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Greetings!

On behalf of the Native community at Cal, we wanted to let you know about our special programs that we are offering for Native American and Indigenous high school and community college transfer students interested in applying to UC Berkeley and other UC schools. Firstly, let us introduce ourselves. We are the Indigenous and Native Coalition – Recruitment and Retention Center at UC Berkeley. INC-RRC is one of the seven recruitment and retention centers here at Cal, which are student-initiated programs under the *bridges* Multicultural Resource Center whose primary goal is for the advancement and empowerment of underrepresented students. We have been working over this Summer to partner with the Native American Student Development office to offer students interested in applying to UCs a jumpstart in their process.

- **Native Jumpstart** is a program that supports Native American and Indigenous high school students access to higher education. We aim to help students feel prepared in applying, while creating connections with other Native and Indigenous students and staff on campus. The program allows us to give students intensive one-on-one coaching and provide workshops for students. Royale Pinassi (Quartz Valley Indian Reservation) and Antonio Tlaloc Carrillo (Mexica/Kaqchikel Maya) are our outstanding K-12 recruitment coordinators who will be leading and organizing the program this year. If you have any questions or concerns regarding Native Jumpstart feel free to contact them.
- **The Natives Transcending Program** is very similar to Native Jumpstart in the sense that it aims to help students feel prepared in applying to universities like UC Berkeley. However, instead of working with high school students, Natives Transcending works specifically with community college students who are interested in transferring to UC Berkeley or any other UC school. The program also focuses more specifically on writing personal insight questions and presenting yourself in the application as well as college transfer specific workshops. Our wonderful Transfer coordinators Olivia De Paul (Navajo) and Nona Claypool (Cheyenne River Sioux) will be leading and organizing this program this year and are eager to answer any questions you may have.

Traditionally Native Jumpstart and Natives Transcending are hosted on the UC Berkeley campus, but due to COVID-19, they will be a virtual engagements this year. Deadlines for both applications are **August 31st, 2020 by 11:59PM PST**, with students being notified by **September 7th, 2020**. If these deadlines will cause any conflict, please let us know as soon as possible. The **minimum GPA requirement is 3.0**. Native Jumpstart and the Natives Transcending Program will virtually take place on the weekend of **November 6th-8th, 2020**.

If you would like to read more about our program, please either be in touch, or visit [nasd.berkeley.edu](http://nasd.berkeley.edu) and click on the visitors and prospective students link.



In an effort to create more meaningful connections with Native communities and students, we have enclosed some materials about other offices and resources at UC Berkeley that would be open to partnerships and collaborations.

We are looking forward to working with Native youth! Please feel free to spread the word about our program, and to follow up with any questions you may still have.

Best,

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