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Native American Student Center Hosts Many Events

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Fall semester was another great success for the Native American Student Center (NASC). We are pleased to announce that 15 of our Native students completed their degree programs in December.

On December 6th a First Friday Feed was hosted in the Native American

Student Center with over 30 students and staff showing

up to enjoy the homemade chili and sides. December was a quiet month for the NASC after students left on break. However, January opened with much activity and planning for spring semester. Spring semester 2014 began on January 13th and we were happy to welcome back our returning student and a cohort of new enrollees.

Our first Community Dinner was held on January 15th and was a great success. Over 50 community members and students attended. We greatly appreciated the attendance of students and colleagues from the University of Idaho.

On January 25th the Native American Student Mentors and the Native American Student Center staff met in the Native American Student Center for their mid-year retreat. During the retreat they formalized their mentoring strategies for the spring, and planned workshops and events that they will be sponsoring for the first year mentees. It was an exciting and fun day for all and everyone ended up getting to know each other better while building new skills sets that will help them reach out to their mentees and assist in their transition and success at WSU.



Students, faculty and staff share a meal at the Native American Culture House January 15. Community dinners are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

Movie nights will continue this spring, on the last Friday of each month. On January 31st, we'll be showing an indigenous film from New Zealand, "Whale Rider." Popcorn and pop are provided! First Friday Feeds will begin on February 7, 2014. Please drop in for soup, sandwiches and conversation the first Friday of every month down in the NASC.

Many academic events are planned for this spring including presentations about the McNair Program, study abroad for 2014-15, resume planning, career development, how to prepare for career fairs, looking beyond graduation and much, much more. Tutoring



schedules have been posted. Be sure to take advantage of that all-important (FREE!) help.

Native American Peer Mentors play a pretty competitive game of Pictionary during their mid-year retreat.

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