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Menominee College Graduates Disrupt Systemic Inequities

KESHENA, Wisc. – College of Menominee Nation (CMN) fall 2022 semester enrollment period ends August 5, with classes beginning on August 14.

CMN graduates, like Jasmine Neosh, know firsthand the value of a tribal college education. With her degree in Public Administration, Jasmine is currently finishing the Pre-Law Summer Institute and is headed to law school this fall semester. She plans to make a positive impact for environmental justice and Indigenous sovereignty when she graduates.

Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCUs) are a path to a better future for many Native American students. According to CMN's President, Christopher Caldwell, it is more important than ever for Native Americans to earn a college degree to develop positive personal identities and reinforce Tribal sovereignty.

"Higher education is a path for Native Americans to disrupt systemic inequities facing Tribal communities," he said. "A college degree provides more job opportunities, higher earning potential, and better employee benefits. Native American graduates also experience higher job satisfaction when they're able to serve their community working in specialized and highly impactful government, enterprise, and not-for-profit professions."

Caldwell says TCUs understand and respond to the unique needs of Native American students.

"TCUs foster a sense of belonging and lifelong relationships among Native American students, instructors, and faculty," he explained. "We offer students broader perspectives that include Indigenous people's historic and ongoing contributions. We are strengthening positive Native identities by incorporating culture and traditional knowledge into our curriculums and programs."

As a Land Grant institution of higher education chartered by the Menominee People, the College of Menominee Nation prepares students for leadership, careers, and advanced studies in a multicultural world.

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