

# Native Scholars Program Assessment Report 2023-24

## Who We Are

[The Native Scholars Program](https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/retention-academic-success/native-scholars-transition-program.html) (https://www.csus.edu/student-affairs/retention-academic-success/native-scholars-transition-program.html) works to increase the outreach, enrollment, retention and graduation rates of Native American students. The program focuses on providing outreach presentations, CSU application workshops, support and services to prospective incoming scholars. The Native Scholars Program collaborates with the 'Esáktima Center to provide transitional, enrollment, advising, and retention services to students and connects students with campus resources.

## Program Accomplishments

- Offered transitional support to Fall 2023 & Spring 2024 admitted Native American students. This includes group and one-on-one guidance on how to navigate incoming student tasks such as submitting Intent to Enroll, accepting financial aid, registering for Orientation, learning how to use Canvas and EAB, and learning how to add and drop courses.
- Hosted on-campus Native American application workshops for prospective new students.
- Hosted virtual Zoom Meet & Greet Mixers and Summits for over 80 incoming new students.
- Partnered with the Peer Academic Resource Center & Esáktimá Center to offer professional development and academic development workshops to current students.
- Partnered with the Financial Aid & Scholarship Office to offer a scholarship workshop for current students.
- Secured a \$10,000 dollar grant from the Chancellor's Office to continue developing outreach and transitional support for prospective students for Fall 2025.
- Visited eight local high schools and six community colleges to table and share program information with prospective students.

## Highlighted Areas

- The Native Scholars Program supported the grand opening of the Esáktimá Center in Spring 2024.
- The Native Scholars Program sought to increase graduation rates for Native American/Alaska Native students by offering transition, enrollment, retention and advising services via EAB.

- Collaborated with the Esáktimá Center to host employment opportunities to graduate students.
- Hosted 40 high school students for the annual American Indian Summer Institute program in Summer 2023.
- Hosted eight local area tribes to learn about Sac State’s admissions requirements and program services.
- Supported campus retention and engagement initiatives by providing advising and developing educational and cultural programming for continuing students in partnership with the Esáktimá Center.

## Retention Data\*

### First-Time Freshmen

Term	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
3rd Term Retention	76.8%	71.1%	75.0%	74.3%
5th Term Retention	60.7%	60.5%	62.5%	74.3%
7th Term Retention	58.9%	68.4%	59.4%	54.3%

### Transfer Students

Term	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
3rd Term Retention	86.4%	77.6%	79.8%	92.6%
5th Term Retention	81.4%	77.6%	79.8%	85.2%
7th Term Retention	76.3%	70.7%	76.2%	81.5%

## Graduation Rates\*

### First-Time Freshmen

Year	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019
4-Year Grad Rate	19.0%	17.1%	32.1%	23.1%	30.2%	23.7%
6-Year Grad Rate	43.1%	48.6%	58.5%	52.3%	TBA	TBA

### Transfer Students

Year	Fall 2014	Fall 2015	Fall 2016	Fall 2017	Fall 2018	Fall 2019	Fall 2020	Fall 2021
2-Year Grad Rate	24.1%	35.7%	30.9%	39.5%	42.4%	44.8%	28.6%	40.7%
4-Year Grad Rate	62.1%	75.9%	66.7%	72.4%	71.2%	69.0%	TBA	TBA

\*Includes Native American/Alaska Native IPEDS category and subcategories; subcategories of Hispanic/Latino, Non Resident Alien, and Latin American Indian not counted