Native Pathways to Success Orientation (NPTSO)
August 22-23, 2016
Montana State University, Bozeman, MT

*In addition to the NPTSO, all incoming students must attend one of Montana State University’s (MSU) orientations. For more information visit http://www.montana.edu/admissions/orientation/.

* Email or call the American Indian/Alaska Native Student Success Services (AIANSSS) team with any questions, to RSVP your spot at NPTSO, and to gain access to the NPTSO Brightspace (D2L). The NPTSO Brightspace (D2L) will have important information you will want to access before the NPTSO.

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Sunday, August 21, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.  Move into your dorm room  Assigned Room
MSU Residence Life will email your room assignment to you if you have applied for housing. Log into Native Pathways To Success Brightspace (D2L) to access “Early Arrival” information.

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Check-In Option 1  1 Wilson Hall
Stop by one of the AIANSS student centers to check-in and receive a NPTSO t-shirt and other swag.

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  Dinner  Miller Dining Commons

Monday, August 22, 2016

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.  Breakfast  Miller Dining Commons

7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.  Move into your dorm room  Assigned Room

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.  Cat Card Office  134 Strand Union Building (SUB)
You can obtain your student ID card from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Bring a photo ID.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Check-In Option 2  Alumni Legacy Lounge (SUB)
Check-in and receive a NPTSO t-shirt and other swag.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  Lunch  Alumni Legacy Lounge (SUB)
A great opportunity to get acquainted with other students and the AIANSSS team.

12:30 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.  Welcome to Montana State University (MSU)  Procrastinator Theater (SUB)
Opening remarks will be given by:
Dr. Walter Fleming, Native American Studies Department Director
Matt Caires, Dean of Students
12:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. | Student Success Presentation | Procrastinator Theater (SUB)
A great opportunity to build communication skills, problem-solving skills, and peer trust and support. Presentation and activities will be led by Marty Foxman.

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | American Indian/Alaska American Indian Student Success Services (AIANSSS) Presentation | Procrastinator Theater (SUB)
Become familiar with resources you can access through the AIANSSS.

3:30 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. | Native Student Support Program Presentations | Procrastinator Theater (SUB)
Become familiar with various Native student support programs.

5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. | Dinner | Miller Dining Commons

**Tuesday, August 23, 2016**

7:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | Breakfast | Miller Dining Commons

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. | Financial Aid and Scholarships | Procrastinator Theater (SUB)
Learn about need-based and academic scholarships as well as MSU’s American Indian Tuition Waiver and Native American non-resident Tribal Homeland Scholarship Program.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Native Student Support Program Presentations | Procrastinator Theater (SUB)
Become familiar with various Native student support programs.

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Native Student Panel Discussion | Procrastinator Theater (SUB)
Meet current students and ask questions vital to your success in college.

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch | Cafeteria (SUB)
Check out the SUB cafeteria, MSU bookstore, and obtain your ID card at the Cat Card office.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Native Student Support Program Presentations | Procrastinator Theater (SUB)
Become familiar with various Native student support programs and scholarships available through MSU’s Financial Aid Office.

2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. | Closing Remarks | Procrastinator Theater (SUB)
Closing remarks will be given by Dr. Robert Mokwa, Interim Provost

2:15 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Scholarship Announcements | Procrastinator Theater (SUB)
Upon completing the two-day Orientation, you will have an opportunity to win tuition/fee scholarships or textbook scholarships. Must be present to win.

2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. | Native Pathways to Success Orientation Evaluation | Procrastinator Theater (SUB)
We covered a lot of information. We appreciate your feedback!

2:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. | Ice Cream Social | 1-155 & 1-156 Wilson Hall
Stop by one of the AIANSSS student centers and Native American Studies conference room to enjoy a treat!
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