



NATIVE AMERICAN INSTITUTE

The Native American Institute works to enhance the sovereignty, cultural continuity, and well-being of Tribes, Indian communities, and Indian people.

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Students from the Native Americans in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics program pose with Sparty during the MSU Science Festival.

The Native American Institute (NAI) supports scholarship, programming, and research with practical applications in American Indian and Indigenous contexts. NAI supports campus and community collaboration and provides opportunities for faculty, staff, students, and the public to learn about issues facing American Indians and Indigenous Peoples.

Through its efforts, NAI promotes sovereignty, self-determination, cultures, languages, traditional knowledge, capacity-building, leadership, and well-being as defined by Tribes, American Indian communities, and Native organizations.

Core Values

- Collaborate with Tribes, American Indian communities, and Native organizations in an honest, transparent, and respectful manner.
- Honor Native cultures, traditions, knowledge, languages, and practices.
- Support scholarship, programming, and research with practical applications in American Indian and Indigenous contexts.

NAI Programs

The NAI supports collaborative scholarship and programming for Tribes, American Indian communities, and Native organizations.

Featured Projects

Anishinaabe Database Access Initiative

In collaboration with MSU Libraries and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, NAI is helping Tribal partners and Tribal colleges secure access to databases such as ProQuest by including them on MSU's licenses. This will enable them to access files and documents that can aid them in their research on boarding schools and repatriation.

Indigistory

Begun in 2012, Indigistory brings together knowledge and resources from social sciences, arts, and technology to support the creation of digital stories by American Indian community members across Michigan.

nai.msu.edu/projects/current-projects/indigistory



Resources

Native American Resource Guide

The Native American Institute, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential (MiLEAP), produced an updated guide designed to improve access to Tribal and Indigenous resources. A digital version is available on the NAI website.

nai.msu.edu/resources

MSU Tribal Outreach Project

The result of listening sessions between the Native American Institute and Tribal partners inside and outside of MSU, the report reflects top priorities identified by Tribal communities and Native and Indigenous cultural, health, and education organizations across Michigan.

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