36 TCUs – More than 75 Campus in U.S. – 16 States

- Serving 160,000+ American Indians through academic and community education programs.
- 32 TCUs are chartered by their respective Tribal governments; 3 are chartered by the U.S. government.

AIHEC

TRIBAL Colleges: Educating, Engaging, Innovating, Sustaining
Vision for the Movement:
advancing students + advancing tribal nations

Strong sovereign Tribal Nations through excellence in
TRIBAL higher education
AIHEC Plan: Vision for the Movement

2016-2020 Goals

Sustaining: Secure full funding to equitably meet the operational needs of all TCUs.

Educating: As the voice of TCUs, share the unique story of TRIBAL higher education through relevant, efficient and timely data collection, reporting, and outreach.

Innovating: Through innovative, collaborative and data-driven programming, strengthen Tribal communities, sustain our lands and environments, and promote resiliency among our people.

Engaging: Help ensure TCU student success through culturally-grounded community-based practices, cradleboard to career.

Honoring: Sustain the TCU Movement through practices that honor our past and support our future.
Washington D.C.:

Tweets, Leaks, But no Knees

“Trump Wants to Steer UN Climate Cash to Building Coal Plants”

“Trump admits his border wall could be defeated by medieval siege technology”

EPA removes climate change information from website
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**Not all good:**
- Regulations: 50x Burden
- College Scorecard & Completion Agenda
- Accreditors as Regulators
Doing Business in Washington Today

Executive Orders: 24 in first 100 days

Who Does Policy, Who Do We Meet With?
“Completion with a Tribal Purpose”:

Academics, Employment, and Community, Place, Past, Future

SUSTAINING TRIBAL CULTURE & WAYS of KNOWING/BEING:
- Native Language Restoration
- Land and Water Sustainability
- Food Sovereignty
- Cultural Traditions
- Identity & Family

Comprehensive Education & Social Systems:
- Head Start, & Dual Credit
- Immersive K-8
- Native World View
- Disease Prevention/Health Promotion
- Behavioral Health/Historical Trauma

Preparing Professional Workforce: & Creating Jobs
- Nursing: 2 TCUs lead Nation in AIs
- Teaching: TCUs lead Nation
- Native Environmental Science, Forestry, & Natural Resources
- Research: Indigenous Participatory Research
- Job Creation

Economic Impact & Civic Development:
- ND TCUs = $183M to State’s Economy
- Student Leadership, Entrepreneurship, Civic Engagement

Building Tribal Nations
### Top 5 National Rankings for Native Graduates in Workforce Development

**Associate’s and Bachelor’s Degrees Programs in Diverse: Issues in Higher Education**

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Top 3 TCU Priorities for 45th President & Congress:

**Compete:** Full/Forward Funding of all TCU Operating Programs; Sustain HEA-TCU Title III Mandatory Program

**Equity:** TCU-1994 Land-grant Program Funding; E-Rate; Shared Health Workforce Facilities

**Innovate:** Separate TCU Executive Order
House Republican Tax Plan:

- Corporate tax rates cut; tax cuts for individuals also
- **Eliminated:** SALT deduction; Tax-exempt Bond deduction; student loan interest; tax break for tuition discount colleges give e’ees and employer-provided education assistance; $250 teacher deduction for out of pocket expenses; Coverdale ed savings plans; estate taxes…
- HOPE, Life-long learning, and American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC) “consolidated” (tuition tax credits)
- IHE endowments to be taxed (> 500 students)
- 529s expanded ($10K) and can be used for k-12 tuition – including private and religious (and apprenticeships)
- New Market Tax Credits eliminated

**House Bill increases cost to students attending college by more than $65 billion between 2018 and 2027.**
In general, House bill would....

- Reduce individual tax brackets to four: 12, 15, 35, and 39.6 percent
- Cut corporate taxes from 35 to 20 percent permanently.
- Increase standard deduction from $6,350 to $12,000 for individuals and from $12,700 to $24,000 for married couples (*theory: more would NOT itemize, thus, they would file, but their taxes go up…*)
- Child tax credit: “expand” from $1,000 to $1,600 (not Ivanka’s plan)
- SALT eliminated, but local property taxes deduction retained to $10,000
- No changes to limits on 401(k) pretax contributions (surprise)
- Alternative minimum tax would be repealed.
- Estate taxes: hit at $11.2 million (from $5.5M) – repealed by 2024.
- Overseas corporate profits not taxed, but minimum 10 percent tax on foreign subsidiaries.
Tax Bill Schedule:

(1) **House Ways & Means Mark-up:**
    Monday, Nov. 6 at 12:00 noon

(2) **House Floor:** Before Thanksgiving
    (week of **Nov. 13**)

(3) **Senate:** Bill Next Week;
    On Floor Before Christmas
Upcoming Legislation:

Agenda NOW: 6-8 Weeks Left
- Tax Reform/Cuts
- ACA Mandates?
- DACA
- A Few Nominations
- 13 Appropriations Bills: CR until Dec. 8 (at least one more)
- Debt Ceiling: Next Year
- Sequestration: House budget busts Defense Caps – Senate waiting on 4...

Higher Education Act: 2017
- Campus-based Sexual Assault & Safety
- Teacher Preparation
- For Profits Flexibility
- Accreditation Reform
- School Choice & IHE
- Data Collection
- “Simple Loans”: 1 Loan, 1 Grant
- E-rate: TCUs need it!

Farm Bill Reauthorization: 2018
- Ag Research: 10 Billion People; ½ = Food
- Aging Facilities & Infrastructure
- Food Sovereignty & Crop Subsidies
- School Lunch & Nutrition
- Genetic Research
- Hispanic Land-grants?
- 1994 Funding Strategy
TCU Goals: Forward Funding & Full Funding:

**FY2017:** FF for IAIA (>5M); HINU/SIPI up $2M; appx $7190/ISC for TCU Act
Total Increase: $8.4M

**FY2018:** Strong TCU/Ed Support: House Interior, Ed & Labor, Ag Committees Say NO to Cuts!

- **Interior**
  - + $5.4 M: HINU/SIPI FF
  - Restores TCU cuts: $7M HINU/SIPI, $1M NTU/UTTC, 5% TCU Act
  - Restores $4M Scholarship cut
  - Restores Other Indian Ed programs

- **Labor/H/Ed**
  - TRIO/Gear-up Up
  - PELL Up & Year-round (but mandatory cut in H)
  - TCU Title III programs up slightly
  - NIH Research Up
  - IMLS Restored

- **Agriculture**
  - Level Funds 1994s
  - Rural Development Uncertain for now

New TCU Funding Effort: CCC Fund
“By 2020, there will be 10 billion people on this planet... and we only have the capacity to feed half of them.”

“If suddenly the Internet is shut down, we can always go back to paper and pencil. But if our food supply is destroyed we have something to worry about.”

Sonny Ramaswamy, NIFA

We need to produce food better, faster, safer, and more efficiently. We all have a stake in this. We all have a responsibility.
1994 Land Grant Programs: Aspirations for the Future

How Do AIHEC and USDA help TCUs meet this challenge?
Strategic Planning for Research
Capacity Building
Partnerships w/1862s and others
Workforce Development/Job Creation

What’s the Return on Investment?
Capacity: Strategic Advancement
Capital Infrastructure
Competitiveness: New Innovators
Goal -- Innovating

Building Tribal Economies & Resilient Communities Through PARTNERSHIPS:

Year 3 of JOB CREATION: Advanced Manufacturing Initiative

Partners: DoE, Tribes, TCUs, Industry

New: $$ Support from DoE & Appropriators for FY2017-18

New NSF Cyberinfrastructure Study & Strategic IT Planning (Internet2 connections)

PBL/Experiential Ed Drone Adv. Manu. Summer Institute at SIPI!

Land, Environment, Sustainability

- Tribal/TCU Environmental Specialist
- TCU/VISTA/Ameri-Corps Project
- Community Action/Social Entrepreneurship Initiative
- New Land-grant Funding Effort: $17.5M/year

TCU OURS:
Women in STEM

AIHEC TRIBAL Colleges: Educating, Engaging, Innovating, Sustaining
4th Annual Behavioral Health Institute (HINU)

New:

- AIHEC Indigenous Research Methods Graduate Certificate Program (launched late September 2017)


Healing Ourselves: Cultural & Traditional Medicine based Approaches to Sustainable Health
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