



### ABOUT

Northwestern is a community of learners situated within a network of historical and contemporary relationships with Native American tribes, communities, parents, students, and alumni. At Northwestern, we seek to create spaces where Native American and Indigenous people are heard, their identities are honored, and they can be successful members of Northwestern as well as good tribal and community citizens.

Northwestern is committed to enhancing inclusion of Native Americans across all aspects of the university community. The Office of the Provost, in conjunction with the Native American and Indigenous Peoples Steering Group, is leading the initiative on Native American Inclusion and reviewing and responding to recommendations of the Native American Outreach and Inclusion Task Force, as well as stimulating additional ideas and directions through conversations across the university.

This brochure provides highlights of accomplishments from the academic year 2017-2018.

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Northwestern campus sits on the traditional homelands of the Council of Three Fires- Ojibwe, Potawatomi, and Odawa as well as the Menominee, Ho-Chunk and Miami tribes. The land is also a site of trade, gathering and healing for countless other Native nations throughout time immemorial. It is within Northwestern's responsibility as an academic institution to disseminate knowledge about Native peoples and the institution's history within them.



Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site

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# Native American and Indigenous Initiatives 2017-18 Report



## VISIBILITY

- Land Acknowledgement recognizing traditional homelands announced at 2018 Commencement and included in printed program
- Hosted annual visit from Native American Leadership Council
- Restructured and enhanced Native American and Indigenous Peoples Steering Group



Native American Leadership Council with Northwestern leaders

# HIGHLIGHTS ACROSS FOUR FOCUS AREAS

Northwestern is pleased to share highlights from academic year 2017-18 related to Native American and Indigenous initiatives across four main areas.

## VISIBILITY

increase awareness and presence of Native American and Indigenous worldviews and experiences towards personal, collective and institutional growth

## RELATIONSHIPS

build strong, sustainable relationships with Native Nations, institutions and communities in order to promote understanding, collaboration, unity and healing

## RELATIONSHIPS

- Signed Memorandum of Understanding with Chicago American Indian Community Collaborative (CAICC)
- Held 4th annual Sand Creek Commemoration
- Two staff and three undergraduate students attended 19th annual Sand Creek Spiritual Healing Walk/Run in Colorado
- Hosted American Indian Center's 64th Annual Pow-wow on Evanston campus



Grand Entry at 64th American Indian Center Pow-wow

## KNOWLEDGE

- Hosted 2nd annual Chicago American Indian Community Collaborative (CAICC) Urban Native Education Conference
- Served as academic host for the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) Professional of the Year Awards selection process
- Hosted inaugural short-term artists in residence- Rosy Simas (Seneca) and Heid E. Erdrich (Turtle Mountain Chippewa)



AISES Corporate Advisory Council and Leadership

## KNOWLEDGE

support academic and research opportunities that promote the recentering and advancement of Indigenous knowledge

## PEOPLE

develop opportunities for community building and support the creation of pathways for current and future Northwestern students, faculty, staff and alumni

## PEOPLE

- Multicultural Student Affairs hired Aaron Golding as a full-time Assistant Director-Native American Content Expert
- Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion hired Jasmine Gurneau as Senior Program Coordinator for Native American and Indigenous Initiatives
- Hired Patty Loew, PhD as Director for the Center for Native American and Indigenous Research (CNAIR)
- Hired Jennifer Michals as Program Assistant for CNAIR
- Hosting first Native American Alumni Social event in August 2018



New Assistant Director, Aaron Golding

## LEARN MORE

To learn more about accomplishments and progress on initiatives made during the 2017-2018 academic year, please read the FY18 Update to the Native American Outreach and Inclusion Task Force Recommendations report which can be found at [www.northwestern.edu/native](http://www.northwestern.edu/native).