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*National Alaska Native American Indian Nurses Association*

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Real Possibilities

***Creating Healthier Communities: Native American Nursing Students' Experiences and the Role of Mentoring***

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- Understand Native American nursing students' experiences and the influences and factors that have contributed to Native American students' success;
- Recognize the challenges and barriers to nursing program completion for Native American students;
- Describe the role and impact mentoring has played in the students' education; and
- Identify recommendations for future efforts to support Native American nursing students' success.



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- Native Americans represent less than 1 percent of the college student population.
- Fewer Native American nursing graduates.
- Native American students encounter many challenges including :
  - Lack of role models
  - Feelings of isolation
  - Discrimination
  - Cultural differences
  - First-generation students
  - Employed while in college
  - Lack of academic/financial resources

# Today's Presenters



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- Bemidji State University (Minnesota) received a HRSA Nursing Workforce Diversity grant in 2017.
  - 4-year project to recruit, retain, graduate, and license baccalaureate-prepared Indigenous nurses.
  - Received \$2 million.
- Niganawenimaanaanig (Ojibwe word meaning “we take care of them”) established.

# Holistic Support of Indigenous Students

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- Financial
- Academic
- Cultural
- Social





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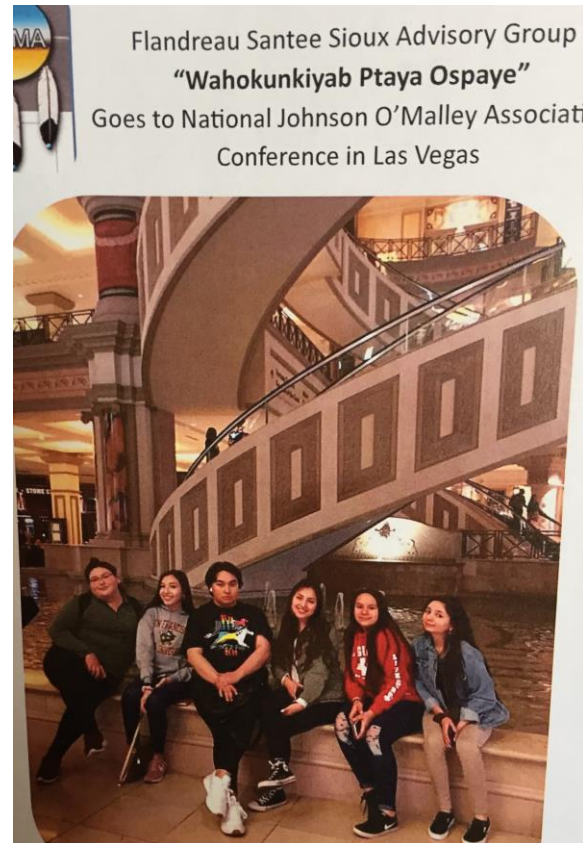
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## Indian Health Service

## Questions for Students

- What inspired you to become a nurse?
- How or what helped you to get into nursing school?
- What have been some of your challenges in nursing school?
- What has helped you in nursing school to be successful?
- Tell us about a mentor in your life and how this person has supported your education and overall goals.
- What words of wisdom do you have for future Native American students who might be considering nursing as a career?

# Resources for Native American students

- Indian Health Service Scholarship  
<https://www.ihs.gov/scholarship/>
- American Indian College Fund  
<https://collegefund.org/student-resources/scholarships/additional-scholarships/>
- American Indian Graduate Center  
<https://www.aigcs.org/scholarships-fellowships/>
- Cobell Scholarship  
<https://cobellscholar.org/>
- American Indian Education Fund  
[https://www.petersons.com/scholarship/american-indian-education-fund-scholarship-111\\_165732.aspx](https://www.petersons.com/scholarship/american-indian-education-fund-scholarship-111_165732.aspx)



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Help promote better health through nursing by tapping into hundreds of resources, including studies, toolkits, webinars, and other materials organized in the categories in which the *Campaign* pushes for action.

**ISSUES**

- Improving Access to Care
- Transforming Nursing Education
- Promoting Nursing Leadership
- Increasing Diversity
- Collecting Workforce Data
- Fostering Inter-professional Collaboration
- Building Healthier Communities

**TOOLS & TIPS**

- Academic Progression in Nursing (APN)
- Advocacy
- Communications and marketing
- Funding opportunities
- Medkits
- Milestones (Dashboard Indicators)
- News releases

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- Organizational excellence
  - Fundraising
  - Internal operations
  - Stakeholder engagement
- Research
- State Implementation Program (SIP)
  - Grantee projects
  - Grantee resources
- Webinars

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