# NATIVE AMERICAN EXCELLENCE



# **MISSION**

The <u>Native American Excellence Program</u> (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

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# 2023-2024 IMPACT DATA

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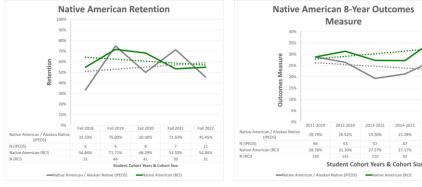
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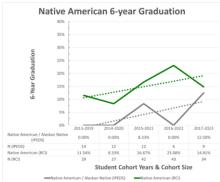
- 800 Native American students through Racial Category Indices (RCI) metrics, including \_ 223 HSCE
- 260 American Indian/Alaskan Native students through Integrated Postsecondary \_ Education Data System (IPEDS) metrics, including 38 HSCE

### **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.







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