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American Indian Graduate Center Launches New Website
WWW.AIGCS.ORG Addresses Needs of Modern Students

ALBUQUERQUE, NM - The American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC) is proud to announce the launch of its new, updated website at www.aigcs.org.

Based in Albuquerque, New Mexico, AIGC is the largest national provider of scholarships for American Indian and Alaskan Native graduate students. Additionally, AIGC Scholars is the American Indian/Alaska Native partner to the Gates Millennium Scholarship Program.

AIGC works to improve cultural and economic wellbeing for individuals and tribes through graduate education. When Native students pursue advanced degrees, tribes benefit by obtaining educated professionals who become leaders, and the nation as a whole benefits as well. Such people are necessary to build self-sufficient communities and truly exercise their right to self-determination. Since its founding in 1969, AIGC has supported more than 12,000 graduate students in all fields of study. As a non-profit organization, AIGC prides itself on directing minimal funds into administrative costs: over 90% of all contributions go directly to scholarships and student services.

The newly-launched AIGC web site is eye-catching, user-friendly and includes engaging, personalized touches, including profiles of featured scholars. As AIGC Director, Sam Deloria, explains, "Modern students are incredibly technically savvy and we wanted our website to keep pace with their needs." AIGC also welcomes pictures to be included on the website of Indian people doing all kinds of things - graduating, entering Headstart, riding sheep in a rodeo, ballet dancing and pow wow dancing - all the things Indian and Native people do.

Visitors to the site can:

- Research scholarships, fellowships, and postdoctoral programs and download the necessary application forms
- Download, subscribe to, or advertise in American Indian Graduate Magazine
- Network by means of the "Alumni Connection"
- Learn about upcoming events at the "Calendar" page
- Link to other organizations offering research opportunities, internships, jobs and student services
- Donate to AIGC with the click of a button.

See it for yourself! www.aigcs.org.