

American Indian Student Engagement and College Access

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AIMA College Access and Retention Efforts

- Meetings with MUS campus AISS to assess how they were conducting outreach to American Indian students in a strategic way
- Phone calls/Social Media/Surveys/Texts/Emails were used to reach students and provide support in completing the semester and support towards next Fall

Strategy to consider:

- To better support every American Indian student, ask each campus to build into their AIMA Action Plans an ongoing American Indian student outreach/communication strategy at the campus level that could be employed at any time.

Ongoing Strategies:

- Continue to update and implement campus based AIMA Action Plans.
 - Continue communication through each campus “single point of contact” as well as a “single point of contact” in each department.
 - Continue to require completion of the IEFA for One MUS Course
 - Continue to collect and monitor data as it becomes available.
 - Monitor data on the AIMA Student Success Dashboard.
- Continue to meet with AIMA Council and campus based AISS team members to share resources, discuss campus practices and advise the Commissioner.

College Access Across the MUS

iGraduate Montana

- 18 awards made across the state
 - MUS and Tribal College Campuses
 - Non-Profits
 - K-12 Schools

TRIO Scholarships

- 125 -\$1500 TRIO Scholarships Awarded totaling \$187,500

College Access Newsletter

Free Statewide ACT

- This year's juniors will take the ACT on October 6, 2020
- Next year's juniors will take the ACT in Spring 2021

Admissions (BOR ACTION) and FAQ

[https://montanaedu-my.sharepoint.com/personal/amclean_msu_montana_edu/Documents/Documents/k-12/admissions_guidance_4232020%20\(002\).pdf](https://montanaedu-my.sharepoint.com/personal/amclean_msu_montana_edu/Documents/Documents/k-12/admissions_guidance_4232020%20(002).pdf)

METS & GEAR UP outreach to all program Seniors

- METS application went online
- Montana GEAR UP Issued RFP for Remote Mentorship

Work with High School Counselors

- Counselor Focus Group
- Financial Aid Survey to Counselors
- Sign up for College Access Arc of Events

College Signing Week

- May 6, 2020
- Over 200 submissions
- www.reachhighermontana.org

Ongoing Strategies:

- Continue to work with METS Pre College Advisors and GEAR UP Liaisons to support high school seniors through the summer and on to college campuses in the fall.
- Continue to provide high school counselors the information they need to support students in their efforts to pursue college.
- Continue to work with Reach Higher Montana to update the portal for easy access to post secondary information that will be helpful to students, families, school officials and community members.
- Continue to message the MUS plan to deliver education in the fall.
- Communicate with K-12 students and their families.

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