

AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT SERVICES WHAT WE DO FOR STUDENTS

WHO WE ARE

AISS provides a wide range of support services and programmatic initiatives designed to provide academic and cultural support that promote success for UNM American Indian/Indigenous students. AISS supports the empowerment of tribal citizens and aspires to enhance the quality of life in Indigenous communities by producing quality academic and student support services, meaningful cultural programming, and distinctive constituent relationships. AISS' commitment to further the UNM 2040 Strategic Framework that connects, aligns, and activates the University's mission, vision, values, and strategies is deliberate and intentional. AISS places particular priority on the perspective of students, namely contributing to the effort of Student Experience and Educational Innovation. The American Indian Summer Bridge Program, AISB Fall Experience, AISS Ambassador Program, High School Junior & Senior Visitation Recruitment/Outreach programming, Student Success Workshops, American Indian Heritage Month events, and Nizhoni Days Week activities sustain and demonstrate the department's commitment to bolstering the 4-year graduation rate for American Indian students above 20% and contribute to improving 3rd semester retention.



OUR MISSION



AISS was established during the 1980-1981 academic year to increase the recruitment & retention of American Indian/Indigenous students. Currently, AISS provides a range of student support programming for American Indian/Indigenous students attending The University of New Mexico-Main Campus in an effort to ensure their academic achievement and assist in the development of personal, cultural, and social success. AISS is also a liaison for Native students attending local high schools and schools located on or near tribal reservations; tribal and community colleges; tribal governments; and tribal higher education programs and organizations that directly impact the recruitment and retention of American Indian/Indigenous students at The University of New Mexico-Main Campus. All students are welcome!

HOW WE IMPACT STUDENTS

AISS provides a wide variety of academic, social, cultural, and well-being programming to enhance the ability of American Indian/Indigenous students to be successful: Holistic Advisement, American Indian Summer Bridge Program, AISB Fall Experience, AISS Ambassador Program, NSO First-Year Engagement, AISS Welcome Back, American Indian Convocation, AISS General Scholarships, American Indian Junior Day, American Indian Senior Day, FAFSA-FOR-U, De-Stress w/ AISS, Break for the Ball, Indigenous Craft Nights, Student Success Workshops, and UNM-Tribal Memorandum of Understanding & associated scholarships.

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