



CANKDESKA CIKANA
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Spirit Lake Tribe



ANNUAL REPORT

2022-2023

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Book Signing



Dr. Brent Voels with Mosquito Trap



Students in Greenhouse



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(Chaun - GDEH - sh' kah - CHEE -kan -nah) n. (Little Hoop)

CCCC MISSION

CCCC provides opportunities that lead to student independence and self-sufficiency through academic achievement and continuation of the Spirit Lake Dakota language and culture.

CCCC VISION

CCCC builds a strong and viable Dakota community that enjoys physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT

As described in this annual report, CCCC has good people, doing good work! The College continues to have record enrollment as well as completion rates with many of our students transferring into bachelor's programs. And those students are coming home (or maybe staying home due to online distance education) to work for the various tribal entities or programs.

Please look over this report in a good way and let us know how we can improve our work or ideas that we should consider for programming. Check out the updated strategic plan that can be found on the web site - www.littlehoop.edu - along with other reports and information.

2024 will be a milestone year for CCCC - our 50th anniversary! There will be activities and events throughout the year, so plan to help us celebrate post-secondary, tribal higher education success for the Spirit Lake Tribal community.

Pidamaya (thank you) for your support.
Mitakuye owasiŋ...all my relations.
Cynthia Lindquist
Ta' Śuñka Wicaŋpi Wiñ



CCCC BOARD OF REGENTS



Mary Greene-Trottier, Crowhill; Heather Skadsem, Woodlake; Collette Brown, Chair; Wichahpi Tawacinhehomni, Fort Totten; John Lohnes, St. Michael

CCCC is chartered by the Spirit Lake Tribe, with a five member Board of Regents appointed by the Tribal Council to serve three-year terms. The Board of Regents is empowered, to grant degrees to qualified applicants upon the completion of the approved curriculum. The Board of Regents formulates and implements policies and procedures for the operation of the institution. Three of the five members are CCCC graduates; all have bachelors degree. Mr. Lohnes has a masters.

CCCC HEAD START NOTES

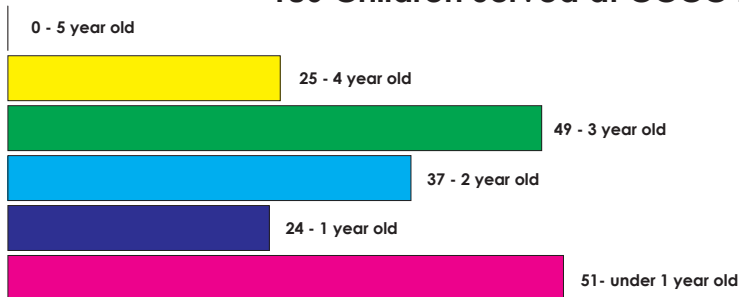
CCCC Head Start is headquartered in a centrally located facility on the Spirit Lake Dakota reservation. The building’s total square footage is 40,944. The building consists of 19 classrooms, a nurse’s station, administrative offices, a home-based meeting area, a heated bus garage, a multi-purpose room, a conference room, a staff lounge and a kitchen facility. The facility provides center-based services for Early Head Start and Head Start programs plus a Home-Based outreach program.

CCCC Head Start is a school readiness program. The staff utilize the evidence based *Creative Curriculum*® which includes ten areas of development and learning. The program is also does Dakota Language and cultral diversity educational experiences for the children.



Kara Koski
CCCC Head Start Director

186 Children Served at CCCC Head Start



- Hired June 2023
- UND Graduate with a Masters in Education
- Have worked in the field of Early Childhood since 1999
- Worked at Tate Topa School
- Likes to travel and go fishing



STAFF RECOGNITION



Eric Rogness
CCCC Faculty of the Year



Ann Wadsworth
CCCC Employee of the Year

Eric Rogness was named the CCCC Faculty of the Year. Mr. Rogness has worked at CCCC for close to 15 years and he is the history, social science instructor. His students and colleagues noted his passion and dedication to his subject matter but also that he makes learning interesting and fun. Executive Assistant (to the President), Ann Wadsworth, was recognized as Employee of the Year because of her enthusiasm, compassion, and willingness to help wherever needed. Ms. Wadsworth has a happy and humble disposition that engages people and makes them feel comfortable. These are much needed skills when helping students or employees navigate the college system.



Clayton Peltier
CCCC Employee of the Year



Paul Keating
CCCC Employee of the Year



Noelle Dauphinais
CCCC Employee of the Year

Paul Keating and Clayton Peltier are both long-time CCCC employees and more recently serving as the co-Interim Directors of the CCCC Head Start program. They have brought stability and unity to the program. Mrs. Noelle Dauphinais, a CCCC graduate who is a new CCCC Head Start employee and has demonstrated exemplary leadership skills in serving as the acting Coordinator for the Partnership Project grant program that focuses on improving the credentials of the teaching staff for the Head Start program. Mrs. Dauphinais achieved a 4.0 GPA for spring 2023.



STUDENTS ATTEND AIHEC LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY WEEK IN WASHINGTON DC FEBRUARY 7-10, 2023

STUDENT EVENTS



Dani Lohnes

CCCC Student Senate President

"I am very grateful for CCCC. I am currently working toward my Associate's Degree in Indigenous Studies and CCCC has been very helpful in my progress toward reaching my goal. CCCC has shown me ways to be more involved in my community and interning in a business atmosphere."



Aisha IronHawk

CCCC Student Senate Secretary

"I am beyond grateful to be going to CCCC and pursuing an Associate's in Fine Arts. CCCC has given me such great opportunities of reaching my goals and making sure I am involved as much as I can be."



STUDENTS ATTEND AIHEC STUDENT CONFERENCE IN ALBUQUERQUE MARCH 4-7, 2023



Moriah Rademacher placed 2nd in the Persuasive Speech category at the 2023 AIHEC Student Conference.



Dr. Lindquist and DeNesha Leaf, CCCC Student of the Year

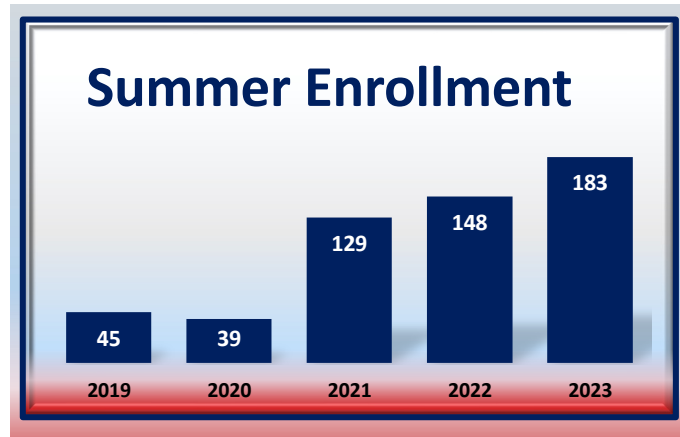
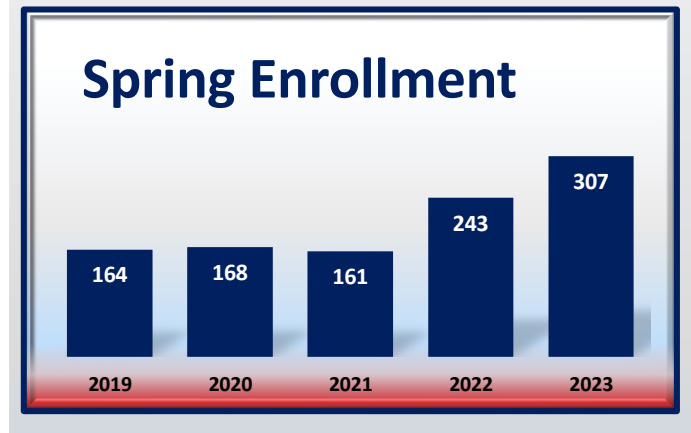
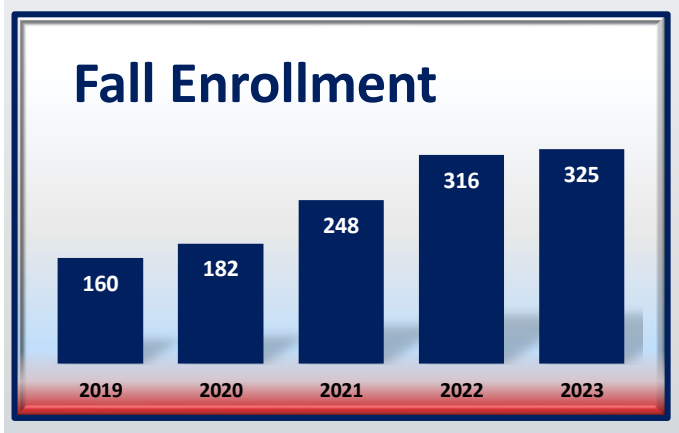


Left to right: Brenna Littleghost, Brianna Littleghost, and Damian Blackbird placed Third in the Math Bowl at the 2023 AIHEC Student Conference.



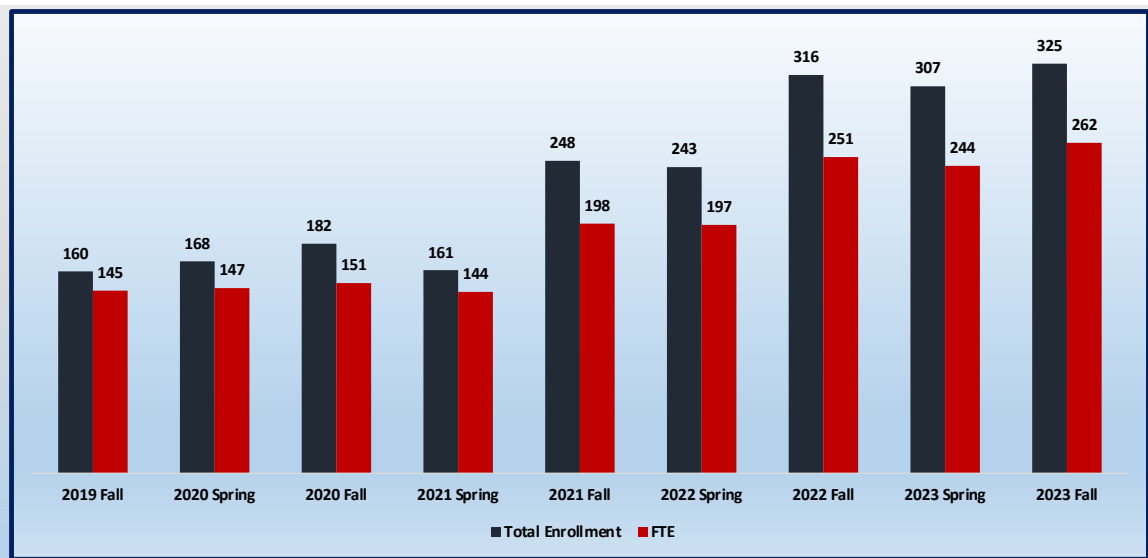
RECORD ENROLLMENT

CCCC 5-Year Enrollment by Semester

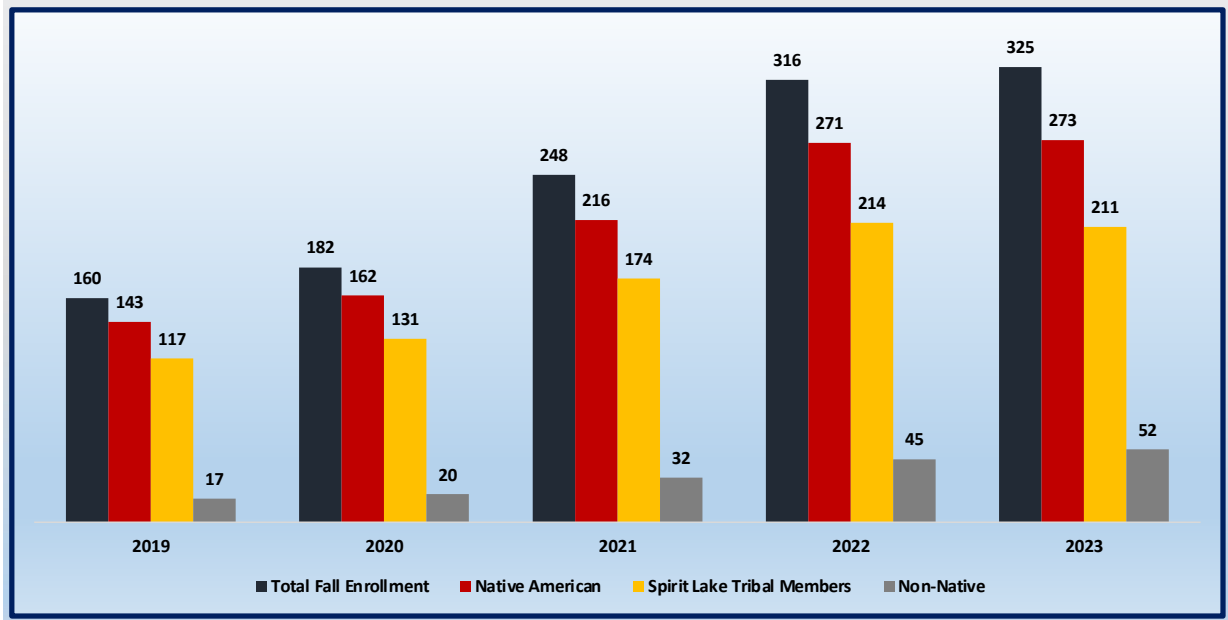


Total Enrollment and Full-Time Equivalent

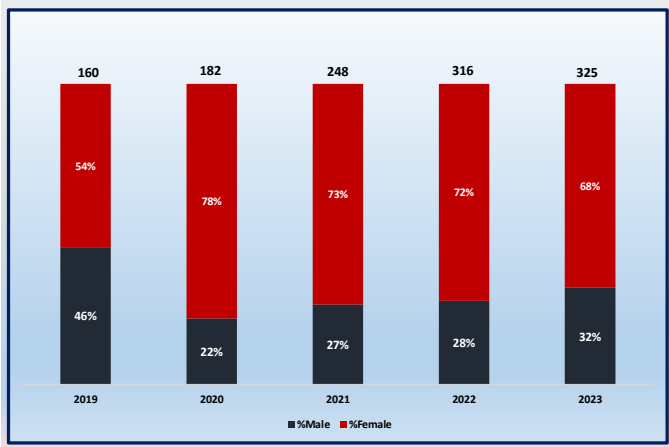
1 FTE=12 enrolled credit hours (based on full-time student taking 12 or more credits)



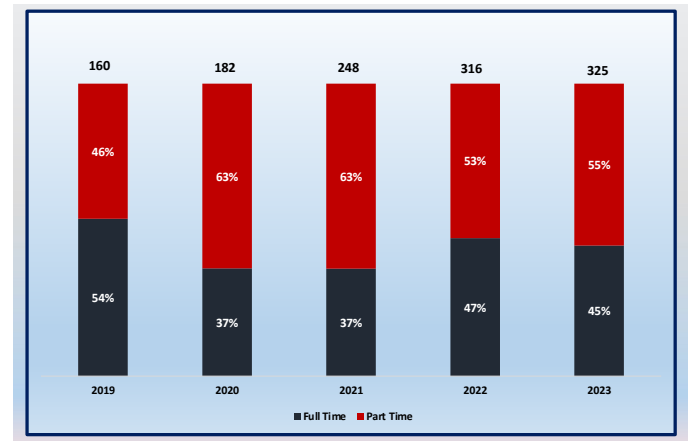
Fall Enrollment by Native American/Spirit Lake/Non-Native



Fall Enrollment by Gender

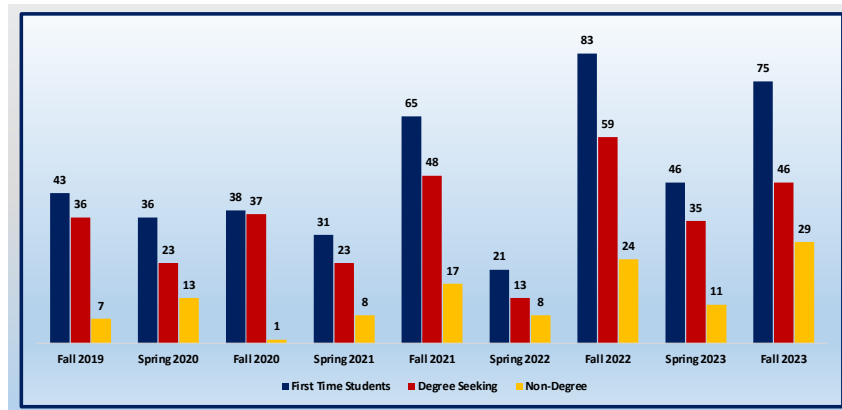


Fall Enrollment by Full-Time/Part-Time



First Time Students

Students in their first semester of college plus high school students previously enrolled in dual-credit/early entry courses in their first semester after high school.

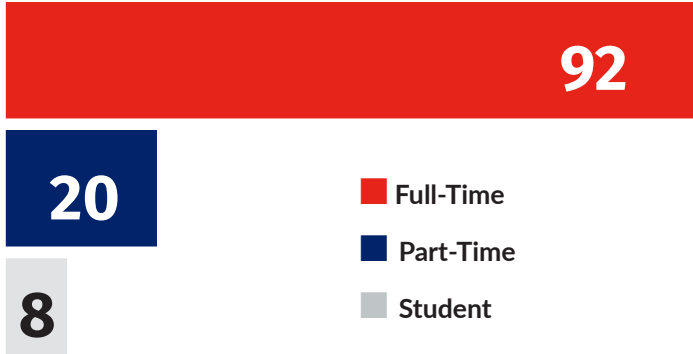




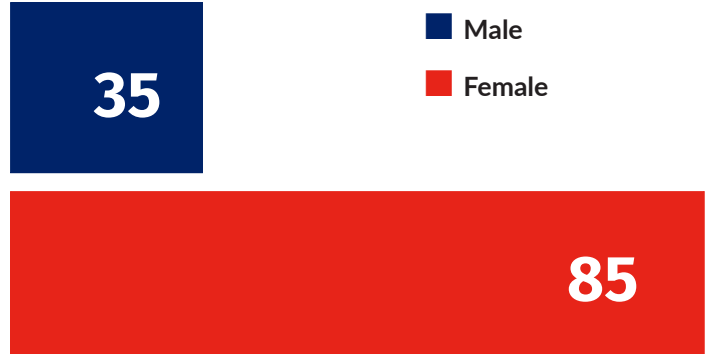
CCCC EMPLOYEE PROFILE

Average Total Employees - 120 (October 2022-September 2023)

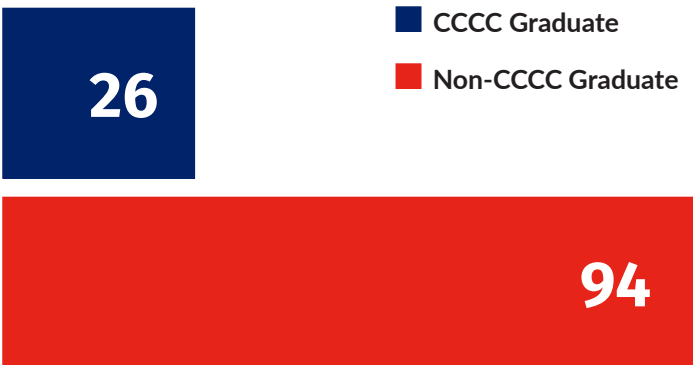
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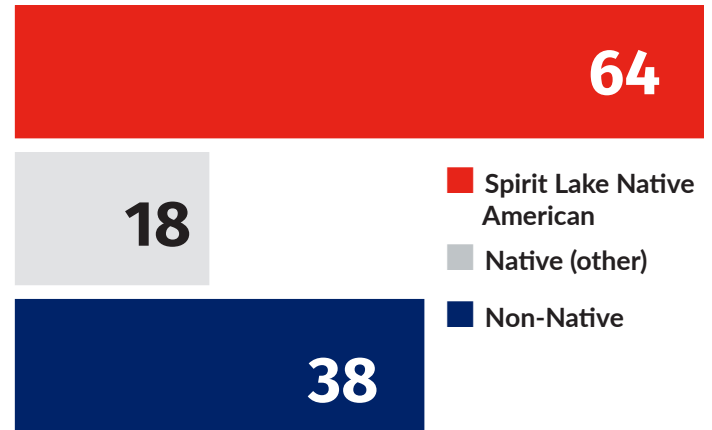
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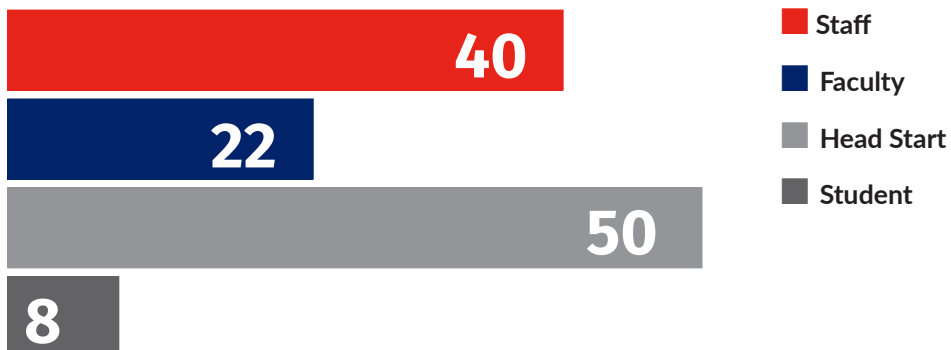
Graduate



Ethnicity



Positions



FINANCIALS

Operating Revenue and Expenses for the Fiscal Years Ended September 30 , 2023

Revenues	2023	2022
Federal	\$ 10,985,494	\$ 9,123,963
Tuition & Fees	\$ 1,108,442	\$ 777,310
Other	\$ 568,686	\$ 958,977
Non-operating (COVID)	\$ 4,580,175	\$ 4,486,683
TOTAL REVENUES	\$17,242,797	\$15,346,933
Expenses		
Salaries	\$ 5,198,101	\$ 5,281,273
Employee Benefits	\$ 2,232,191	\$ 2,093,330
Travel & Training	\$ 223,444	\$ 142,209
Repairs/Maintenance	\$ 242,626	\$ 494,778
Supplies	\$ 1,344,829	\$ 1,298,806
Contractual	\$ 1,964,790	\$ 800,353
Interest	\$ 204,256	\$ 210,838
Payments to Students	\$ 2,730,943	\$ 2,116,153
Other Operating	\$ 140,087	\$ 230,566
Depreciation	\$ 1,276,481	\$ 1,261,124
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$15,557,748	\$13,929,430
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS	\$ 1,685,049	\$ 1,417,503

18th Year of Financial Audits with No Material Weaknesses!!!
CCCC manages it's financial resources responsively and transparently!!



Fall/Spring President's List Recipients



LARGEST GRADUATING CLASS

ASSOCIATES

Brianna Atherton**
AA Early Childhood Education

Samantha Baer*
AA Business Administration

Nichole Beston**
AA Social Work

Leona Bow**
AA Liberal Arts

Alana Brownshield
AA Business Administration

Amber Charboneau
AA Liberal Arts

Cassandra Charboneau
AA Early Childhood Education

Shayla Counts
AA Social Work

Hayley Dauphinais**
AA Business Administration
& Administrative Assistant Certificate

Noelle Dauphinais
AA Early Childhood Education

Darica Deckert**
AA Liberal Arts

Waylon Delorme
AA Indigenous Studies

Shaylynn DeMarrias
AA Social Work

Willanette DuBois
AA Business Administration

Janelle Fassett
AA Social Work

Cierra Green
AA Early Childhood Education

Chance Guy
AA Liberal Arts

Jessica Hale
AA Liberal Arts

Michelle Hale**
AA Social Work

Dave Hayden, Jr.**
AA Social Work

Tanya Jeanotte
AA Social Work

Gina LaFontaine**
AA Early Childhood Education

Vernon Lambert, Jr.
AA Social Work

Melvin Langstaff
AA Liberal Arts

Allura LaRoque**
AA Business Administration

Colten LaRoque**
AA Liberal Arts

DaNesha Leaf**
AA Liberal Arts

Jolie Leaf
AA Liberal Arts

Sara Lewis
AA Business Administration

Brenna Littleghost*
AA Early Childhood Education &
AA Liberal Arts

Brianna Littleghost
AA Liberal Arts &
AA Business Administration

Lynn Littleghost**
AA Social Work

Hallee Littlewind
AA Social Work &
AA Early Childhood Education

Arlete Lohnes
AA Liberal Arts

Jennifer Longie*
AAS Fine Arts

Melissa Swigart-Lourens
AA Business Administration

Kalen McCall
AA Business Administration

Mary Ann Ott
AA Business Administration

Mariah Peltier
AA Social Work

Dominik Platz*
AA Liberal Arts &
AA Business Administration

Moriah Rademacher**
AA Early Childhood Education & AS Health,
Physical Education & Recreation

Joran Rainbow*
AA Liberal Arts

Cherise Robertson
AA Liberal Arts

Maria Simonsen**
AA Liberal Arts

LaTisha Teel*
AA Business Administration

Kristen Thompson
AA Liberal Arts

Tayia Thompson
AA Business Administration

Glen WalkingEagle
AA Liberal Arts

Leah Weber*
AA Liberal Arts

CERTIFICATES

Damian Blackbird
Carpentry Certificate

Pete Dauphinais
Carpentry Certificate

Tara Dauphinais
Carpentry Certificate

Francisco de la Paz
Professional Driving Certificate

Leah DeMarce**
Professional Driving Certificate

Jayson Duciaume**
Professional Driving Certificate

Aaron IronHawk
Carpentry Certificate

Tammy IronHawk
Carpentry Certificate

Mitchell Keo
Carpentry Certificate

Ashton Littleghost**
Carpentry Certificate

Justine Littlewind
Carpentry Certificate

Dalton Matheny
Professional Driving Certificate

Dorvan McKay
Carpentry Certificate

Tronis McKay**
Professional Driving Certificate

Lormen Owlboy, Sr.**
Carpentry Certificate

Aaron Peltier**
Professional Driving Certificate

Paul Poitra**
Professional Driving Certificate

Jeremy Rainbow
Professional Driving Certificate

Truth Robertson
Carpentry Certificate

Dylan Smith
Professional Driving Certificate

Jerred Storms**
Professional Driving Certificate

Melody Volk**
Early Childhood Education
Certificate

Roger Yankton, Jr.
Professional Driving Certificate

**yuonihan yatanpi (with highest honor) wearing a Gold Honor Stole
(GPA requirements 3.70 & higher)

*yuonihan (with honor) wearing a Silver Honor Stole (GPA requirements 3.25-3.69)
Red, White, Blue Ropes - First Generation College Student Graduate

MAY 2023 GRADUATES



Faculty

We would like to acknowledge our faculty. Thank you for all you do for the students.

Douglas Cudworth

Natural Resources

Abigail Gable

Early Childhood Education

Louis Garcia

Dakota Studies

Frank Gourd

Carpentry

Dr. Lori Gourneau

Science

Kelly Gannon

Professional Driver Instructor

Theodore Green

Professional Driver Instructor

Carol Greywater

Fine Arts

Denise Harrington

Math

Dr. Herb Hofer

HPER

Elijah Hopkins

Dakota Language

Kim Krebsbach

Computer

Jacqueline Lampert

Early Childhood Education

Dr. Galynn Lindemann

Social Work

Phillip "Skip" Longie

Culture Expert

Heather Marxen

Student Success/Tutor

Michael Parker

Pre-Engineering

Kim Paulson

Carpentry

Stuart Rieke

English

Eric Rogness

Social Science

Karen Saari

Math

Michaela Smith

Dakota Studies

Steven Smith

Business

Alex Smith

Professional Driver Instructor

Dr. Brent Voels

Science

Melody Volk

First Aid/CPR/AED

2022 House Project for Carpentry



Think Dakota



Live Dakota



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