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Urquhart Filling Retention Specialist Role

by Native Programs Staff

Starting this fall, there will be a new Native American Retention Specialist assisting Native students. Greg Urquhart will serve as the interim retention specialist in the Native American Student Center, filling the role vacated by Franci Taylor when she took a position at the University of Utah.



Urquhart (*Cherokee*) was born in Tacoma, Washington where he has spent most of his life. He enjoys the outdoors and loves to hike, camp, hunt and fish. He enlisted in the Army at the age of 18 and served in Iraq as part of a cavalry unit. Urquhart is currently pursuing both a M.A. in Community Counseling as well as a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology, both from WSU.

As part of his new responsibilities, Urquhart will seek to provide students with intellectual, cultural, academic and social support which will contribute to successful completion of college and allow students to become gainfully employed.

"My primary role is as an advocate for Native students, I want to ensure they have all the support necessary to be successful," says Urquhart.

Urquhart struggled through his early years of college, and remembers just how hard it can be to go off to school and feel that you are struggling and have no support.

"It is my goal that no Native student ever has to feel that way while I am here," he says.

Urquhart is active in veteran's issues and serves as a career coach helping with resume building, interview skills, and other career related aspects. He also serves as president of the WSU chapter of the Society of Indian Psychologists, where he helps provide mentorship to students who are interested in psychology.

"I have always had a strong desire to help people. I see so many students that have so much potential and just need someone to help guide them through the college experience. I am honored to help them," says Urquhart.

Urquhart's office is located in Cleveland Hall Room 25. All students are encouraged to swing by and say hi.

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