



A-H INDIAN EDUCATION Trimester One Highlights

December 2022



NATIVE AMERICAN COLLEGE FAIR

This trimester we took **36 students** to the Native American College Fair in Saint Paul. Students had the opportunity to:

- Meet with Native College Reps
- Learn about scholarship and funding opportunities
- Listen to a Native College Student Panel
- Listen to a Native Professionals Panel that included three Anoka-Hennepin Indian Ed Graduates!
 - Pilot and Flight Instructor (alumni)
 - Environmental Engineer (alumni)
 - Non-profit Grant Manager (alumni)
 - Accountant



WE ARE HIRING

Our program is currently seeking an advisor to join our program! Please share [the job posting](#) with those you feel would make a great addition to our team. If you have questions, feel free to email our Program Coordinator at: mindy.meyers@ahschools.us



DISTRICT WIDE INITIATIVES

For the first time, the Indian Education Program provided resources to teachers and administrators across the district to acknowledge:

- **Orange Shirt Day**
- **Indigenous Peoples Day**
- **Native American Heritage Month**

Resources included:

- Newsletters with Educational Resources ([click here to view](#)).
- Pre-created Announcements and Acknowledgements
- Physical and Digital Posters
- Music and Videos



TUTORING UPDATES

We had **over 20 applicants** apply for Tri 1 tutoring scholarships! In an effort to make more scholarships available, we will be increasing our scholarship funding and offering partial scholarships for Tri 2 and Tri 3.

The Tri 2 tutoring application period opens Dec. 5th! For more information about tutoring, please check out [our website](#).



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ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

This Fall, three of our students participated in the 8 week Environmental Justice Immersion Experience through our NHCC partnership. Students earned college credit while fostering their connection to nature through experiential learning and exploring topics around sustainability, land use, and wildlife preservation.



ELEMENTARY GROUPS

This year our elementary advisors are setting aside, but not forgetting, our Seven Teachings in order to inspire our youth through stories of Notable Native People!

So far this year students have reviewed the Seven Teachings and talked about:

- Ira Hayes, who raised the flag on Iwo Jima in WWII.
 - Students also wrote letters to veterans!
- Chief Joseph, who is known for leading his people over 1400 miles to escape reservation and war.

Students are just starting to learn about:

- John Harrington, the first Native American man in space.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Our team is working diligently to finalize our schedule and calendar of events for Trimester two and three. Please keep an eye on your email for updates regarding upcoming events including, but not limited to:

- Trimester One Celebration & Public Hearing
- Archery Team
- Ribbon Shirt & Skirt classes
- Winter Indigenous Games
- HS Spring College Visit- University of MN Twin Cities
- Spring Culture Field Trips
- ACT Prep Class



SECONDARY GROUPS

This year our secondary advisors are focusing on Medicine Wheel Teachings. Advisors were able to meet with Elder Hope Flanagan to learn Anishinaabe medicine wheel teachings and various ways to use the wheel as a teaching tool with youth.

Students have been exploring seasonal activities and changes, directions, and how medicine wheel can be used as a tool to self-reflect on our mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual wellbeing and balance.

