

# The American Indian College Fund: Investing in Our Tribal Colleges and Universities



## Strategic Plan Goals and TCU Funding Priority Areas

### Student Access and Success Initiative

By providing student access and success programs, the American Indian College Fund (the College Fund) assists students with preparation and pursuit of post-secondary education to achieve personal and professional goals, leading to engaged citizenship and a high quality of life.

#### Goals

- Annually increase scholarship resources for TCU students
- Help students access the resources of the TCUs and the College Fund
- Strengthen leadership, research, and employment preparedness of TCU students
- Increase college-based programs and faculty development opportunities to support post-secondary success of all TCU students

#### Student Success

- Recruitment & access
- Persistence, retention, completion
- Scholarships & internships
- Engagement in research
- Leadership & career readiness

#### Program Development

- Develop new & expand existing academic programming
- New workforce and vocational programs
- Early childhood education & teacher education programs
- Develop and expand on-line course offerings

#### Faculty Development

- Native faculty recruitment & retention
- Recruitment of faculty specialists
- Professional development, research, advanced degrees
- Competitive compensation
- Professional development for curricula embedded in cultural knowledge (place-based programs)
- Professional development to strengthen curriculum and instruction

### Tribal College and University Capacity-Building Initiative

Building capacity generates increased resources designed to improve and expand the TCUs' ability to achieve their respective missions and sustain themselves over time.

#### Goals

- Increase unrestricted resources for TCU operations;
- Build support for capital and infrastructure needs of TCUs;
- Grow TCUs' capacity to add and enhance degree and certificate programs by increasing funds for faculty and program development; and
- Provide resources for culture and language programming and community development and outreach.

#### Operational

- Capital (new construction & renovations)
- Technology infrastructure
- Records and data management systems
- Telecommunications upgrades
- Hardware and software upgrades

The American Indian College Fund conducted a survey in 2013 with TCUs to better understand their priorities. Based on the survey responses, the College Fund immediately responded to the identified TCU funding priorities by aligning those with our Strategic Plan Goals for student success and capacity building. Our fundraising strategy is partnering with foundations, corporations, and individual donors to provide increased financial and programming resources to the TCUs and students. The College Fund's

collective aims are to increase resources by targeting priorities through partnerships that align with our mission to support increased post-secondary educational access and equity for Native American students and communities the TCUs serve.

**For more information** about the programs supporting the TCU priorities and partnering opportunities, please contact: Anna Crawford, Development Coordinator for the Office of the President, [acrawford@collegefund.org](mailto:acrawford@collegefund.org) (303-430-5322).