

CHANGING ATTITUDES, CREATING SUCCESS

A Meeting of the College Access Challenge Grant Network

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IMPROVING ACCESS AND SUCCESS FOR UNDERREPRESENTED STUDENTS

Barriers/Challenges

Programs/Strategies

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Personal Barriers and Challenges

- Transportation
- Lack of Technology and Electronic Services
- Support Systems

Barriers/Challenges

Programmatic Barriers and Challenges

- Federal Dependency Requirement
- Lack of Documentation
- Defaulting

Barriers/Challenges

Not Prepared for College

- Low scores in Math, Reading, English and Science
- 90% of the tribal schools are not making AYP
- Many of these same schools have some of the highest Drop-Out rates.
- 79% of teachers in these schools are non-indian
- 81% commute from other communities

Barriers/Challenges

Not Prepared for College

- Lack of Highly Qualified Teachers
- Only 2% take Advance Placement Courses
- ACT scores are too low to get into the college of choice
- Not directed into the right field of study

Barriers/Challenges

Interesting Notes!!

- Not one of the four Financial Aid Directors could figure out why our Native students wait until the last minute to fill out paperwork, and it's not for lack of effort!
- Some college students consider college to be their "Cash Cow"!!

Programs/Strategies

Federal

- Trio Programs
- (GEAR-UP) Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs
- (NIEA) National Indian Education Association

Program/Strategies

State

- KAT Communications
- College Goal Sunday
- (NDUS) North Dakota University Systems
- (DPI) Department of public Instruction/Career and Technical Education
- (NDYLA) North Dakota Youth Leadership Academy
- North Dakota Indian Education Advisory Council

QUESTIONS ?

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