Greetings Students and Friends!

The countdown is on and in a matter of just weeks, the Fall 2013 Semester will come to an end. I remember exactly how I felt this time of year shortly after my arrival at UND as a transfer student from Devil’s Lake Junior College. First of all, I worried about the approaching finals in challenging classes that would include questions going all the way back to the very beginning of the semester. But I’d also felt excited as the days got closer and closer to the long holiday break, thinking about going home, sleeping in my own comfortable bed, eating my mom’s cooking, and seeing all my friends and relatives back home. Then I would worry again, because I knew virtually everyone I encountered would ask me how school was going at UND, and the truth was, it was harder than I had expected. I didn’t want to disappoint everyone, so that served as additional incentive for putting my all into studying!

No doubt, these kinds of thoughts have recently drifted through the minds of today’s students as well. For every American Indian student that comes to this campus, there are typically numerous family and extended family members, relatives, friends from high school, former teachers – entire communities, really, back home that are hoping and counting on their success. I know it’s a lot of pressure and that finals can be intimidating, but if you take the time to adequately prepare, you will surely do just fine. Some of you may recall the advice I gave in my first director’s column of the semester, advice that included attending every class, seeking help when needed, and prioritizing the timely completion of assignments and papers. By keeping up all along throughout the semester, allowing yourself plenty of study time prior to exams, each of you is progressing ever closer to the admirable goals that first brought you to campus!

I am well aware of the challenges that tend to distract, overwhelm, and basically get in the way of academic success, challenges that range from financial, to personal, to family issues and needs back home. In response to those challenges, the entire staff at AISS continually strives to serve, assist, advise, and support students throughout their higher education journey. If you are not taking advantage of the wealth of services and support readily available at AISS, I hope you are seeking and finding it at one of the many other student support services and programs on campus. There are nearly 30 American Indian related programs that strive to assist, empower, and retain students as well through the many services provided. But students, we cannot do it alone. Realizing academic success at this institution also takes an impressive level of individual motivation, focus, and personal persistence and commitment. I cannot fully express how proud I feel every day when I see our students working and studying, and the number of you who continually demonstrate leadership and commitment to serving the community continues to grow each semester!

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Reading and Review Day will be Friday, December 13th, and while students do not have class on that day, I encourage folks to stop by the American Indian Center throughout the day. We will be hosting a graduation reception to honor our December graduates and also have plenty of “Food for Finals” to help keep you going strong through to the semester’s end. Congratulations graduates, you can be immensely proud of your accomplishments and hard work, and be assured that the entire community shares in your joy. I have the utmost faith that each of you will use your education and degrees to bring timely, needed improvements, ideas, culturally sensitive professional service, and valuable contributions to your home tribal communities and other places your careers may take you. Please keep in mind that learning is a life-long process and there may be new programs or opportunities at UND or other institutions that may entice you to embark on pursuing a master’s or doctoral degree! Graduates, you’ve already proven that you can do it, so please keep additional educational goals in mind. And do keep in touch to let us know where life takes you!

Final exams will be held December 16th through 20th, and following that, the campus will be fairly quiet for a few weeks. To help prepare for finals week, I’d like to remind students that the friendly and helpful AISS tutors are available to help with studying Sunday through Thursday evenings, and can also assist with motivation and research guidance or assistance for getting those last minute papers completed. Like all of our program and services, the tutors are here to help students be successful at every level of university life – so do not hesitate to come utilize their assistance and expertise. No appointments are needed, just stop in and get those assignments done and done well. That will eliminate some of the worries and free up time for you to devote to preparing for finals. I have confidence and great hope for the future of our region’s tribal communities, knowing that so many of you are working hard to make a difference!

With that, safe travels for those of you going back home, enjoy spending time with family, and have a wonderful, well-deserved break! For those of you planning to remain in Grand Forks through the holidays, please be assured that the American Indian Center will remain open and staffed Mondays through Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; however, the Center will not feature evening hours during the holiday semester break. So feel free to come on over, visit, or let us assist you in planning and preparing for the Spring 2014 Semester! The coffee (or hot cocoa) is always on! See you in 2014 for the Spring Semester, which officially begins at 4 p.m. on Monday, January 13!

Take care and happy holidays from the entire staff of AISS!

Dr. Leigh D. Jeanotte, Director
Spread the Warmth one mitten and hat at a time!

Little fingers should never be without mittens and little ears should always be covered when there is snow to be played with or bitterly cold temperatures that could quickly result in frostbite! Whether these items are forgotten some days, lost, or some families’ budgets are stretched beyond the limit, without fail, every winter the elementary schools report that a significant number of small children will show up at school without these very basic items.

During ND winters, little fingers should never be without mittens, little ears should always be covered, and here’s how you can help:

UNDIA is collecting donations of new children’s mittens and hats to be distributed at local grade schools at recess time to children who show up without mittens or hats for outside play. Cash donations can also be made and UNDIA will purchase a child’s hat or mittens for you. A $3 donation will purchase a pair of child’s mittens, a $5 donation will purchase a child’s hat or you may drop off your new mittens and hat at AISS (315 Princeton Street) from November 21st to December 13, 2013.

Either way, your name will be placed on the tree on a pair of mittens or hat. Challenge your friends and colleagues to make a difference in the lives of small children in our own community!

Thank you for helping the little children of our community stay warm and well this winter!
Joseph Morsette was sworn in Monday as chief judge for the Spirit Lake Sioux Tribe near Devils Lake. Morsette, 46, just left his job Friday at UND directing the Native Americans Into Law program, recruiting Indian students to the state's only law school.

"It's great to have that transition," Morsette said after his swearing-in by Spirit Lake's Chairman Leander "Russ" McDonald. "We have two, maybe three, students at the law school now from Spirit Lake, so this is really going to build a stronger network, having me there and having strong ties to UND. We are making that bridge stronger."

His work at UND also included being a fellow at the Northern Plains Indian Law Center at the law school.

Morsette is an enrolled member of the Chippewa-Cree Tribe on the Rocky Boy's Indian Reservation near Havre, Mont., where he worked for several years as a tribal judge, including a stint as interim chief judge. He's a graduate of UND's law school, and a veteran of four years active duty with the Air Force as well as years with the North Dakota National Guard, including a two-year deployment after 9/11 that interrupted his law school studies.

He's got ties to Spirit Lake, too: His grandfather was an enrolled member of the tribe and Morsette says he has returned there for ceremonies.

He and his family already have settled in at St. Michael, N.D., on the reservation, and he began work Monday as a judge.

"One thing we wanted to be was in the community," he said. "I think that's important and I told them that, that I want to be there as your chief judge."

He had family members from Montana attend his swearing-in. "It's kind of a big day," but one that has him humbled and grateful, he said. Morsette knows of the controversies on the reservation the past year or two, but sees his new role, along with McDonald being a new chairman, as good steps for the community at Spirit Lake.
Grand Forks Public Library
2110 Library Circle—Grand Forks

Family Fun Day: December 29th
The Children’s Department will host Family Fun Day the last Sunday of each month from 1-4pm.

Free Movies @ GF Library!
The Hobbit: Thursday, December 12 @ 6 PM Despicable Me 2: Saturday, December 21 @ 2pm

All ages welcome; children under 13 need to be accompanied by adult

NorthStar Council Beadwork & Drum Classes

Join us for a night of beading and drum practice
No experience necessary!

December: Monday Nights
Starting in January: Wednesday Nights

Lake Agassiz Gymnasium
6:30-9:00 pm

Follow NorthStar Council on Facebook for updates:
http://www.facebook.com/NorthStarCouncil

Or visit our website:
http://www.northstarcouncil.com

Santa Village

December 12 - 15 & December 19 - 22
@ Lincoln Golf Clubhouse

Santa and his elves will set up their workshop at Lincoln Park this December! Everyone is welcome to meet Santa’s elves and make a holiday craft or two. Come meet Santa and Mrs. Claus on Saturdays and Sundays. Take a ride on a horse-drawn sleigh ride or stop in to look at the beautifully adorned trees & sip some cocoa.

Admission: Non-Perishable Food Item or New Toy Donation
Where: Lincoln Golf Clubhouse (Eks Dr. & Belmont Rd.)

General Public Times:
Thursdays & Fridays: 4 - 9 PM
Saturdays: 10 AM - 3 PM
Sundays Noon - 5 PM
*Santa available 1 - 5 PM Sat, Sunday Only

Private Groups & Daycare Times:
Santa Village is open on weekdays by appointment only

Happy Holidays
The Gift of Family: Gift that keeps on giving…..

During this time of year, we start to think about how special our family is to us. They know us better than we know ourselves. Have you asked yourself, why this is the case? I have, and the response I found was that I have my mother’s pride and my father’s financial understanding. Family knows us so well, because we are a product of our families past.

The past becoming your present may seem strange. Actually, scientists often say that traits are genetic. So, if your parents have brown eyes the odds of you having brown eyes are high. This statement extends to other traits, such as health concerns (mental and physical), abuse, and alcoholism. The chance of a grandchild developing alcoholism increases when both sets of grandparents and their parents are experiencing alcoholism.

However, the beautiful thing about family is that they tend to want better for their future. That is where things like resilience start to come into play. Resilience is a person’s ability to overcome negative events. Just as painful qualities can be passed down, so can positive traits. Certain positive traits that may repeat in a family are strength, traditions, and beauty. Remember beauty is in the eye of the beholder.

An example from my own life is my mother was diagnosed with cancer when I was in middle school. This increases my likelihood of one day developing cancer. Instead of letting this concern consume us, my family leaned on our religious belief. Today, my mother is cancer free, and through this journey we found that we have strength through our religion and through each other.

There may be some qualities in your family you do not like. Outsiders may assume you are going to repeat those same qualities. However, during this holiday season we want to try to focus on the positive things that our families have shared with us. When you get a chance pass down those positive qualities to the next generation, because family is the gift that keeps on giving. You are both the receiver and giver of this gift. I hope you have a Happy Holidays.
**FALL 2013**

American Indian Student Services

Learning Lab/Tutor Schedule

American Indian Center: 315 Princeton Street, Grand Forks, ND
Lab, Lounge, Kitchen phone: 777-2321

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Carol Whitman (Tuesday, Thursday) Biology 150, 151, Chemistry 121, 122, Genetics, Algebra, Applied Calculus, Business and Technical Writing, Evolution, Psychology-Intro/Abnormal/Developmental, Statistics, English courses, computer applications (Microsoft), Blackboard assistance.

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Tyler Colling (Sunday, Thursday) Math: Algebra, Calculus I, II, III, Chemistry 121, Physics 251, 252, Engineering courses, computer applications (Microsoft), Blackboard assistance.

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Christalin Casinader (Monday, Tuesday) Math, Applied Calculus, Economics, Accounting, Marketing, Business Studies, Business and Technical Writing, English, Communications, Statistics, computer applications (Microsoft)

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Malith Silva (Monday, Wednesday) Calculus I, College Physics, Algebra, Applied Calculus, Economics, Accounting, Business courses, Statistics, Atmospheric Science courses, Aviation courses, computer applications (Microsoft), Blackboard assistance.

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Colleen Burke (Sunday, Wednesday, and by appointment—contact Keith) Assistance with research and writing at the college level such as: brainstorming, writing an outline/draft, APA formatting, proofreading, and editing. Assistance with computer applications (Microsoft).

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Mikki Kozel (AISS-Mon.-Fri. 9am-5pm): Assistance with writing at the college level such as: brainstorming, writing an outline/draft, APA formatting, proofreading, and editing.

E-Mail: michelle.kozel@und.edu

Papers may also be sent via email for editing but must be picked up in person; please do not wait until the day the paper is due!

The American Indian Student Services Learning Lab tutors provide walk-in tutoring, therefore, no appointments are needed! All tutors can assist with homework, computers, papers, studying, and e-mail/Blackboard/Internet.

Students who would like assistance in an area not listed above should contact Keith Malattere, Student Learning Lab Coordinator, at 777-4292 or e-mail: keith.malattere@und.edu with any questions, comments or concerns.

(Updated 09/13/2013)
RISE-UP Summer Opportunity

RISE-UP is a summer program designed for junior, senior or recently graduated baccalaureate degree university students from underrepresented populations to increase exposure to the field of public health. As part of the program, up to 50 undergraduate students will have the opportunity to participate in a 10-week full time summer curriculum for one or more of three externships: Clinical, Community Engagement and Advocacy, or Research. The program provides free housing, a $3,500 stipend for the summer, a visit to Kennedy Krieger Institute/Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, a trip to Atlanta, GA to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the externship experience.

Our site is located in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. If you know of any students who might be interested in the program, please encourage them to visit Kennedy Krieger Institute’s website:

http://www.kennedykrieger.org/professional-training/professional-training-programs/rise-programs/mhc-rise-up

Also, please encourage them to visit our local Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/SdRiseUp

If you, students or other faculty members have questions, my office phone is 605-357-1426, and I can be reached at this email address.

Thank you for your assistance!

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2013 Fall Soup Friday’s
serving at 11:30 a.m.
Dec. 13
Chicken Dumpling Soup/
Vegetarian Grad. Reception

Save the Date
44TH ANNUAL UNDIA TIME-OUT WACPI
April 11-13, 2014
GRAND FORKS, ND
www.und.edu/org/undia
American Indian Student Services

The AISS office provides all-encompassing student support services including advocacy, tutorial support, and academic, financial aid, and cultural advisement. It is responsible for coordinating recruitment, establishing communication channels, assisting with institutional planning, and advising UND’s faculty, staff, and administration as to the needs of American Indian students.

The staff is committed to helping students realize success at UND, and each member brings a unique area of specialty to their position such as financial aid guidance, housing assistance, academic advising, and technological or tutorial support. AISS also administers the American Indian Center on campus, and provides guidance and assistance to the American Indian student organizations and their events.

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American Indian Student Services staff members strive to help build stronger American Indian communities across the state and nation—one successful student at a time.

Let us help you to realize academic, personal, and all around success!
American Indian Student Services
Learning Lab Rules

- Computers are for UND students use only – you may be asked to show your current student ID.
- Sorry, children are not allowed to utilize the computers.
- Children frequenting the Center must be supervised by a parent at all times.
- Learning Lab computers are for academic related activities only.
- Students accessing web sites that may be deemed inappropriate or disrespectful will be identified and this issue addressed by AISS staff.
- Homework takes priority over e-mailing, Facebooking, etc.
- No food or drinks allowed in the lab.
- SHHH...Please be respectful of others at work.
- Surveillance cameras and recorders are used to monitor activities and traffic around the clock.
- Any abuse of Learning Lab regulations will be addressed and may result in the loss of lab privileges.

American Indian Center

The Center, located at 315 Princeton Street, provides a place for students to find peer and cultural support, academic advisement, advocacy, and support, find a quiet area for study, or relax between classes. It is equipped with a full-sized kitchen, large screen TV, and a staffed computer learning lab. If you haven’t visited us, drop in and check out what we have to offer! We’d love to hear how your semester is going and let you know about the many programs, opportunities, and services available to help you succeed!

Fall Semester Hours of Operation:
8:00am-9:30 pm Monday-Thursday
8:00am-4:30pm Friday
Closed Saturday
4:30 pm-9:30 pm Sunday
All students and visitors are welcome!

“Your home away from home”