Message from the Director

Greetings from the Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies,

In the few short months of 2021, the Buder Center has engaged with more students, alumni and communities than ever before. Virtual programs are reaching our local and national communities and we continue to offer new and innovative ways to engage. We are looking forward to seeing you tune in to our Virtual 30th Pow Wow in a few short weeks on March 27 and 28. The support the student committee and the Center has received has been nothing short of remarkable, thank you. Please visit our Pow Wow website for details on how and when to join.

In May, the Center will celebrate 11 graduating Buder Scholars. These graduates are resilient and strong and will join the over 210 Buder alumni, representing over 80 tribal nations, who are leaders in Indian Country. Congratulations 2021 Buder Scholars.

Stay well,

Kellie Thompson (Seneca), Director

Upcoming Events

Washington University in St. Louis Virtual Pow Wow
March 27 & 28, 2021
Washington University Facebook page

Naalzheeh. Łóó’ Hayiileeh. Ná’íilááh. (Hunt. Fish. Gather.)
Monday, April 12, 2021
6:30 pm
Register here
**Program Highlights**

**Indigenous Research Initiatives that Support and Engage Communities (IRISE)**

The IRISE fellowship program allows students to gain research experience within the Buder Center on projects that benefit tribes, tribal organizations and Indigenous communities. Three fellows, Shandiin Begay (MSW Candidate), Ray Phillips (MSW/MPH Candidate), and Jonah Thorton (BA in Psychological & Brain Sciences) will be completing fellowship projects in the Spring.

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**Washington University Virtual Pow Wow**

**Steps to Sovereignty: Decolonize, Indigenize, Revitalize**

Join us for this year’s Virtual Washington University Annual Pow Wow on March 27 and 28! For our 30th Annual Pow Wow, we...
will be hosting an online event via the Washington University Pow Wow Facebook Page.

View Virtual Vendors

Purchase 30th Annual Pow Wow T-Shirts

If you are interested in supporting the Annual Pow Wow, please visit our Crowdfunding page.

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Alumni

We love to highlight our talented alumni who are making long-lasting impact in tribal communities! If you or someone you know would like to be featured in the Alumni Spotlight, please email bcais@wustl.edu. Include name, contact email address, graduation year, current role, bio information (or link to bio) and reason for nomination.

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Alumni Spotlight

Cortney Yarholar received his Bachelor of Arts & Science in Native American Studies from the University of Oklahoma in 2003 and went on to attend the Brown School where he graduated with a Master of Social Work (Individualized Concentration) in 2006. Since graduating with his MSW, Cortney has held several positions, each focused in program development, technical assistance and consultation, and tribal capacity-building. During his tenure as the Program Manager for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Tribal Youth Training and Technical Assistance Center, Cortney served as a Field instructor for a SAGE Recipient and Buder Scholar. For Cortney, “It has been an honor and blessing to be able to support colleagues in their journeys. I take a life learner approach in my personal and professional journey and have learned from serving as a practicum supervisor as well as learned from those I supervised in practicum experiences.” Cortney has since founded Evergreen Training & Development, LLC where he focuses on “providing professional development training, coaching and facilitation with community and tribal youth serving initiatives.” Additionally, Cortney is the Director of Organizational Development with the Boys and Girls Club of America with the Native Service Unit. His advice for students seeking a practicum in Indian Country is to, “Have an open
mind, growth mindset and be a lifelong learner. Although an organizational mission may not always align with the kind of impact you are striving for there are always lessons to learn and transferable skills that will add to your skill sets.”

If you are interested in becoming a Field Instructor for a future SAGE recipient/practicum student, reach out to SAGEBrownschool@email.wustl.edu.