



The Center for Multicultural Affairs White Antelope Memorial Scholarship Program (WAMS)

Brief Description of Program:

Dedicated to memory of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people who lost their lives in the Sand Creek Massacre of 1864, the White Antelope Memorial Scholarship Program (WAMS) was established for American Indian students attending CU-Boulder. Workshops, seminars, and scholarships are designed to retain and graduate students from the American Indian community. Students representing varied American Indian tribes have the benefits of co-curricular programming specifically designed for them.

Purpose of Program:

The WAMS program offers an environment with a community focus committed to promoting cultural diversity both academically and socially. Diversity issues, multicultural awareness, identity development issues, and building community, are topics of focus in the WAMS programming. Students are exposed to diverse values, ideas, and cultural worldviews. Through workshops and seminars conducted throughout the academic year, students examine specific issues that face the American Indian community.

Desired Outcomes:

- ◆ WAMS students will gain a better understanding of cultural awareness as it relates to their American Indian identity;
- ◆ WAMS students will develop a sense of community through a academic and social settings;
- ◆ WAMS students will understand their responsibilities as academic scholars;
- ◆ WAMS students will learn about the various academic programs and services related to their field of study and academic interest;
- ◆ WAMS students will use the Center for Multicultural Affairs for counseling and programming support.

Assessment:

Qualitative and quantitative summaries primarily through personal interviews will be conducted to determine if students experienced a “common experience” and sense of community while in the program. Follow up with students to determine if they used what they learned (i.e., general campus policies and procedures).