

VINHE Group Session Notes - Student Support & Recruitment
3/22/2024

Representatives in Attendance for Breakout Group:

H.E.: VTEC - JMU - VCCS - UMW - CNU - UVA - VCU - Univ of Lynchburg

Tribes: Choctaw - Upper Mattaponi (Student and Adult) - Mattaponi - Rappahannock - Chickahominy

What is needed (Student and Tribal Citizen contributions):

1. Money
2. Community
3. NSU (Native Student Unions) Connections
4. Native Student Centers and Indigenous Spaces
5. Representation of Professors, staff and mentors
6. Guidance with FAFSA Applications
7. Tutoring
8. Feelings of loneliness
9. 1st Gen
10. Community Captain Programs
11. Personal Finance

Data Assessment Suggestion: VCCS desegregated their demographics resulting in findings of 4,000 Native identified students out of the original number 1400

Recruitment:

1. Go to Pow Wows
2. Go to Native Community Centers
3. Go to the Rural High Schools (Know the demographics)
4. Go inside of the communities

Univ of Lynchburg offers two scholarships:

1. FT tuition for one Monacan student
2. \$5k year any Native American

Land Grant Universities: should offer scholarships or in state tuition options for Native Students

VTEC offers:

1. Reach out to HS Students
2. Support for College and Career information

VCCS Offers:

1. G3 programs
2. Career Switcher
3. Credit for credentials

4. Work experience
5. CNA
6. Phlebotomy
7. EMT 12-16 weeks
8. Physician Assistant

College Options

1. Dissolves Barriers
2. Trades (Welder) HVAC
3. Dual enrollment
4. Become a Resident Advisor for pay and room and board