Native Student Numbers Are Growing at WSU

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We have had over 900 self-identified Native American/Alaskan Native applicants to WSU Pullman as of May 2016, and over 1100 when including our other WSU campuses. Native applicants increased 41% from 578 (2013) to 915 (2016). Tribally enrolled fall applicants increased 110% in the last four years from 149 (2013) to 313 (2016).

I will make every effort to come to your area, so please notify me of any potential opportunities including college fairs, cultural events, parent nights and other clubs or youth organized events. If you have a community event that you would like WSU Native Programs to attend please let me know. I am planning my fall travel schedule and I would love to meet you!

WSU received over 20,000 applications for the 2016-2017 academic year. Last year was the largest incoming freshman class with over 4000 students. If you know a student who has applied or has recently been accepted to WSU, here is some helpful information to answer frequently asked questions regarding their next steps.

For Accepted Students:

Congratulations on being accepted to Washington State University!

Freshmen Next Steps

Congratulations on your admission to WSU! We look forward to seeing you on campus soon. Before then, there are a few steps you need to take to confirm your admission and reserve your space at WSU. Here’s what you need to do:

1. Confirm your admission and save your spot by paying the $200 non-refundable tuition deposit* (advanced payment on tuition). This will reserve your space at WSU. You’ll need to do this before you can apply for campus housing and sign up for orientation/registration. For assistance setting up your network ID and navigating myWSU, visit myWSU info.

After you confirm your admission, you can:

2. Apply for on-campus housing as soon as possible after confirming your admission. The sooner you apply for housing, the better your chances of getting one of your top residence hall choices. The housing application requires a $400 advanced housing payment* plus a $150 security deposit. Freshmen are required to live on campus for their first year.

3. Sign up for Alive! orientation as soon as possible after confirming your admission. All new students must attend an orientation session to meet with an academic advisor and register for classes. The Alive! orientation matriculation fee* is $230 for students and $155 for parents/guests (parent attendance is optional). Some grants are available for those with financial need, please contact New Student Programs for more information.

4. Take the online math placement exam before attending orientation. Get started on this step early so you can take advantage of the 6-week online review.

5. Take the writing placement exam. The exam can be taken online at any time, or as a pencil-and-paper test at your Alive! orientation session.

6. Provide proof of immunization. You’ll need to provide proof of measles (Rubeola) immunity before registering for classes. Forms and other information are available from WSU Health and Wellness Services.

7. Sign in to myWSU (WSU’s student information system) and review your personal to-do lists for financial aid, orientation, and more.

*Ready to confirm your admission or make a housing deposit, but finances holding you back? I can help! Contact me for assistance.

GO COUGS!

Questions about applying to WSU?

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