

American Indian Resource Center

Impact Insights



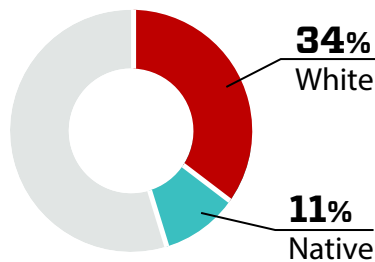
The American Indian Resource Center (AIRC) advances institutional goals of access, retention, completion, inclusion, belonging and meaningful connections with Native Nations. The AIRC serves as liaison with eight federally recognized tribal nations and has key partnerships in the Intermountain West region, the state of Utah, and the University of Utah. The center is a vital resource for tribal and urban native communities, serving campus via research, education, cultural reverence and community outreach.

Local Footprint

- +100% U of U Native students and +1200% total students engaged with the center Summer 2022 - Fall 2023
- 63% of Spr. 2023 AI/AN bachelor's degree recipients engaged with AIRC programming
- +12 cultural services by Elders in Residence

Fall 2023 Student Engagement Composition (N=299)

991 AIRC Check-Ins



\$133,734
Awarded in Scholarships

Strategic Fundraising

(July 2021 - March 2024)

The AIRC's philanthropic partnerships have included Ovintiv, BMW Bank of North America, and the R. Harold Burton Foundation.

157
Donors

\$140,112
Philanthropic Dollars

National Footprint

- **Young Native Women's Leadership Academy:** 24 Fellows (six from the U) representing 19 Tribal Nations
- **2023 United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) Conference:** 2,500 Attendees; six U of U students presented on The Nuh Eevaat Gardens, a key CIRCLE program strategy

As a result of presenting at the National UNITY Conference, students reported a 10% increase in cultural belonging.

“ The [CIRCLE] program helped me understand that I can keep true with my Native heritage as well as participate in higher education, that I can put my voice into broad conversation.

Regional Footprint

1,471
K-12
Contacts

37
Campus
Partners

+29
Title VI Coord.
Meetings

25
Statewide
Partnerships

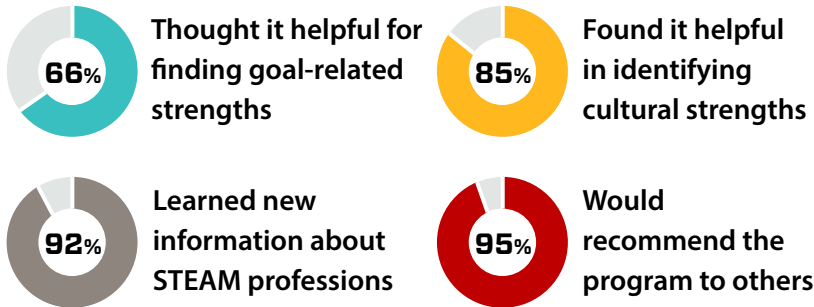
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Notable
Grants*

*\$45,000 to support Native student success

IndigeSTEAM

Summer 2023

IndigeSTEAM is a week-long summer pathway program where Native 9-12th graders accelerate their academic preparation for college, explore Indigenous-led while culturally relevant immersive programming in STEAM and explore careers in health sciences and medicine. Participants reported:



With a **43.08 Net Promoter Score (NPS)**, IndigeSTEAM shows promising success, leaning closer to excellent (51%).

Indigenous Womxn's Collective (IWC)

Fall 2023

Indigenous Womxn's Collective fellows lead projects that foster campus and community partnerships centered around education, engagement, research and scholarship; seeking new knowledge to address societal issues impacting tribal and rural communities.

6 IWC Fellows

\$6k Awarded in Scholarships

+500% Participation by Fall 2023

University of Utah Pow Wow

Spring 2024

The annual Pow Wow is a platform for students at the university to share their cultural heritage and highlight their leadership through guiding the planning and implementation of this large-scale campus event. Pow Wow is an opportunity for tribal members throughout the Intermountain West to meet and honor the cultural and religious practices of their communities.



We have been attending the U of U Pow Wow since Taylor's father and I were kids, and we came even after when Taylor and his brothers were babies. So, to have Taylor now on staff is such an honor! Any time the university wants us back, we would welcome it!"

3,394

Attendees

239

Dancers

88

Tribal Nations

Native Excellence Gala

Summer 2023

The Native Excellence Gala gathers Tribal heads of state, community, educators and students to celebrate change-makers and leaders who are making a positive impact on behalf of the Native and Indigenous community.

200

Attendees

11

Awards

62

Nominations

Centering Indigenous Reciprocity, Culture, Learning & Engagement

CIRCLE increases belonging through culturally relevant programming, principles, practices, values, academic preparation, post-graduation engagement and direct connection with community Elders. Currently in its second year of three-year seed funding, CIRCLE participation increased by 75% from Fall 2022 to Fall 2023.

19 Check-Ins
Spr 23 & Fall 23

47 Career Connections Participants