



21ST ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN ESSAY COMPETITION

Open to all USD freshmen, sophomores & juniors

A recent editorial in the *Rapid City Journal* charges that South Dakota is “a state that readily advertises its Native population but regularly ignores its presence.” Do you agree? In your essay, defend your opinion and explain how you would try to change the situation if you were in a position of authority in your community.

First Place: \$1,500
Second Place: \$1,000
Third Place: \$750

Deadline: 5:00 p.m., March 1, 2012; no late submissions will be accepted.

Format: Essays must be 750 words, 12-point font and double spaced. Any sources used in the essay must be cited.

Submission: Electronically submit your essay and a cover page with your contact information to the **Institute of American Indian Studies** at iais@usd.edu.

Evaluation Criteria: Essays are evaluated anonymously by USD faculty and staff on originality, style, and relevance to the announced topic.

Essay winners will be announced at the spring
Tiospaye Wacipi on March 17, 2012.

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