UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION, RESEARCH, AND CULTURAL CENTER

Spring & Summer 2024 Newsletter

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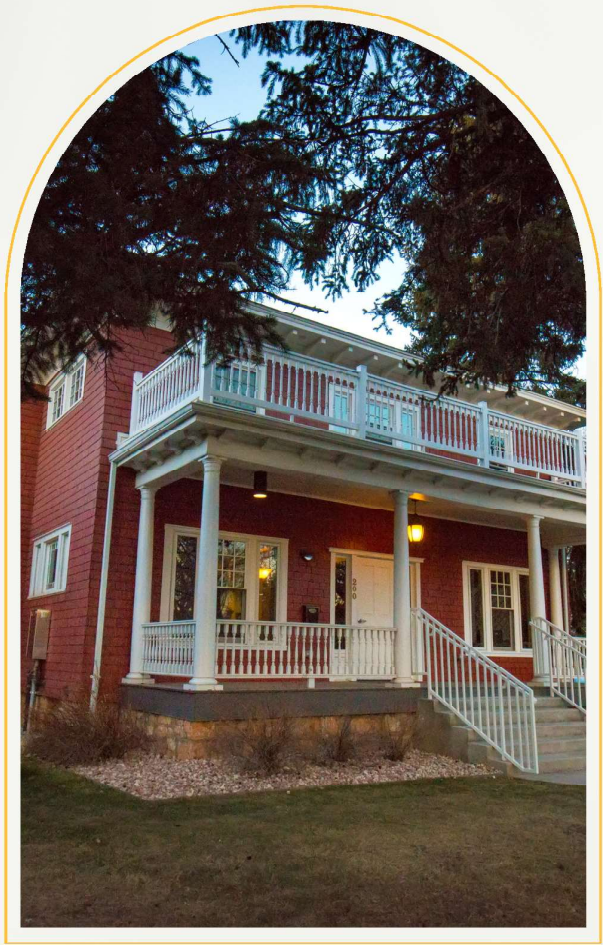

NAERCC SPRING 2024 EVENTS

THE NAERCC PARTNERED WITH THE UW ART MUSUEM AND HOSTED NATIVE ARTISTS AT THE NAERCC WITH OUR NATIVE. STUDENTS AND SHARED A MEAL: ROBERT MARTINEZ, HUNTER OLD ELK, JASON BALDES AND LELAND BRYAN,

*Special Thanks to the UW Art Museum for the Collaboration and being great partners !

SONYA KELLIHER-COMBS AND ANNA TSOUHLARAKIS ALSO JOINED US AT THE NAERCC WHILE VISITING CAMPUS. THEY SPOKE ON. CULTURAL APPROPRIATION VS. CULTURAL APPRECIATION!

A VISIT FROM DR. AMANDA CHEROMIAH!

The NAERCC proudly hosted the Wind River Reservation 4-H Club for the Wyoming State Cooking Competition where they placed 2nd & 3rd! Great Job!

UW NATIVE AMERICAN & INDIGENOUS GRADUATION MAY 2024

2024 GRADUATES

Josephine M. Friday: ***Bachelor's of General Studies***
Nick Chischilly: ***Master's of Science; Environment, Natural Resources and Society***
Jasmyne Cooper: ***Bachelor's of Arts & Sciences; Native American Indigenous Studies***
Charlie Joseph Enos: ***Bachelor's of Science; Psychology***
Wolf Star Duran: ***Bachelor's of Arts & Sciences; Native American Indigenous Studies***
Miracle Paige Gardner: ***Secondary English Education, Minor Honor, Minor Creative Writing***
Mary Harris: ***Bachelor's of Science; Kinesiology and Health Promotion***
Journey LeBeau: ***Bachelor's of Art & Sciences; Art Education & Minor Museum Studies***
Mia O'Neal: Doctorate of Pharmacy; School of Pharmacy
Chet Russell: ***Bachelor's of Science; Computer Science***
Dakotah C. Snyder: ***Bachelor's of Science Business Administration***
Alyson White Eagle: ***Juris Doctorate; College of Law***
Jade Ware: ***Bachelor's of Arts & Sciences, Art Education***
Juwan Willow: ***Bachelor's of Arts & Sciences; Native American Indigenous Studies***

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
NATIVE AMERICAN SUMMER INSTITUTE

JUNE 2-8, 2024

HIGHLIGHTS OF NASI 2024

THE NATIVE AMERICAN SUMMER INSTITUTE (NASI) IS A FULLY FUNDED 6-DAY RESIDENTIAL SUMMER PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAM. IT IS DESIGNED TO FAMILIARIZE NATIVE AMERICAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING AND LARAMIE. THE PARTICIPANTS ARE FROM THE WIND RIVER RESERVATION, SURROUNDING REGION, COMMUNITIES, AND THE TOWN OF LARAMIE. 40 STUDENTS ARE CHOSEN TO PARTICIPATE EACH SUMMER.

- Variety of academic, cultural, outdoor, and social sessions from many UW Programs and Departments
- Special Guest Daniel French, Artist, Performer, and Facilitator
- Lunch with Provost Carman at Washakie Dining
- Ice Cream & Bingo Night with the Dean of Students Office
- Visiting the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery and Colorado State University was a profoundly positive experience for our Native & Indigenous students, many of whom consider the area their traditional homelands. Jordan Dresser, a Northern Arapaho tribal member and the Collections Engagement Manager at the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery, along with the VP of Indigenous Affairs at CSU, Patrese Atine.

Special Thanks to all our Generous NASI 2024 Sponsors!

Windy Ridge Stewardship, Wyoming INBRE, with support from the National Institute of General Sciences (8 P20 GM103432-12), UW Presidents Office, UW Provosts Office, UW Student Affairs, UW Dean of Students Office, Outdoor & Campus Rec, & UW Residence Life, Dining, and Housing, UW DEI Office, UW Multicultural Affairs, UW Art Museum, Native Education Forum/VP of Indigenous Affairs at CSU Patrese Atine, Fort Collins Museum of Discovery/Jordan Dresser, USDA-NBTS Growing Season, Northern Arapaho Tribal Historic Preservation Office

Partnerships & Networking

The University of Wyoming Native Team and the Colorado State University Native Team have come together to develop and build a relationship to provide collaboration, support, and outreach to each other and to our Native and Tribal communities we serve. The NAERCC hosted the CSU Native Team at the UW NAERCC in January and their team hosted us in Ft. Collins in March. The Museam of Discovery, Jordan Dresser an Arapaho tribal member and UW Alumni, met with our teams and gave us a tour of the Museum for potential collaborations with the UW NAERCC and UW NASI.

National Association of Student Personnel Administrators: Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education
Seattle, Washington
March 2024

Indigenous Peoples Knowledge Community (NASPA: IPKC)Executive Committee

Native American & Indigenous Studies

Fish ladder

NAIS 4340 ENR 4890/5890 3 crs

Natural Res Mgmt class is a 1 week summer course on the Wind River Indian Reservation. Students meet with tribal resource managers and visit many tribal natural and cultural resource programs. This place based education and hands on has been successfull with one section at Central Wyoming College NAIS, 2 UW Environmental & Natural Resource undergraduate and graduate sections and NAIS.

Dick Baldes Biologist USFW Shoshone elder

Cardiff University

Native American Indigenous Studies Director Bridget Groat, Professor Tarissa Spoonhunter, along with 2 NAIS students Darwin St. Clair and Juwan Willow visited Wales. The trip is a partnership with UW and Cardiff University looking at tourism and language revitalization policy.

HPAIRI

The University of Wyoming High Plains American Indian Research Institute empowers Tribal Nations by facilitating and providing access to cutting-edge research opportunities with the University of Wyoming. HPAIRI's work is both interdisciplinary in nature and broad in scope.

Visit the HPAIRI website or more information and updates.

Dr. Tarissa Spoonhunter: Director

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As Director of HPAIRI, Dr. Spoonhunter initiates, fosters and facilitates research partnerships between the University of Wyoming and tribes.

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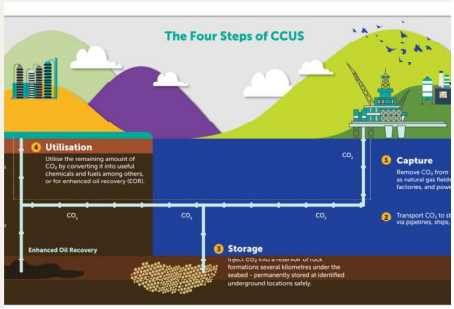
Grant Updates/Collaboration

CO-WY Engine: NSF Funded grant 2-10 years. The focus for HPAIRI is to braid Indigenous Knowledge into conservation on the Wind River. HPAIRI will hire a senior position to work with the Wind River Tribal Buffalo Initiative to support Indigenous Knowledge through collaboration. 2024-2026 first round

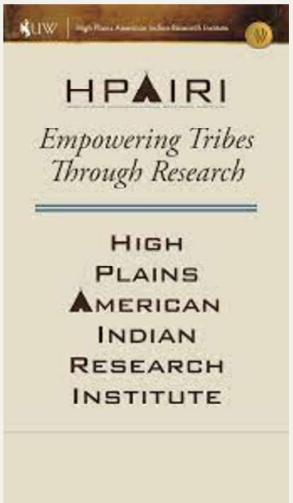
DOE Carbon Footprint: this grant is focuses on outreach of Carbon Capture Utilization and Storage in Wyoming. 2024-2026

- Siona Astorga *Arapaho* BA in Environmental Science from Haskell Nations Indian University is the Outreach and Education coordinator in partnership with Wind River Tribal College.



WORTH--Building eco-tourism in Wind River Reservation with the buffalo: feasibility and planning research 2024-2026

- PI's Melanie Armstrong, Jason Baldes *Shoshone*, & Tarissa Spoonhunter *Arapaho*
- 2024-2026 Graduate Assistant Micheal Xavier-Young *Seminole*



CIRCLES Alliance

The Cultivating Indigenous Research Communities for Leadership in Education and STEM (CIRCLES) Alliance is one of many NSF grants that HPAIRI oversees in WY. Through a partnership with Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, and New Mexico, Wyoming leads efforts to establish and strengthen STEM pathways for Indigenous students through credited internships, K-12 teacher professional development, and research support to address tribal-identified needs.

2024 Highlights

WY BioBlitz - The 2024 WY BioBlitz was hosted at the Wind River Tribal Buffalo Initiative through a partnership facilitated by WY CIRCLES Alliance.

- **120 participants**
- **70 species of insects**
- **58 plant species**
- **3 herptiles**
- **71 species of birds**
- **8 species of mammals**

NAEC - WY CIRCLES Alliance co-sponsored the 2024 Native American Education Conference at Central Wyoming College.

- **supported 6 attendees**
- **2 student intern presentations**
- **recruited 20 participants for K-12 workshop**
- **Partnership with Wind River Tribal College**

WyACT

The Wyoming Anticipating the Climate-Water Transition is an interdisciplinary five-year National Science Foundation-funded project led by the University of Wyoming. Over 100 researchers, students and staff from 16 University departments have participated so far. WyACT partners with Wyoming communities, practitioners, and decision-makers to understand, anticipate, and prepare for significant changes in climate and water, and the impacts of those changes on interconnected human and natural systems.

2024 Highlights

- **Student intern placement with Tribal Fish & Game summer programming - Darwin St Clair**
- **20 UW and Wind River representatives attended the U.S. Indigenous Data Sovereignty & Governance Summit in-person and virtually.**
- **Full-time Sr. Hydrological Tech Ecosystems Science Program WRIR - Travis Shakespeare**
- **Part-time research assistant synthesizing water stories with Wind River Communities - Sandra C'Bearing**
- **3 AISES students presented at UW Undergraduate Research & Inquiry Day - Darwin St Clair, Tyrel Myhre, Daniel Cardenas**

USDA Growing Season NBTS

USDA-NIFA New Beginnings for Tribal Students grant "Growing Season: Native student pathways to food system and sovereignty studies". The Growing Season project has been funded since 2020 and continues until 2025.

- Visit to WRIR Arapaho Ranch, Wind River Tribal Buffalo Inititative, Bull Lake Dam, and CWC Alpine Science Institute

- BioBlitz Collaboration @ WRTBI with UW Biodiversity Institute Audubon Rockies CIRCLES Alliance and the Shoshone Ancestral Foods Group

- Mentoring Events at UW and CWC campus including discussions with NA Authors, practicing professionals, educational stories and challenges of NA students.

- 2024-2028 Sustaining Pathways for tribal Student Recruitment, Engagement and Success AWARDED!
  - Support mentoring groups for Native Student pathways
  - Host workshops at NAERCC, NASI and CWC
  - Engage UW CWC faculty research scientists and students with outreach activities on the WRIR
  - PI: Jill Keith, Tarissa Spoonhunter
  - Sr. Personnel: UW Reinette Curry, Cass Underwood, Nichole Lumadue, CWC Eric Bennett & Rory Tendore

Alpine Science Institute
CWC

Summer Internships

Darwin

Darwin St. Clair III is an enrolled member of the Eastern Shoshone Tribe, studying Secondary Education and Mathematics with a minor in Native American Indigenous studies. The past summer Darwin assisted the Tribal Fish & Game youth coordinator in facilitating place-based education programs for Indigenous youth.

Tyrel

Tyrel Myhre is an enrolled member of the Northern Arapahoe Tribe, currently studying psychology at the University of Wyoming. Over the summer Tyrel interned for the Tribal College in the Wind River Reservation under Marlin Spoonhunter to assist with summer programming presentations regarding the Arapahoe language.

Kaylee

Kaylee Brown is an enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation currently studying Education with a specialization in Special Education and a minor in Native American Indigenous Studies at the University of Wyoming. Over the summer Kaylee interned with the Center of the West Museum and the Wind River Tribal Buffalo Initiative to develop educational resources related to buffalo reintroduction.

STEAM Mentoring

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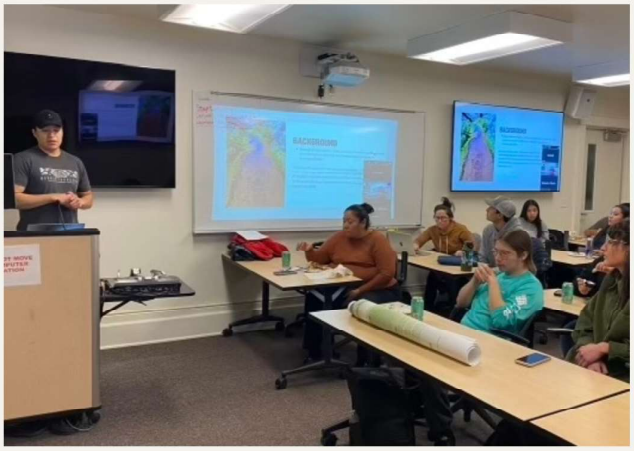
Tribal Guest Speakers
Mentoring
Arts & Crafts

AISES
ADVANCING INDIGENOUS PEOPLE IN STEM

Eagle Society @NAERCC

ENRS Grad Student: Nick Chischilly Dine



CIRCLES ALLIANCE

USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WYOMING ANTICIPATING THE CLIMATE-WATER TRANSITION

Looking Forward to the Fall & Spring Semester 2024/2025! We are off to a great start!

The NAERCC, NAIS, & HPAIRI hosted the Welcome Dinner on the First Day of classes AND the 'Do-Nut forget to stop at the NAERCC' with Coffee, Tea and DONUTS with the NAERCC Staff and Faculty. We have a busy semester with Native American Month coming up too!

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