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 Native 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 UNM2020 Strategic Plan 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 to Prepare Lobos for Lifelong Success. The Sidekicks Program, AISS Ambassador Program, Program Success Leader Program, High School Junior & Senior Visitation Recruitment/Outreach programming, American Indian Heritage Month events, and Nizhoni 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.

AISS MISSION
AISS provides concentrated services, support, and opportunities to recruit and retain American Indian students to ensure their academic achievement and assist in their educational, personal, professional, cultural, and social success.

PROGRAMS, SERVICES & INITIATIVES
Advisement, AISS Ambassador Program, AISS Welcome Back Social, American Indian Convocation, American Indian General Scholarships, American Indian Junior Day, American Indian Senior Day, American Indian Summer Bridge (AISB), FAF$A-FOR-U, Miss Indian UNM Program & Pageant, Sidekicks Program, UNM-Tribal Memorandum of Understanding and associated scholarships.

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