



All Things Ignatian



Lakota Immersion Program

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Since 1999 Red Cloud High School has worked with thirty-nine Gates scholars in preparing Indian students for college. Thirty-two of those scholars received their scholarship since the Creighton University mentorship program began. The real heroes of this achievement are the students, families and teachers, both at Red Cloud and at other Native communities. Creighton University played a small but important part in this Gates Scholarship application process.



2009 Immersion trip participants and mentees

The Lakota immersion - mentorship program for Creighton University administration, faculty and staff. The immersion trip includes working with Lakota high school students who are preparing for college, visiting historical and cultural sites on the Pine Ridge and Rosebud reservations, and dialogue with Lakota students currently enrolled at Creighton as well as with other Lakota living on the reservations. Creighton University administration, faculty and staff work with students at Red Cloud High School, a Jesuit school on the Pine Ridge Reservation.

Your participation in our immersion trip is a big part of our commitment to Ignatian values, both by learning about the reservation, from which many of our students come, and by assisting and encouraging students with their Gates Scholarship applications.

Goals of Immersion - Mentorship Program :

- Familiarize faculty and staff with the cultural context of many of Creighton's Native students
- Provide an opportunity for inter-cultural dialogue and learning
- Contribute to the strength of the Lakota community by mentoring some of their students applying to colleges and for the Gates Scholarship

The program just completed it's ninth year in the Fall 2010 and will be run again in the Fall 2011. Please contact Fr. Bucko, S.J. at 280-3587 or rbucko@creighton.edu if you are interested.



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