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SPRING SEMESTER UPDATES
NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM

As a reminder, my usual office hours are Wednesday and Fridays in Room 8. However, I try to mostly meet with students during electives, and some students have their electives on Blue Days (Tues/Thurs). In order to see those students, I’ll be switching Wednesdays for Thursdays some weeks. Parents, you are also welcome to come by, email, or call me.

I am here to partner with schools and families to provide educational opportunities for your students. NASSP provides academic support to help students become successful.

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FORT LEWIS COLLEGE VISIT
APRIL 18-20

Kennedy Native students, who are Junior or Seniors, will have the opportunity to visit the Ft. Lewis campus in Durango, CO.

WHA-WHA-WHAT?

Ever heard from well meaning people how lucky you are because Indians can go to college for free? Well, unfortunately, for most of us it’s not that easy. There are scholarships from various organizations such as AISES (American Indian Science And Engineering Society), American Indian College Fund, American Indian Education Fund, American Indian Service, American Indian Society of Washington D.C., American Indian Supplemental Existence fund, AMS Minority Scholarships, Association on American Indian Affairs, Bureau of Indian Education, Indian Health Service, Daughters of the American Revolution and more. HOWEVER…

Qualified Native American students can attend Fort Lewis College tuition free. However, they are still responsible for paying their student fees, room and board expenses, purchasing books, and any other educational expenses they may have. Other merit based scholarships are available to cover these ADDITIONAL expenses for students with a cumulative GPA above a 3.0 at SAT scores above 500 for Math and 470 for English.

For purposes of the tuition waiver, Native American is defined as follows:

"The term Native American shall include all persons of Native American descent who are members of any recognized Native American tribe now under federal jurisdiction, and all persons who are descendants of such members who were, on June 1, 1934, residing within the present boundaries of any Native American reservation, and shall further include all persons of one-half or more Native American blood. Eskimos and other aboriginal people of Alaska shall be considered Native Americans."

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL NATIVE AMERICAN STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAM
UPCOMING EVENTS

Denver March Powwow PASS Distribution
March 20, Denver Indian Center, 3-5pm

Denver March Powwow field trip
March 23

Ft. Lewis overnight field trip
April 18-20

Dance to Your Future Powwow and College Fair
May 5, Tallbull Memorial Grounds, Lone Tree, CO

NASSP Graduation Celebration
May 17

INDIGENOUS WORD OF THE ISSUE

KNOWLEDGE

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Kiskeyitamowin ᖃᑦᓐᑖᓱᐎᓐ in Cree

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This is the Ojibwe word for newsletter.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Clarissa Tsinnijinnie wants to work in a restaurant or work as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) someday. She is getting great practice and experience working in the school coffee shop in Room 113. Stop by for a hot beverage and friendly service.

HONORS STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

Several Kennedy Native American students were invited to attend a special ceremony to recognize their academic achievements. Keep up the good work, our community is proud of you.

*Rosie Molina
*Sylvester Barragan
*Celsa Purcell
Orianna Hernandez
Kalyca McGuire

*We are excited that two of our students have joined the DPS-Wide committee to help plan and fundraise for the May 5th DANCE TO YOUR FUTURE COLLEGE FAIR AND POWWOW, which will be held at Tallbull Memorial Park, Lone Tree, CO.