Honoring Kathryn’s Vision…30 Years Later

Message from the Director

The year 2020 marks the Buder Center’s 30th year. It is an opportunity for the Center and the Brown School to Honor Kathryn’s Vision…30 Years Later. We will celebrate the Buder Family, the Buder Foundation, students and alumni, and their achievements, during this anniversary year.

In 1990, when Kathryn M. Buder made her generous gift to provide scholarships for American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) students, her vision was to create leaders within Indian Country. The Buder Center has graduated over 200 alumni representing 77 tribal nations and working in over thirty states. The Center is excited to bring students and alumni together in 2020 to create connections and share reflections with one another on how Kathryn’s vision has impacted their careers. These short interviews will be released throughout the 30th anniversary year and can be found here.

Kathryn’s lasting vision has created Indigenous leaders that pave the way for Indigenous communities to revitalize traditions and teachings. The 30th annual Pow Wow will be held on April 11, 2020 and its theme, Indigenous Knowledge, is not only a testament to, but an outcome of Kathryn’s vision.

As always, the Buder Center continues to prepare students to lead our Indigenous communities into a healthy, just and sustainable future. We are excited to honor our founders, our students and our alumni with you in 2020!

-Kellie Thompson (Seneca), Director

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Upcoming Events

Buder Center’s Trivia Night
Friday, February 28, 2020
7:00 pm
Clark-Fox Forum, Hillman Hall

Washington University in St. Louis Pow Wow
Saturday, April 11, 2020
10:00 am
Athletic Complex, Washington University
Program Highlights

The Alliance for Native Programs and Initiatives (ANPI)

The Alliance for Native Programs and Initiatives (ANPI) was formally established in November 2019 and is comprised of six local organizations including the Buder Center, Lutheran Indian Ministries, Missouri Historical Society, Missouri Humanities Council, the Saint Louis Art Museum, and the Saint Louis Zoo. The mission of ANPI is “to strengthen collaboration among Native Americans and regional organizations in order to increase understanding among all populations about the history and culture of Natives peoples.” ANPI strives to raise the visibility of Native American cultures and history in the St. Louis region, and serves as a platform for the discussion of contemporary Native issues by providing content and context for discussion.

For more information about ANPI please visit: nativealliance.org. To contact ANPI, please email contact.nativealliance@gmail.com.


Peer-reviewed Publications


Research Reports

The Hunt, Fish, Gather program was created by Buder Center students and the staff in collaboration with Washington University Dining Services in 2013.

The program has taken many shapes since its creation and in 2019 it more than doubled and a four-course meal was prepared by Chef Freddie Bitsoie at the St. Louis Zoo. The key theme remained - to bring people in St. Louis together to learn about Native foods and the inherent and holistic models of health that exist in Native communities.

Social Workers Advancing through Grounded Education (SAGE) Program

The Social Workers Advancing through Grounded Education (SAGE) Program recruits, trains and financially supports Brown School students as they complete 360 hours of practica in Indian Country. Since 2015, SAGE has supported over 50 students as they write policies, research solutions and build better approaches to community work. Through generous grant funding, students have completed practicum in 18 states plus the District of Columbia. With nearly 20,000 hours of direct practice and over half a million dollars in student stipends, the SAGE program is creating new educational field learning pathways that directly benefit AIAN students and communities. 1 in 3 SAGE practicum supervisors are Buder Alumni. To learn more about becoming a supervisor, or hosting a student for their practicum please contact: SAGEBrownschool@email.wustl.edu

Report abstract: A summary of licensure requirements for social workers for each state. Details include: fees, supervisor requirements, hour requirements, coursework, and degree needed.

Grants

St. Louis Regional Census Fund Grant
The Buder Center has been awarded a St. Louis Regional Census Fund Grant, a component fund of the St. Louis Community Foundation, for their application titled Natives Count: American Indian Participation in the 2020 U.S. Census in the St. Louis Region. Natives Count will feature AIAN specific #2020Census information and updates from the U.S. Census Bureau to ensure a complete and accurate count of all AIAN people. Check out the Buder Center Facebook page for new blog posts and other content! #NativesCount

Open Scholarship

The Open Scholarship site is intended for scholarly work authored by Washington University in St. Louis faculty, graduate and undergraduate students. The Buder Center’s collection page within Open Scholarship will be used to house publications, theses, research reports, and other materials for
Alumni Spotlight

Caitlin Donald (Osage/Ponca) received her Bachelor’s of Social Work at Portland State University in 2011 and her Master’s of Social Work at the Brown School in 2014. While at the Brown School, Caitlin concentrated in Social and Economic Development and received a certificate in Nonprofit Management and Administration. As a Buder Scholar, she was involved in the Pow Wow Committee and served as the President of the American Indian Student Association from 2013-2014. Since graduating with her MSW, Caitlin has been working in research and evaluation with American Indian and Alaska Native communities. She was previously a Research Associate for the Indigenous Wellness Research Institute at the University of Washington and the Program Manager for the Oregon Prevention Research Center at Oregon Health & Science University. Currently, Caitlin manages the Northwest Native American Center of Excellence at Oregon Health & Science University, a HRSA funded center dedicated to inspiring, recruiting, training, and retaining American Indians and Alaska Native into careers in medicine.

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.