

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE NORTHERN ARAPAHO NATION
AND
THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING**

I. PURPOSE

The Northern Arapaho Nation and the University of Wyoming find it to be in their mutual best interests to enter into this cooperative agreement to:

- Work together to identify and secure funding resources among federal agencies, the private sector, and foundations to support the implementation of education and training programs for Northern Arapaho students pursuing higher education through the University of Wyoming;
- Build a network of professional academic, and research resources to assist American Indian students, nations, educators, academics and professionals; and
- Work to identify and support strategies to enhance the opportunities for academic success for American Indian students and to assist these students in identifying financial aid opportunities.

II. ORGANIZATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES

A. THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING INTENDS TO PURSUE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

1. The University of Wyoming will work cooperatively with the Northern Arapaho Nation to seek private, state, and federal funding to support the implementation and expansion of UW-Northern Arapaho initiatives.
2. The University of Wyoming will work cooperatively when appropriate, possible, and requested by the Northern Arapaho Nation to conduct scientific and technical research in areas of paramount importance to the Northern Arapaho. UW will aid and assist the Northern Arapaho Nation to build a body of scholarly materials available in tribal natural resources, energy, and other disciplines.
3. The University of Wyoming make available, as appropriate, its regular summer and academic year of educational and research programs to Northern Arapaho students, educators, and tribal personnel.
4. In its efforts to provide comprehensive services and support to all American Indian students attending UW, the University will continue to support the AIS minor program offered through American Indian Studies and the recently established recruitment and retention support position for American Indian students in the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

5. The American Indian Recruitment and Retention focused American Indian Student Programs and the American Indian Studies academic minor program will assist the Office of Admissions with recruitment and will serve to enhance the retention and graduation rates of American Indian students attending the University of Wyoming.

6. The American Indian Student Programs Recruitment and Retention staff and the American Indian Studies minor program will work with the Northern Arapaho Nation to seek scholarships and financial aid for Arapaho Tribal members who attend the University of Wyoming. In addition, the Northern Arapaho Endowment Committee comprised of UW and Northern Arapaho representatives will continue to offer funding opportunities for Northern Arapaho junior, senior, and graduate students. Northern Arapaho students will also be encouraged to apply for the Hearst and Multicultural Pride Scholarships within the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Winner, Thorpe, and McCarthy Scholarships within the Office of American Indian Studies.

7. The American Indian Student Programs Recruitment and Retention staff and other University academic departments will work with the Northern Arapaho Nation, when appropriate and possible, to design and implement innovative education programs that accelerate the development of tribal members, including delivery of programs through the University's Outreach School.

8. The American Indian Student Programs Recruitment and Retention staff will serve as a liaison to UW and the Northern Arapaho Nation and will assist the Northern Arapaho Nation and the University of Wyoming.

9. The American Indian Student Programs Recruitment and Retention staff will work to facilitate cooperative agreements between UW and the Northern Arapaho Nation, such as the recently signed MOU with the Wind River Tribal College, and the UW Colleges of Education and Arts & Sciences.

10. The American Indian Student Programs Recruitment and Retention staff and the American Indian Studies academic minor program will assist in identifying opportunities for Northern Arapaho educational initiatives especially those designed for the development of natural and human resources, with academic colleges and departments at the University of Wyoming.

B. THE NORTHERN ARAPAHO NATION INTENDS TO PURSUE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS:

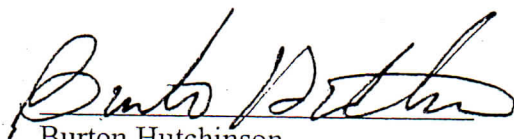
1. The Northern Arapaho Nation will work with the University of Wyoming to identify the educational and training needs of tribal constituents and how these needs can be most effectively addressed in a university environment.

2. The Northern Arapaho Nation will identify and recruit student participants for University of Wyoming education and training initiatives.
3. The Northern Arapaho Nation will work cooperatively with the University of Wyoming to seek private and federal funding to support the implementation and expansion of Northern Arapaho-UW initiatives.
4. The Northern Arapaho Nation will work with tribal members to demonstrate commitment and support of the University of Wyoming educational programs and will encourage the matriculation of Northern Arapaho undergraduate and graduate students to the University of Wyoming.
5. The Northern Arapaho Nation will provide undergraduate and graduate students from the University of Wyoming with internship opportunities to work on scientific, engineering, technical, and business projects with the Northern Arapaho Nation, when funding is available.
6. The Northern Arapaho Nation will encourage Northern Arapaho youth to participate in existing UW pre-college programs, such as the Summer Research Apprenticeship Program (SRAP), Upward Bound, the High School Institute, the Diversity in Teacher Education program, the Engineering and Science Program and others.

III. DURATION

This Memorandum of Understanding will remain in effect unless terminated by either party at anytime.

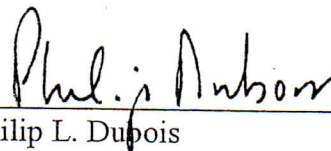
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