni Association and join current ASU faculty, staff, and students in support of our recruitment and retention efforts. Our office asks

that if we visit your community, please take some time to talk with us, we would be happy to get reacquainted with you. According to recent Alumni records ASU has 6,665

“ASU has 6,665 self identified Native American Alums”

self identified Native American Alums; these records are estimates and are inclusive from 1945 to 2007.

Native Alumni Chapter Highlights

- *Monthly chapter meetings; open to all*
- *Annual Josiah N. Moore Scholarship Dinner*
- *Annual Alumni Spring Gathering (usually held in conjunction with ASU POWWOW)*
- *New MySpace page: <http://www.myspace.com/asunaac>*

For more information email Native Alumni Chapter President Mary Hubbell-Ansera at mha@asu.edu.

Construction in Indian Country

<http://construction.asu.edu/ciic/>

The Del E. Webb School of Construction and the Office of the President American Indian Affairs successfully hosted **CIIC 2008, the 5th Annual “Construction in Indian Country” Conference & Golf Mixer, May 12-14, 2008 at the Radisson Fort McDowell Resort, Fort McDowell, AZ.**

CIIC Conference promotes positive and quality management of construction in Indian Country while providing educational opportunities to American Indian students. The confer-

ence provides networking opportunities among tribal decision-makers, construction professionals, developers, Federal, state and local agencies. Sponsorship and proceeds from the conference and golf mixer go toward an educational endowment and grant for current and future American Indian construction students. The mission, vision and goals of this conference can be found at the website.

- See Student Highlights



- Photo Gallery; Conference and Gold Mixer
- American Indian Construction Management Grant

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There are 562 federally recognized American Indian Tribes in the United States. Arizona is home to 22 of them.

The rich cultural heritage of Arizona and ideal location of Arizona State University allows for building new relationships with Tribes and strengthening existing partnerships.

The office works to develop strategic alliances between Arizona State University and Tribes. These partnerships encourage Tribes to utilize university resources and expertise to advance their communities.

Save the Date!

6th Annual

**"Construction in Indian Country" (CIIC)
Conference & Golf Mixer**

May 18-20, 2009

Key ASU Contacts Native American Students Should Know

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Center for Indian Education : 480-965-6292

American Indian Student Support Services : 480-965-8044

Multicultural Student Services : 480-965-6060

For all other student offices (financial aid, housing, admissions, etc.) and other resources visit:

ASU Website www.asu.edu