

Building Bridges 2008 Conference



11th Annual Building Bridges Conference

WE BELIEVE that exposure and discussion of diversity issues such as racism and the ethnic minority experience can facilitate positive institutional change. We value and desire the respect for diversity in all levels of education. Building Bridges provides opportunities for students and faculty to learn effective ways to make higher education a positive experience for all students, with a particular focus on Native American students.

Friday, March 28, 2008
The University of South Dakota Campus

Hotels in Vermillion

Comfort Inn 605-624-8333
Holiday Inn Express 605-624-7600
Prairie Inn 605-624-2824
Super 8 605-624-8005



2008 Conference Schedule

Schedule of Events for Friday, March 28, 2008

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| 8:00-8:30a.m. | Registration/coffee and rolls
Neuharth Center |
| 8:30 a.m. | Opening Ceremony
Neuharth Center
Mr. Gene Thin Elk, Director, Native American Services |
| 9:00 - 10:15 a.m | Mentoring
Ms. Kathy Prasek, School of Health Sciences |

10:15 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	Native American Learning Styles Neuharth Center Dr. Beth Boyd, Clinical Psychology Program
11:30 a.m.	Lunch and Information Fair Newman Center
1:00 - 3:15 p.m.	Challenge: Discover U Newman Center and locations around campus
3:15 p.m.	Break
3:30 p.m.	What We Wish We Knew Before We Came to College Neuharth Native American Student Panel
4:30 p.m.	Closing Ceremony Neuharth Dr. Wayne Evans, Professor Emeritus, USD School of Education
5:15 p.m.	Supper and Honoring - Newman Center <i>(Free with conference registration)</i>

THANK-YOU FOR JOINING US THIS YEAR!

CONFERENCE GOALS

For Native American high school students:

- * Increase awareness about the importance of persistence in education
- * Identify resources (e.g., mentors, networks, community, financial) to aid in persistence in education.

For Native American college students:

- * Increase bicultural "survival skills" for Native students in higher education
- * Build strong networks between home communities and the USD and Wase Wakpa (Vermillion) community.

For the graduate students in Clinical Psychology who develop this conference:

- * Contribute to the development and implementation of the Building Bridges program by providing knowledge of psychological principles in areas of learning, adapting (to change and to new environments), relationship building, decision making and cultural responsiveness

For the Wase Wakpa (Vermillion) community:

- * Serve as a source of support, mentoring, and inspiration for Native American high school and college students choosing to pursue higher education
- * Provide an extended family (Tiospaye) for native students away from their home communities

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL GROUPS:

A limited number of lodging or travel grants will be available for high school groups on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, please contact the conference planning committee.

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