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NATIONAL FIRST GEN DAY, NOVEMBER 8TH

CSU will celebrate the success of our First Generation students, faculty, and staff. Come to the Plaza between 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. to pick up some swag, snap a photo with a #ProudToBeFirstGen frame, and have a chance to share your story. For more information, contact Oscar Felix (Oscar.Felix@colostate.edu) or Rachel McKinney (Rachel.e.Mckinney@colostate.edu).

Women of Color Network Luncheon

Tuesday | November 27, 2018 | 11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.
Lory Student Center | Longs Peak Room

Join us for an informal luncheon! All faculty, staff, and post-docs who self-identify as women of color, trans women of color or non-binary folks of color are encouraged to attend. Space is limited so please RSVP here!
Learn More About Communities of Practice with Oscar Felix, Ph.D

CSU’s Associate VP for Diversity, Oscar Felix, recently authored an article for the Pell Institute entitled “Creating and Sharing Knowledge Through Communities of Practice”. Read thoughts from Oscar on the article below and read the entire piece here!

**How did this article come about?**
I was invited to write this article to highlight how practitioners can engage in research to enhance their professional practice and program outcomes. Upon reflection on three decades of college access and success work, I realize my contributions to the profession could have been enhanced through more intentional engagement in research and data-driven program design and assessment. Yet, I will not judge myself harshly on this as I am truly a practitioner and my focus (and that of most of my colleagues) is on delivering programs and services on a daily basis. Understanding this reality, my goal then was to inspire the development of Communities of Practice that would connect, in facilitated ways, practitioners with research in order to improve outcomes such as student success.

**Why is it so crucial for College Access and Success professionals to use or operate within Communities of Practice?**
While College Access and Success professionals are deeply committed to enrollment and graduation outcomes, research tends to be underutilized in informing practice and approaches. The article highlights what I believe to be one of the most profoundly life-changing experiences a student can have in college, and research has shown the value of education abroad in increasing academic achievement and graduation rates. Understanding the value of this experience, and creating pathways to participate in a global experience, requires knowing data on benefits of participation, student aid opportunities and policies, family engagement approaches, and other important considerations. Communities of Practice make the case for use of research and data in ways that resonate with practitioners, provide a community to facilitate dialogue to share ideas, discoveries, and program and student success stories, and increase familiarity and comfort in creating and sharing knowledge leading to a culture that embraces research in everyday practice.

**How has CSU implemented the Communities of Practice model and what sort of results have come from it?**
At CSU, an informal Community of Practice has met over the last three years to develop the Global Access Program. The Global Access Program engages Community For Excellence students in a series of services and activities designed to increase awareness, commitment and participation in an education abroad experience. The program also provides a financial award to cover costs associated with a global study experience. Staff members from the Office of Financial Aid, Collaborative for Student Achievement, Office of International Programs, the Access Center, and the Office of the Vice President for Diversity worked together to develop a new and exciting program through a community where practitioners were able to connect research and practice.
Friday October 26
An Evening with Susan Harness; Author of Bitterroot: A Salish Memoir of Transracial Adoption
Wolverine Farm Letterpress & Publick House
5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.
Please join the evening being co-sponsored by CSU’s Department of Anthropology and Department of English. Susan Harness will be reading from her book, followed by a book signing and reception. For more information: https://anthropology.colostate.edu/events/bitterroot-susan-harness/

Monday October 29
NACC Talking Circle:
Native Mascots and Imagery
6:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.
Summit Hall
Colorado State University
Join NACC for the first Talking Circle of the semester. The Talking Circle program provides time to dialogue around different issues that are facing the Native American community both at CSU and nationally. This year’s talking circle will feature the conversation around Native American mascots and imagery. Everyone is welcome!

Thursday November 1
Pow wow 101
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
LSC Room 328-330
Colorado State University
Pow wow is a wonderful way to remember and celebrate heritage, culture and traditions among Native Americans. Join local resident, Randy Medicine Bear, who will explain the basics of Pow-ow. The presentation will range from the different styles of dancing and singing, to the traditional aspects of pow wow, including an overview of the day’s events and celebration.

Friday November 2
Frybread Sale, Drum Group and Pow wow Dance Expo
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
LSC Plaza
Colorado State University
To celebrate Native American Heritage Month and the 36th Annual AISES Pow Wow, drum groups and dancers will provide performances to preview Saturday's event. Frybread will be sold at the event!

Saturday November 3
Colorado State University
36th Annual AISES Pow wow
• Gourd Dance 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
• Pow wow 1:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.
• Grand Entry 1:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.
• Pow wow Feed 5:00 p.m. (free)
The Lory Student Center, Grand Ballrooms, Colorado State University
In an effort to increase awareness of Native cultures at Colorado State University, the Native American Cultural Center, American Indian Science & Engineering Society, Associated Students of Colorado State University and Colorado State University will sponsor the 36th Annual CSU Pow wow. Community members and students alike are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event, which will feature Pow wow dancers, drum groups, food, vendors, social events and more.

Monday November 5
Duhesa Art Gallery Reception
Cowgirls and Indians
Featuring comments from the artist, Sarah Sense
4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
Lory Student Center
Duhesa Gallery
Sarah Sense (Choctaw) creates photo-weavings with traditional Chitimacha and Choctaw techniques, her photography, and found imagery. Her work in this exhibit juxtaposes real history against Native North American stereotypes through woven photographs. Gallery walkthrough and words from the artist at 5:15 p.m.
(Co-Sponsored with Campus Activities and the Lory Student Center Arts Program)

Tuesday November 6
Keynote Event:
A Night with Winona LaDuke
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Lory Student Center Theater
Colorado State University
Please join us as we welcome Winona LaDuke back to CSU. LaDuke is a rural development economist and author working on issues of Indigenous Economics, Food, and Energy Policy. She works nationally and internationally on the issues of climate change, renewable energy, and environmental justice. She is known for her grassroots activism regarding sustainability efforts and preservation of tribal land.
(Co-Sponsored with RamEvents)

Wednesday November 7
Thursday November 8
Aspen Grille – Featured Traditional Native American Dishes:
Do you enjoy corn, sunflower seeds, potatoes, squash, and pumpkins? How about tomatoes, beans, and chili peppers? They are all native to the Americas and have been part of the diet of Native Americans since times immemorial. Make your reservations at the LSC Aspen Grille to enjoy lunch specials prepared by Chef Ken Symack that recognize these gifts to today’s cuisine.
For reservations please call 970-491-7006 or visit: https://lsc.colostate.edu/dining-at-the-lory-student-center/aspen-grille/

Monday November 12
Open House hosted by NACC
North Star Peer Mentors
6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
Native American Cultural Center Lory Student Center Room 327
Come meet the 2018-2019 North Star Teen Mentors, while enjoying a movie, popcorn, and hot chocolate and apple cider. North Star Peer Mentor Program is a program of the Native American Cultural Center that matches incoming students with current students to guide the transition to Colorado State University.

Tuesday November 13
Harvest Dinner
Community Event
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Location TBA
Ron Hall and Roe Bubar, owners of Anika Farm worked the farm this year to engage students, family and the community to support our farm as we grew traditional food and heritage turkey to bring about the Harvest for our Community Dinner. Come join in the “Indigenous Food Revolution” to learn how the earth is our teacher and food is our medicine. Anika Farm and NACC are pleased to support this Indigenous Community Dinner.

Wednesday November 14
Warrior Women Documentary
Lory Student Center Theater
Film begins at 6:00 p.m.
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with light snacks.
Warrior Women is the story of mothers and daughters fighting for Indigenous rights in the American Indian Movement (AIM) of the 1970s. The film unvels not only a female perspective of history, but also examines the impact political struggles have on the children who bear witness. Please join us for a screening of the documentary, followed by a conversation about the film.
(Co-Sponsored with RamEvents)
For more information please visit: www.nacc.colostate.edu or call 970-491-1332

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Associated Students of Colorado State University; Trees, Water & People, Division of Student Affairs; Department of Ethnic Studies; Native Women’s Circle; Morgan Library; The Lory Student Center; Aspen Grille; Housing and Dining; Bob and Jan Iron & Family.
Recently, the VP for Diversity and the Women & Gender Collaborative created the 2016 Employee Campus Climate Survey: Intersectional Takeaways Report. The data used was from the 2016 Employee Campus Climate Survey which was meant to assess employee perceptions related to campus and their immediate workplace. The report breaks the data down in order to provide a more intersectional view. Click here to view the entire report!
MONDAYS FIRST

On the first Monday of each month of the semester, take a moment to gather with other women-identified colleagues, connect, and set your writing in motion. Each gathering opens with a gender-aware discussion session about writing, academic life, and strategies for supporting each other. This short discussion is followed by an 2.5-hour writing session in which participants write “on their own” yet together in a positive and communal space. Sponsored by the Women & Gender Collaborative. Learn more [here!]

Fall 2018 Dates:
November 5 (LSC 304) & December 3 (LSC 304)

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Your support of our inclusive excellence initiatives will impact the entire campus. We appreciate your contributions to our programs designed to create the best CSU possible!

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