

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Item Name: Recognition of the Ak-Chin Native American Community (ASU)

Action Item Discussion Item Information Item

Issue: The Board will recognize the Ak-Chin Native American community for its significant support of Arizona's three public universities.

Background

- Regents Leonard, DuVal, and McLendon and Executive Director Sideman attended a gift recognition ceremony at the Aki-Chin Indian Community on February 18, 2009, along with a number of university representatives (see the meeting agenda, page 2 of 2).
- The ceremony provided an opportunity for the Board and the universities to thank the Ak-Chin Community for their generosity and support.
- Each university will receive approximately \$237,000. The funds will be used for student scholarships, endowments, Native American Achievement Programs, peer mentoring, tutoring programs child care programs, Native American Cultural Center, recruitment efforts, etc.
- Regent Leonard will provide a brief summary of the interaction with the Ak-Chin Tribal Council and highlight several of the activities support by the gifts.

Recommendation

This is an information item and no Board action is required..

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**GIFT RECOGNITION CEREMONY & PRESENTATION
TO THE AK-CHIN INDIAN COMMUNITY**

Wednesday, February 18, 2009 2:15 pm to 2:25 pm
Ak-Chin Indian Community Council Chambers
42507 W. Peters and Nall Road, Maricopa, Arizona

Gift Amount: Each university received approximately \$237,000 each.

University Representatives Attending:

Arizona State University

- Peterson Zah, Special Advisor to the President on American Indian Affairs, Office of the President
- Delia Saenz, Vice Provost, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost
- Michael Begaye, Director of American Indian Student Support Services, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost
- Aaron Woods, Student Success Coordinator, Multicultural Student Services

Award to be used for:

- Student Scholarships
- Endowment
- Direct Student Services
- Native American Achievement Program

Northern Arizona University

- David E. Camacho, Ph.D., Special Assistant to the President and Associate Vice President for Diversity and Equity
- Michael R. Stevenson, Ph.D., Dean, College of Social & Behavioral Sciences
- Catherine R. Talakte, Director, Native American Student Services

Award to be used for:

- Peer Mentoring
- Student Scholarships
- Emergency Funds
- Tutoring Programs
- Student Leadership
- Child Care Program
- Native American Cultural Center

The University of Arizona

- Lynette Cook-Francis, Assistant Vice President of Student Affairs
- Amanda Tachine, Interim Director, Native American Student Affairs
- Natalie Youngbull, Interim Coordinator, Retention Program and Services Native American Student Affairs

Award to be used for:

- College access
- Recruitment efforts for undergraduate and graduate students
- Increase retention
- Students achievement recognition
- Student leadership opportunities
- Educational opportunities for the UA Campus to broaden the awareness of Native American issues