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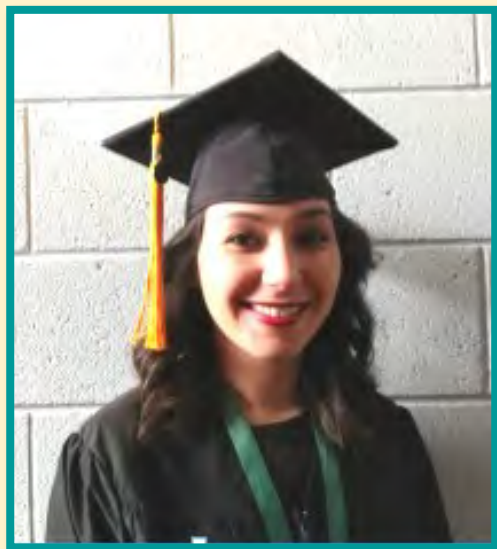
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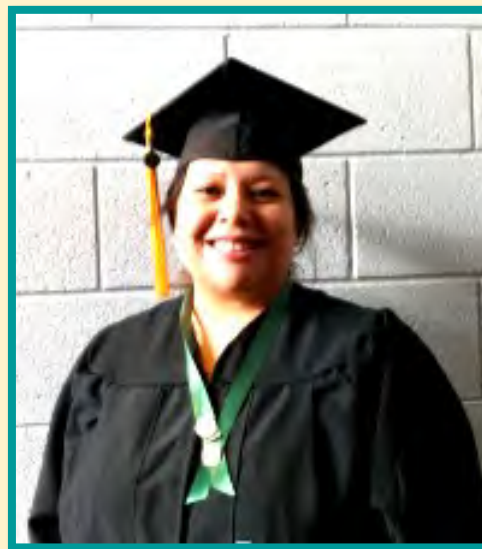
# RAIN Rhythms

**Recruitment & Retention of American Indians Into Nursing | Fall 2016**

## **Celebrating our Fall Graduates Traditional BSN**



Christin Rondeau  
Turtle Mountain Band  
of Chippewa



Mary Leaf  
Spirit Lake Nation



Mamie Bender  
Red Lake Nation

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## Fall 2016 Graduates



Fall 2016 Graduates (Back): Matt Sadlowsky, RAIN tutor. (Front l-r): Mary Leaf BSN, Mamie Bender BSN, and Christin Rondeau BSN



Grads with their decorated graduation caps



## Fall 2016 RAIN Honor Ceremony

The Honor Ceremony highlights our graduates for Fall semester 2016. The Spirit Lake Singers Drum Group provided the honor song for this ceremony, and the traditional meal included buffalo roast, new potatoes, corn, vegetables, wild rice soup, and fry bread along with wojapi.



(l-r): Mary Leaf BSN, Christin Rondeau BSN, and Mamie Bender BSN



Mary Leaf BSN with her RAIN family

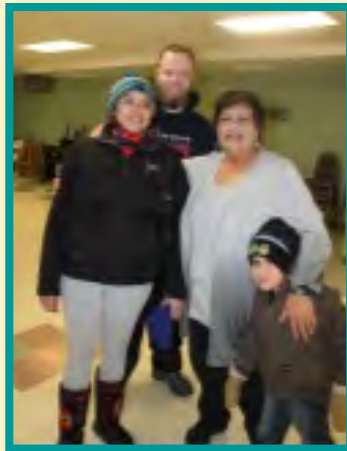


Christin Rondeau BSN and her family



Mamie Bender BSN with her family

## Fall 2016 RAIN HONOR CEREMONY Festivities





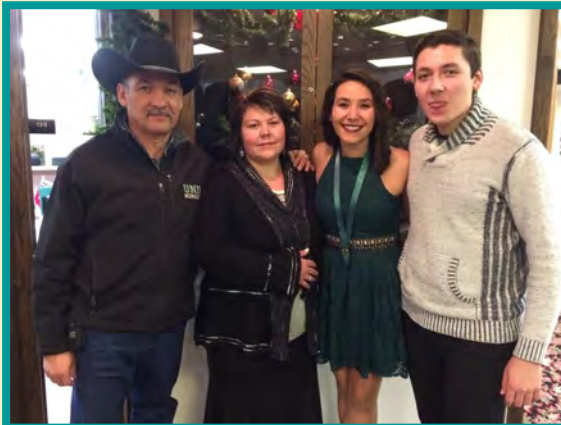
## Fall 2016 Pinning Ceremony



(l-r): Christin  
Rondeau BSN,  
Mamie Bender BSN,  
and Mary Leaf BSN



Mamie Bender BSN and  
family



Christin  
Rondeau BSN  
and family



Mary Leaf  
with Barb  
and Deb

## Spring/Fall 2016 White Coat Ceremony



(l-r): Cheyenne Defender, Claire Brien, Marisol Doporto, Aleesha Azure, Mary Hosie Jeanotte, Domeequo Beston

The white coat in the medical profession signifies that the person wearing the coat is a medical professional. On Thursday, November 19, the College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines cloaked the Nursing class of 2017 with their traditional white coats at the Gold-AACN White Coat Ceremony, thus officially welcoming them into the medical profession. This is the first year that the University of North Dakota has conducted a white coat ceremony to usher in the newest class of nurses. (UND, 2016, <http://nursing.und.edu/news/2015/11/white-coat-ceremony.cfm>)



Dean Roux introducing Dr. Jessica Look Ahmann who was the keynote speaker at the White Coat Ceremony. Dr. Ahmann is a RAIN alum. Fall 2016



## Fall 2016 Welcome Orientation



Pre-nursing Students



Nursing Students



## GERTRUDE E. SKELLY FOUNDATION HONORING

In September 2016, the Skelly Foundation held its annual board meeting at UND. This foundation has helped RAIN assist students with unmet financial needs for over ten years. RAIN honored the Skelly Board Members with a traditional dinner and honor song sung by the Spirit Lake Singers Drum Group, and everyone participated in the friendship dance. The celebration was attended by the RAIN staff and students. We were honored to have these distinguished members visit us.

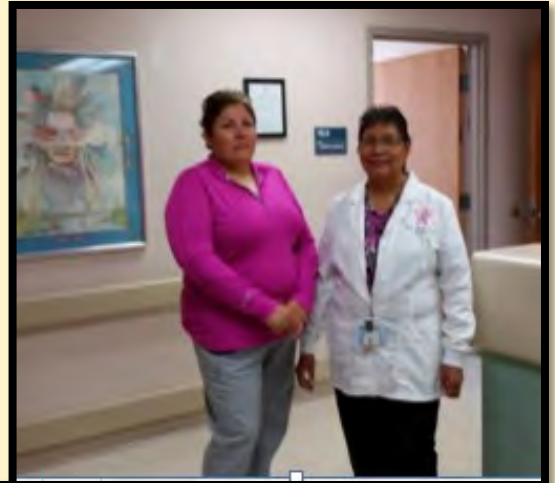


## SKELLY FOUNDATION GRAND TOUR THROUGH INDIAN COUNTRY

Skelly Board Members toured the Quentin N. Burdick IHS in Belcourt, ND.  
And met with the RAIN alum nurses. September 2016



David Azure BSN RN



Lori Goulet BSN RN  
and Mary Ann  
Young Eagle MS RN

Rhea  
DeCoteau  
MS RN



Michelle Peltier BSN RN



## FALL 2016 Rez-cruitment

Each year, RAIN Program 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.

Wyoming Indian High School Career Fair, Riverton, WY. October 2016. RAIN was represented by Sonya Anderson, Elle Hoselton, and Deb Wilson.



**North Dakota**

**South Dakota**

**Minnesota**





## Rez-cruitment



(l-r): Christine Willow BSN RN Fort Washakie Clinic and Deb Wilson at the Arapaho Clinic and met with the Director of Nursing. Fall 2016



UND alums (sisters) from the Wind River Reservation attending the career fair at Wyoming Indian High School. Dawn is one of our RAIN BSN graduates! Fall 2016

(l-r): Dawn Goggles and sister Sunny Goggles



On the way home, we stopped at the Woodrow Wilson Keeble Memorial Health Center in Sisseton, SD on the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Nation to visit with RAIN alums Jancie Dahlen BSN RN, Tracy Cooper BSN RN and with a prospective student.

**North Dakota**

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**Minnesota**

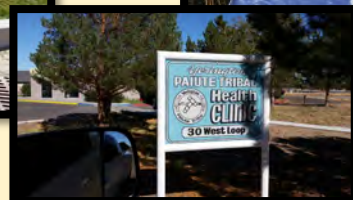
## Fall 2016 Rez-cruitment

### National Indian Education Association Conference (Oct. 2016) Reno, NV

Prior to the National Indian Education (NIEA) Conference in Reno, Nevada, Deb and Barb visited the reservation communities. A very special thank you to Dr. Sharon Malotte, our gracious tour guide.



(l-r): Dr Loren Simpson of the South Lyon Clinic Yerrington, NV, Deb Wilson, and Dr. Sharon Malotte, Mount Grant General Hospital, Hawthorne, NV. Proud to see our INMED docs on the job.





**National Congress of American Indians (NCAI)  
(Oct. 2016) Phoenix, AZ**



Prior to the conference, Deb and Barb visited the Phoenix Indian Medical Center where we have a number of alumni.



Deb Wilson visiting with alum Larry DeMers at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center, Fall 2016



## RAIN ACTIVITIES



Deb Wilson is honored with UND U-Shine award for her dedication to RAIN program and the nursing students. Staff surprised her with flowers and cake. August 24, 2016.

(l-r): Tyler Clauson, Barb Anderson, Deb Wilson, and Pam Henderson



## RAIN ACTIVITIES



Elle Hoselton and Sonya Anderson, RAIN Nurse Mentors were interviewed by Brian Johnson from *UND Today* about the RAIN Program. November 2016. (Photo by Jackie Lorentz, *UND Today*)

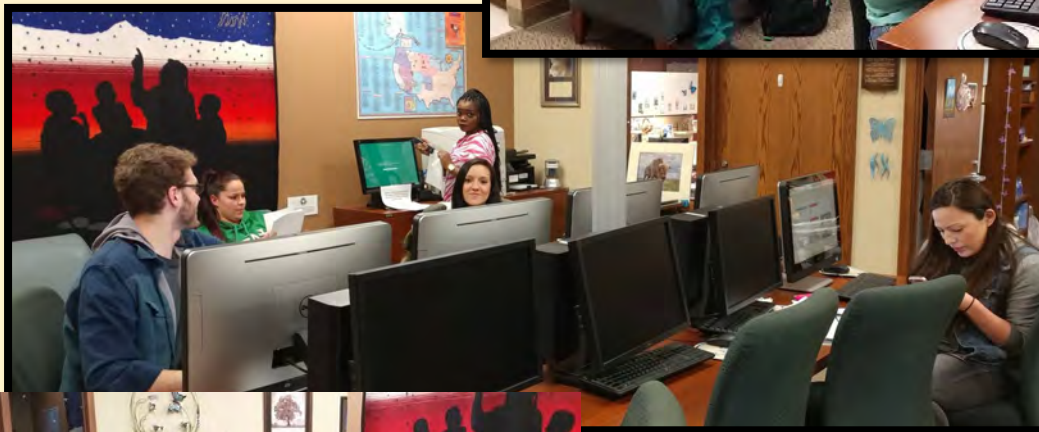
Brian Johnson from *UND Today* (2016) interviewed Elle Hoselton and Sonya Anderson, who are Nurse Mentors for the RAIN Program and who are both alums as well. RAIN provides a family and a home away from home for American Indian students who are training to be nurses through the College of Nursing and Professional Disciplines. This support also includes providing a supportive learning environment, advisement, academic monitoring, and assisting with finding funding resources. After students have graduated, they still consider RAIN a second home. RAIN is a federally funded program that provides support for American Indian nursing students. Deb Wilson, RAIN Director, compares incoming American Indian nursing students to butterfly cocoons. When these students gain confidence, they transform into butterflies, which is the RAIN Program logo. To date, nearly 80% of American Indian registered nurses in North Dakota are RAIN graduates.





## RAIN ACTIVITIES

Students taking advantage of the RAIN area lab.





## RAIN ACTIVITIES



UND President Kennedy visiting with the RAIN staff and the College of Nursing staff and faculty September 2016.



RAIN held their Faculty Involved in RAIN Efforts (FIRE) meeting on Friday, September 16th.



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