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Native American Political Leadership Program

10 Years of Making a Difference
2006 - 2016

INSPIRE Pre-College Program

A Mission to INSPIRE Native Teens
Since 2013

About NAPLP

The **Native American Political Leadership Program** at the George Washington University provides **academic scholarships** with funding from **AT&T** to provide Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian students an introduction to the nation's capital and opportunities to study the public policy decision-making process, governmental functions, and politics in a democratic society.

The program involves rigorous coursework in applied politics, hands-on professional **internships**, development of relationships with **mentors**, and interaction with Washington's political and policy decision-makers and **leaders in the Native American political community**.

"The [NAPLP] Program opened many doors for me, I witnessed where Native representation is desperately needed, and I began picturing different career opportunities that would allow me to to serve my tribal community and other Native people."

- Jessica Koski
(Keweenaw Bay Indian), NAPLP Alumna

Coursework

Electoral and Legislative Processes

This course explores how political decisions are made in the electoral and legislative arenas, and how advocates can successfully influence those divisions as they seek to elect people to public office, move public opinion, or implement a legislative agenda.

Practicum in Community Organizing

This course offers a "current events" focus in which students work in small groups with a practicum leader drawn from the national professional community as they develop strategic plans for organizing communities around key issues.

Past Internship Sites

American Foreign Policy Council
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement
National Congress of American Indians
National Indian Health Board
Office of Hawaiian Affairs

U.S. Senator Jon Tester (D-MT)
U.S. Senate Committee on Indian Affairs
U.S. Senator Barack Obama (D-IL)
U.S. Representative Markwayne Mullin (R-OK)
White House Initiative on American Indian and Alaska Native Education

A Snapshot of NAPLP's Success

NAPLP conducted a survey of its alumni in 2013. Of the 46 respondents, 74% rated NAPLP as having a high level of effect on determining their career path. One respondent wrote, "The NAPLP provided an opportunity for me to see what I could potentially do and how to do it later on in life." Another respondent expressed, "The hands-on real-world experience was more valuable than any simulated in-class experience could possibly be."

About the Instructors

Gregory Lebel, NAPLP Director

Greg serves on the faculty of the Graduate School of Political Management at the George Washington University and is Director of Semester in Washington Politics. He is the founding director of NAPLP. Greg also has over 40 years of experience in electoral and legislative politics, having worked on numerous presidential, senatorial, and congressional races and as a staffer in the United States Senate.

Peggy Flanagan (Ojibwe)

Peggy, a citizen of the White Earth Nation of Ojibwe, is a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives and the former Executive Director of Children's Defense Fund - Minnesota. She previously spent eight years with Wellstone Action, including as Director and Founder of the Native American Leadership Program and as Director of External Affairs. She is a nationally recognized expert in nonpartisan voter mobilization and civic engagement, especially with Native Americans and people of color.

Mellor Willie (Navajo)

Mellor, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation, is the DC-based advisor on government and political affairs to the Navajo Housing Authority. Willie served as the Executive Director for the National American Indian Housing Council, and has had a longstanding career in Indian Affairs, including work at the tribal, state, and federal levels.

Samantha Eldridge (Navajo)

Samantha is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. She serves as the Senior Program and Policy Analyst to American Indian/Alaska Native communities for the National Education Association under the Department of Minority Community Organizing and Partnerships. In addition, Eldridge is an Associate Instructor at the University of Utah in the Department of Ethnic Studies, teaching American Indian Experiences.



INSPIRE Pre-College Program

The INSPIRE Pre-College Program is a three-week long program centering on a full-day, experiential undergraduate course, Native Politics and the American Political System, which provides Native high school students the opportunity to meet and interview influential Native advocates working in Washington, D.C.

In addition to the daily meetings and class lectures, the INSPIRE students work on individual and group research projects that focus on important local and national Native issues. At the conclusion of the program, students submit policy memos and make a ten minute presentation on the topic of their research projects.

The INSPIRE scholarships are awarded to students based on evidence of academic ability, leadership potential, and an interest in public service. Students from all tribes throughout the United States are eligible to apply.



"My favorite part of the program was learning about Native politics... and how to apply concepts in real life."

**- Ethan Dan (Yupik),
INSPIRE Alumnus '14**





PROGRAM DATES & DEADLINES

Native American Political Leadership Program

<http://naplp.gwu.edu>

Spring 2017

Dates: January 17 - May 5, 2017

Deadline: November 1, 2016

Summer 2017

Date: June 5 - July 28, 2017

Deadline: March 1, 2017



What does the NAPLP scholarship cover?

Tuition and fees for the two core classes, plus an optional third course (up to 9 credit hours total)

Housing in a GW dormitory

A stipend for books and living expenses, paid in two installments

Airfare to and from Washington, D.C. (one round-trip ticket)

INSPIRE Pre-College Program for Native High School Students

<http://inspire.naplp.gwu.edu>

Summer 2017

Dates: July 2017

Deadline: March 1, 2017

What does the INSPIRE scholarship cover?

One course in Native Politics and the American Political System (3 undergraduate credit hours)

Room and board at GW

Airfare to and from Washington, D.C. (one round-trip ticket)

All required textbooks

Required local travel related to the course

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