As you peruse the newsletter, I hope that you will join me in recognizing the hard work of all of our staff and celebrate with us the accomplishments of our students! We are very proud of our students and standing behind them are decades of proud Native Cougs who are now serving in leadership roles within their tribal communities as well as in tribal, state, and federal government, institutions of higher education, and wherever their dreams and aspirations have taken them.

A highlight of the spring semester was the ceremony led by the Nez Perce Tribe and WSU leadership recognizing that WSU Pullman was established on the ceded territories of the Nez Perce Tribe. This acknowledgment proceeds the construction of the Elson S. Floyd Cultural Center at the entrance to campus, a Center that will celebrate all of our histories while being a visible symbol of the university’s embrace of diversity and commitment to being an inclusive community. We received tremendous feedback from many folks on campus for how moved they were by the ceremony and especially by the words of our student speaker, MyKel Johnson. It has been an honor to be a part of this historic recognition and to continue as part of the planning for the building and dynamic programming that will embody this mission and carry us forward into the future.

Enjoy your read and Happy Summer!

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