



# WELCOME TO UNC

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We are so excited that you have chosen the University of Northern Colorado to begin your college experience! At Native American Student Services, we know that college might feel a little scary and confusing. We here as a resource for you on campus, and we hope that this newsletter will aid in your transition to our community.

We will be sharing with you an updated newsletter every other week to ensure that you are aware of what is happening around campus, deadlines you should know about, and general college information that will be helpful in your transition.

At Native American Student Services, we know that there is a lot of information students need to know before coming to college. From scholarships to packing lists, this newsletter will contain all the ins and outs of college life. Each newsletter will have a highlight of the week that focuses on one specific, but highly important, aspect of college.

It is our goal to make the transition from high school to college as seamless as possible. College is a time of many fun and exciting changes, but there are many logistics that need to be taken care of first before that journey can begin.

This week's newsletter is going to focus on one of the scariest questions incoming college students face: How do I pay for college?



# THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHT

## Scholarships and Financial Aid



**T**he Free Application for Federal Student Aid is available to all students and requires your parents' tax information. The priority deadline for FAFSA is March 1st, but can be completed past the deadline. The link to the FAFSA application can be found [here](#).

**If you have any questions, please contact Dr. Eryka Charley at [eryka.charley@unco.edu](mailto:eryka.charley@unco.edu)**

### Universal Scholarship Application:

This application is conducted through UNC and narrows down the search of which scholarships you can apply for. You must have your bear number to apply. The link to the Universal Scholarship Application can be found [here](#).

### Admissions Based Scholarships:

Your UNC application, along with transcripts and test scores are used to determine if you are eligible for one of these scholarships. The link to the Admissions Based Scholarships can be found [here](#).

### Other Scholarships:

Navajo Nation Scholarship [here](#).  
Deadline June 25th

AWG Minority Scholarship [here](#).  
Deadline June 30th

**Remember: Budget for textbooks, school supplies, and other personal products you may need.**

# JOIN OUR MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

## What is the mentorship program?

While it may seem like the journey has just begun, at UNC we want to make sure that you are not alone in your travels. To make sure that you are being supported through every step of the way, Native American Student Services is offering a mentoring program for all first-year students that identify as Native American. In the mentoring program, you will be paired with a successful student that has been in your shoes and is eager to help you along the way. You will meet weekly and discuss your academic, social, and personal progress throughout your college experience.

Along with the weekly meetings, you will participate in monthly socials with all mentors, mentees, and NASS student staff. Through this program, you not only have the opportunity to build a personal connection with your mentor, but a community connection with other Native American students on campus. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact the Director of Native American Student Services, Dr. Eryka Charley, or our Event Coordinator, Kaila Ward.

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Looking for a part-time, on-campus job with flexible hours and amazing opportunities for building your campus community? Apply at Native American Student Services [here!](#)

## Upcoming Socials

One of the many benefits of the mentorship program is having the ability to meet and hang out with other students. The socials are monthly and will provide you with the opportunity to socialize and build community with fellow students. All the socials are free and will take place at the Kohl House. Here is a list of some of the upcoming socials we have planned:

### September:

- 18th at 5:00pm: BBQ and S'mores

### October:

- 23rd at 5:00pm: Pumpkin Carving and Cider/Hot Chocolate

### November:

- 20th at 5:00pm: Friendsgiving Dinner

### December:

- 4th at 5:00pm: Secret Person Gift Exchange and End of the Year Party

