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Celebrating our Spring/Summer Graduates

Traditional BSN

Shelby Poitra
Turtle Mountain Chippewa

Jenna Dejarlais
Turtle Mountain Chippewa

Daisy Riley
Rosebud Sioux Nation

Kaitlyn Barnaby
Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa

Ashley Engel-Huerta
Red Lake Chippewa

Quantia Johnson
First Nations, Canada

Spring 2016 BAC 2

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Summer 2016 RN BSN

Jennifer Good
Turtle Mountain Chippewa

Yolanda Spotted Horse
Mandan, Hidatsa, Arikara Nation

Kaitlyn Barnaby
Sault Ste. Marie Chippewa

Salary Engel-Huerta
Red Lake Chippewa

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Orientation

Pre-Nursing students orientation

Nursing students orientation

Pinning Ceremony

(l-r): Daisy Riley, Shelby Poitrat, and Jenna Dejarlais BSN

Destiny Blue BSN and her family

(l-r): Ashley Engel-Huerta and Quantia Johnson BAC 2

Jenna Dejarlais with her family

Ashley Engel-Huerta with her family
The Honors Ceremony highlights our graduates for Spring semester 2016. The Lone Buffalo Wokiksuya Drum Group provided the drumming and singing for this ceremony, and the traditional meal included buffalo roast, baked potatoes, corn, vegetables, wild rice soup, and fry bread along with wojapi.
In 1990 Dr. LaVonne Hootman served as the first RAIN director. Recruitment and Retention of American Indians into Nursing (RAIN) is funded through the Indian Health Care Improvement Act. In the Fall of 1990, Dr. Hootman aspired to find full-time support staff to develop and implement the RAIN program housed at the University of North Dakota in the College of Nursing and Professional Development. She brainstormed with the INMED program staff to find a name for the new program to train American Indian nursing students, and the name of RAIN was chosen. Dr. Hootman has continued to support the RAIN program and its deliverables: heart, caring, acceptance, respect, humor, a sense of belonging, and a welcoming space. RAIN staff provides nurturing, mentoring, support, and empowerment of the American Indian pre-nursing and undergraduate and graduate nursing students.
HONOR CEREMONY Festivities
Sigma Theta Tau Induction Spring 2016

Sigma Theta Tau’s mission is to support learning, knowledge and professional development of nurses. The Eta Upsilon chapter [at UND] seeks to provide support to future and current nurses who are interested in promoting scholarship, service and excellence in practice. (Sigma Theta Tau International: Eta Upsilon Chapter, 2016, para. 2).

Beth Mittet was inducted into Sigma Theta Tau in the Spring of 2016.

Congratulations, Beth!

Welcome

Sonya Anderson BSN RN, past RAIN alum, re-joined the RAIN family on March 21, 2016 as a Nurse Mentor. She assists the pre-nursing and nursing students, and she also helps students prepare for the nursing licensure exam (NCLEX). Sonya also attends career fairs to recruit future nursing students. Sonya is also pursuing her Master’s degree in the Nurse Educator program at the University of Mary in Bismarck, ND.

Welcome, Sonya!
RAIN 25th Anniversary Reception


Honor Dance at the 2016 UND-UNDIA Powwow for all of the RAIN staff

Current students at RAIN Reception

Alums at the RAIN Reception

Leigh Jeanotte, Director of American Indian Student Services is presented a Pendleton from the RAIN family for his dedication and support given to the RAIN program and students at the 25th Anniversary Luncheon.

(l-r): Maria Osbourne RN and Alyssa Martinez FNP (Deb and Barb have watched these young ladies since they were girls at INMED Summer Institute!)
RAIN 25th Anniversary (April 2016)

A RAIN CELEBRATION!

In April 2015 we celebrated our RAIN 25th anniversary with a gathering of our RAIN Family. On Thursday, April 21, RAIN alums, former and current staff, faculty and friends gathered at the Grand Forks Inn and Suites for an evening of “hellos, how are yous and it is so good to see yous!” It was so nice to visit with everyone. Special guest included Drs. LaVonne and Joe Hootman.

On Friday, April 22, we celebrated at the Memorial Union on campus. Our Master of Ceremonies for the day was Dr. Leigh Jeanotte, Director of American Indian Student Services. The day’s festivities began with a traditional prayer by Allan Demaray followed by remarks from UND President Schafer; from Sandra Mitchell, Associate Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion; our Dean of CNPD, Dr. Gayle Roux. Also, a letter of congratulations from Senator Heidi Heitkamp was read by Gail Hand. Two presentations followed the remarks— one by Dr. Ken Carlson and Dr. Stuart A. Schneider entitled “Compassion Fatigue: Necessary/Unnecessary?” and a presentation by certified yoga teacher and Reiki Level 2 practitioner, Kay Williams entitled “The De-stressed You is the Best You.”

Following the presentations was a lovely luncheon in the ballroom of the Memorial Union. Our special guests included the RAIN alums/family, Indians Into Medicine (INMED) Program Advisory Board, UND and CNPD Faculty and Staff and friends of the program. DeAnna Carlson Zink gave remarks from the UND Alumni Association Foundation.

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Allan Demaray and Bj Rainbow sang an honor song for our program. As a very special surprise, Deb Wilson, RAIN Director and Barb Anderson, RAIN Coordinator were honored with Pendleton robes for their leadership and years of service—not sure who coordinated this surprise, but we were honored!

After lunch, tours of campus and RAIN offices were conducted. To top off the festivities the RAIN Program Staff, Alumni and Students were honored at the UND Indian Association Wacipi with an honor song! It was a wonderful conclusion for our 25th RAIN Family Reunion. Thank you to all!

Barb Anderson and Deb Wilson, RAIN administration, are being honored at the RAIN 25th Anniversary Luncheon. They were surprised with the honoring by Dr. Loretta Heuer and RAIN staff presented.

The meaning of the design on the Pendleton: “Winds and Thunder,” which was presented to Deb and Barb, is described below:

Wind and Thunder are brothers in the sky, according to Native American legend. Long ago, they quarreled when Thunder claimed he could do good on Earth without help. Wind dispersed to the Earth’s far corners, leaving Thunder behind in the still air. Thunder brought mighty storms, but without the cooling Wind, the air was hot and crops failed. He could do no good alone. Thunder called, “Brother, you are nowhere. I beg you to come back for the good of the Earth.” The Wind returned, and worked with Thunder to refresh the land. In this pattern, smaller arrows represent the movement of Wind as he scatters to the end of the World. Larger arrows show his path as he returns to work with Thunder. (RAIN Facebook page)
Video Premier: Essence of Healing (April 2016)

RAIN Goes “HOLLYWOOD”

“Essence of Healing: Journey of American Indian Nurses” documentary premier was held at the North Dakota Heritage Center in Bismarck, ND on April 30, 2016. The video is a compilation of stories of fourteen American Indian nurses from North Dakota; eleven of the nurses featured were RAIN Program alumni. This documentary was developed by Dr. Loretta Heuer, NDSU, as part of her Health Professions Opportunity Grant (HPOG) with assistance from RAIN. Deb Wilson and Barb Anderson assisted Dr. Heuer and staff with this project, as partners when RAIN was a sub-contract of the HPOG (Next Steps) grant at Cankdeska Cikana Community College. The premier of the video included a lovely dinner and an honor ceremony for the nurses featured. Our RAIN staff attended and assisted with the preparations. Comments about the video as reported by Dr. Heuer included, “Wonderfully done!” and “This was a very beautiful documentary and very encouraging for anyone thinking of going into nursing.” Kudos to all of our featured RAIN alums—Jessica Ahmann, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC; Misty Wilkie-Condiff, PhD, RN; Shellee Bercier, BSN, RN; Mary Lynn Eaglestaff, MS, RN; Kim Garnett-Williams, BSN, RN; Alyssa Martinez, FNP-C; Chalise Lawrence, BSN, RN; Dorothea Olson, BSN, RN (Retired); Madonna White Bear Azure, MSN, RN; Ian Greybull, FNP-BC; and Debbie Jeanotte, BSN, RN (retired). You make RAIN proud!

Russ McDonald, presenter at the Essence of Healing seminar held during the 25th RAIN Anniversary celebration.

Deb Wilson, presenter at the Essence of Healing Premier.

(l-r): Debbie Jeanotte RAIN, Madonna Azure RAIN, Jessica Ahmann RAIN, Tamson O’Berry, Alyssa Martinez RAIN, Loretta Meredith, Mary Lynn Eagle Staff, RAIN, Misty Condiff, RAIN, Loretta Heuer Nurses being honored at the Essence of Healing Premier.
RAIN ACTIVITIES

Lunch and Learn Workshops


Writing Mentor Colleen Burke presenting information on APA citation format. Spring 2016

(l-r): Sonya Anderson, Paul Reynolds, and Elle Hoselton
RAIN had a Meet & Greet at the College of Nursing to introduce our RAIN Nurse Mentors. All are RAIN BSN alum!! All three are pursuing graduate degrees. March 2016
Photos of students taking advantage of the RAIN area lab and meeting with the nurse mentors.
Our Nurse Mentors’ first recruitment trip to the Four Winds High School Student & Parent Fair in Ft Totten, ND on the Spirit Lake Nation. The event was well attended by students and parents. April 15, 2016


Stopping by IHS in Red Lake to visit with (l-r): Chenoa Peterson, BSN RN, and Ellie Morin, BSN RN. March 2016


Nurse Mentors Elle and Sonya recruiting at Fond du Lac Tribal and Community College. June 2016

(l-r): Quinn Parisien (during her externship) and Elle Hoselton visiting during the Faculty tour at the Quentin N. Burdick HIS facility. Summer 2016

Rez-cruitment and RAIN Alum Visits

Each year, RAIN Program Director Deb Wilson and Program Coordinator Barb Anderson and other RAIN staff traverse across Indian Country in seven states, visiting with youth and families at reservations and communities. During these recruiting drives the team also visits RAIN alumni now serving their home communities.
Faculty Tour of Quentin N. Burdick Indian Health Service IHS Summer 2016

RAIN traveled with our Associate Nursing Dean and our Nurse Mentors to the Turtle Mountain reservation to recruit and tour the area. We stopped at the Quentin N Burdick IHS Hospital in Belcourt and the Quentin N Burdick Public Health office in Dunseith, visiting with many RAIN alums now serving their communities.

(l-r): Dr. Adams, Diabetes Educator, and Rhea DeCoteau MS.

Kelly McCloud BSN, RN

Marianne Young Eagle MS, RN

(l-r): Rhea DeCoteau MS, RN and David Azure BSN
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Faculty Tour of Quentin N. Burdick Indian Health Service (IHS)—Summer 2016 (Continued)

(l-r): Brenda Otto MS, RN and Gloria Belgards MS, RN

(l-r): Destiny Grant Blue BSN and Barb Anderson

Shanon Marion MS, RN

(l-r): Michelle Peltier BSN and Gloria Davis, BSN.

Belcourt and Dunseith, North Dakota

CONFERENCE — Spring 2016

RAIN staff are in attendance at the American Indian Higher Education Consortium (AIHEC) 43rd Annual Student conference in Minneapolis, MN. RAIN is sharing a booth with American Indian Student Services (AISS).

(l-r): Keith Malaterre (AISS), Barb Anderson, Elaine Gunville BSN (RAIN Alum), and Deb Wilson. March 2016

(l-r): Elaine Gunville BSN (RAIN alum), Deb Wilson, and Alison Senogles (RAIN alum). March 2016
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