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We were very excited to host our open house for our newly refurbished space on November 12th and appreciate all of the support that we received from those joining with us to celebrate. I am especially appreciative of the blessing and good words brought to us by Nakia Williamson, *Nez Perce*, and Quanah Matheson, *Coeur d'Alene!* President Elson S. Floyd and Provost and Executive Vice President Dan Bernardo also were on hand with words of encouragement and acknowledgment for our work. We could not do this without their support!

The 12th was a busy day with the meeting of the Native American Advisory Board preceding our open house. The primary focus of our meeting was presentations by our first and second year student cohorts for our Tribal Nation Building Leadership Program. Second year students presented their tribal profile research posters and first year students presented posters on the research they conducted as part of their *Pathways to Success* course instructed by Assistant Director Faith Price. A rich dialogue followed the presentations as tribal leaders provided questions, comments, and feedback to the students.

Missing Plug-in

I am very proud of all of our students! As you read through this month's newsletter, I hope that you will be as uplifted as I am over the work and contributions of our Native students as they conduct research, organize guest speakers, create exhibits, serve as ambassadors, engage in athletics, and serve as role models for other students. They are truly leaders and we look forward to continuing to expand leadership opportunities in the future.

As we draw to the end of 2014, I wish to thank all those who have contributed to our work at WSU and to the success of our students. Our success is measured one student at a time. When they succeed, we have succeeded. We hold up all of our students for their hard work and their dreams and the families and communities who stand behind them!

Best wishes to each of you for a peaceful, rejuvenating holiday season and for the year to come!



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