Dear students and friends:

The fall colors are starting to gently push aside the green summer leaves. Soon those branches will be thin holding strips of snow and ice. I hope that your fall semester is going well. This is an exciting time of year, full of energy and spirit and PLENTY of things to do.

As it states on our front page, our Center is compared to a braid with three specific strands: academics, student services, community outreach. Our Center is home to a Native American Studies minor. For those of you undecided about the Native American Studies minor, you may be interested to know that I am putting forth a proposal to the Committee for Undergraduate Programs that has significant enhancements to the NAS minor. If you are not sure if an NAS minor will work for you, contact me and I would be happy to sit and chat with you about your possibilities.

Our Center works closely with offices such as the Multicultural Education and Resource Center (MERC), Financial Aid and the Registrar to make sure students are getting the answers they need. We may not have all of the answers, but we know where to find them. Our Center is open from 8 am – 5 p.m. Monday-Fridays. Stop by or make an appointment. Visit our resource room. Students can check out books, not only for classes/research, but for your personal reading list (we have all sorts of Native fiction). The CNAS nice lounge area is for anyone to relax between classes or nibble on lunch.

The Center offers a myriad of events, gatherings, and workshops. Specifically for our community partners in education, we are hosting many events this semester including U.P. Educational conference and the Medicine Wheel Academy. Visit this page to keep watch for updates for all our events this semester.

The Native American Student Association (NASA) meets weekly at the Center on Wednesday’s at 4:45 p.m. Charlene Brissette is the new NASA Chair to reach her for more information, NASA's e-mail is nasa@nmu.edu Get involved in the action. November is Native American Heritage Month. Already on the calendar is the 10th annual First Nations food taster on Friday, November 5. Share your recipes with the entire NMU community! More event ideas are in the works, but we could use your input. Consider being a part of NASA and the Anishinaabe News. Visit our semester highlights page to see photos from a variety of events from last year.

The next issue of Anishinaabe News will be mail out to permanent addresses soon. If you would like to receive one, call the office at 906-227-1397. Nish News is always looking for writers and photographers so if you are interested please write Charlene at nasa@nmu.edu.

Keep visiting this Web site! We do our best to post information on many of the Native American community events, internship opportunities, scholarships and grants, news about conferences and cultural events, language lessons and news bits from around Indian Country. Do you have news you would like to share? E-mail us at least two weeks prior to your event. PDFs work very well. Be sure to visit us on Facebook and Flickr.

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