

NATIVE AMERICAN EXCELLENCE



MISSION

The [Native American Excellence Program](#) (NAEP) serves all students, staff, faculty, and community members from Native American, Indigenous, and First-Nation backgrounds. By providing responsive services and celebrating Native cultures through our events and programming, we create a space for belonging, community, and success.

PURPOSE

NAEP emphasizes strong community engagement, intentional and lasting partnerships, and continued student success.

- **Community Engagement:** To enhance the well-being and success of our students and community members, we believe that a sense of community is essential for student success.
- **Intentional Partnerships:** By engaging with tribal communities, local organizations, and other stakeholders, we create a supportive environment for our UVU community.
- **Student Success:** We help our students with UVU resources and cultural support. Our team can help with Native American scholarships, community programs, and how to get involved on campus.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Native American Learning Community

- English 1010 and 2010
- Math 1015 and 1035 (planned courses)
- American Heritage
- Introduction to American Indian Studies

Native Wolverine Association (Club)

- Leadership Opportunities
- Events and Socials
- Cultural Nights
- Networking

Events

- UVU Powwow
- Indigenous People's Day
- Native American Storytelling Night
- UVU Men's Basketball Native American Heritage Night
- Governor's Native American Summit

2023-2024 IMPACT DATA

- 800 Native American students through Racial Category Indices (RCI) metrics, including 223 HSCE
- 260 American Indian/Alaskan Native students through Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) metrics, including 38 HSCE

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ALUMNI STORY: SAMUEL LEWIS

Samuel Lewis is from Farmington, New Mexico, and a member of the Navajo Tribe (Diné). Samuel began college at UVU in 2019 and majored in Biology. While at UVU, Samuel was an executive member of the Pre-SOMA Club at UVU and the Pre-Medical Association as well as an active member of the Native Wolverine Association.

Samuel was an author and presenter of *Analysis of Estrous Cycling in POMC-deficient mice*, presented at the 2022 Utah Conference on Undergraduate Research (UCUR). Samuel worked with Dr. Zoe Thompson (Author) on this project. In spring 2022, he graduated with a bachelor's degree in biology. Samuel was accepted to Loma Linda University School of Medicine and is pursuing his studies as an orthopedic surgeon.

