

2018 - 2019

# NATIVE AMERICAN OUTREACH AND INCLUSION TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT

2018-19 Update

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## 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 report provides highlights of accomplishments from the academic year 2018 - 2019.

## 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.

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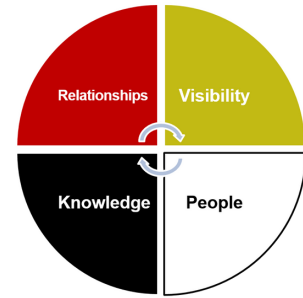
## COUNCIL OF THE THREE FIRES

(OJIBWE • POTAWATOMI • ODAWA)



## 2018-2019 HIGHLIGHTS

### Native American and Indigenous Initiatives

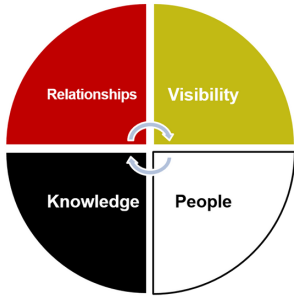


Build strong, sustainable relationships with Native Nations, institutions and communities in order to promote understanding, collaboration, unity, and healing □

## RELATIONSHIPS

The maple wood flooring of the new basketball court in Welsh-Ryan Arena is made from sustainably-sourced lumber from the Menominee Nation Forest in Wisconsin. At the dedication of the newly renovated arena in November of 2018, a delegation of Menominee leaders was presented with a game ball, including the Tribal Chairperson. ▼





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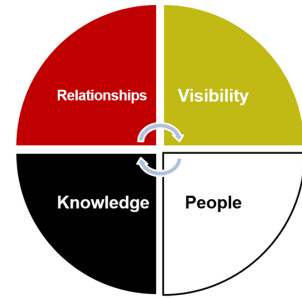
### VISIBILITY

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

A short film titled "Only the Mountains and the Earth" that highlights voices from Sand Creek descendants and historians about John Evans role in the Sand Creek Massacre was completed in September 2018. This film will be a part of the John Evans Truth-Telling exhibit that will be permanently housed in the John Evans Alumni Center. ▼



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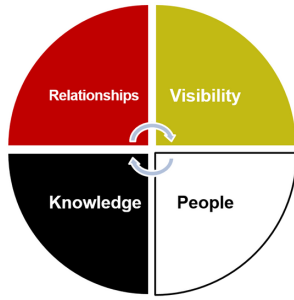


support academic and research opportunities that promote the recentering and advancement of Indigenous knowledge □

## KNOWLEDGE

OIDI launched the Indigenous Lecture and Writing Series in April 2019, in partnership with UIC's Native American Support Program and UIC's Learning Sciences Research Institute with funding support by the Spencer Foundation. The 10-month long series held a public lecture each month, alternating between UIC and Northwestern, featuring distinguished Native American speakers including researchers, writers, and storytellers from a wide range of genres, with a goal of developing new Native voices in research and public discourse. ▼





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### Native American and Indigenous Initiatives

## PEOPLE

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

A dozen middle school girls and their chaperones from the Bad River Ojibwe and Pine Ridge Lakota Tribes from Wisconsin and South Dakota, respectively, were hosted by Northwestern's Physics and Astronomy Department, in partnership with the Office of Institutional Diversity and Inclusion (OIDI) and the Center for Native American and Indigenous Research (CNAIR). During their visit, students explored current research in the Physics and Astronomy Department, engaged in citizen science projects with faculty, and spent the night in the Dearborn Observatory to view the night sky and share star stories. ▼



## WHAT'S NEXT FOR US IN 2019-2020

### Highlights of Our Upcoming Initiatives

#### RELATIONSHIPS

- The Native American and Indigenous Student Alliance and Northwestern will host visit of Sand Creek Descendant representatives and President of Chief Dull Knife College to visit with senior leadership

#### KNOWLEDGE

- CNAIR will move to a larger space on campus- a house shared with the Sociology Department. Their new space will include a library, seminar room, and 2 administrative offices.
- CNAIR will host "Advancing Indigenous Research" workshop gathering
- A Teaching Lodge Project will be led by the Colloquium on Indigeneity and Native American Studies



#### VISIBILITY

- CNAIR will launch the Indigenous Tour of Northwestern on Indigenous Peoples Day
- Northwestern will host 30 Days of Indigenous: Native American Heritage Month 2019 will daily programming and educational opportunities

#### PEOPLE

- A new position will be created and posted for an Assistant Director of Undergraduate Admission to work with Native American student recruitment and outreach

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