

Critical Inquiry Overview

Critical Inquiry offers Tribal College students the opportunity to explore topics of interest which are relevant to their communities through research, written documentation, and oral presentation. It is a team event that requires development of a concept, research, and the creation of an oral presentation to be judged during the AIHEC Student Conference.

In preparing for this event students must consider one of the following issues in which they feel is very important and affecting their communities.

1. Blood Quantum: Lineage or DNA testing. Which is more effective for Tribal Nations and why?
2. What are the Structural and Institutional obstacles, including Economic, Infrastructure, Psychological, Federal Government, and Social obstacles to development on Indian Reservations? Are these factors external, or internal, or both?

Students should first identify their topic. Next they must take a position on this topic and after they have established a position or thesis statement they should conduct research that will support their ideas and solutions.

It is imperative for students to include within their presentation varying points of view regarding their topic. Don't be afraid of counter viewpoints. Instead, use these viewpoints to illustrate why your position or concept is the best.

Presentations will be judged according to how well the topic was researched, sources used, informative, clearly organized, and the delivery of the presentation.

Rules

1. Each team shall have 2 or 4 members, at least two members of the team must participate in the presentation and all team members must be present at the time of their presentation.
2. Each presentation must be between 20 to 30 minutes. Any presentation that is under 20 minutes or over 30 minutes will be automatically disqualified.
3. Teams can use any type of audiovisual, visual, or other aids to support their presentation. **Each team will be responsible for providing their own equipment. A screen will be provided.**
4. Teams must provide four copies of their presentation in a booklet form for the judges.
6. All members of the team must be a current tribal college student enrolled in at least 6 credit hours and in good academic standing.
7. Team awards for 1st, 2nd and 3rd will be awarded during the student banquet.

Certification by Registrar:

*I _____, do hereby certify and attest that each of the 2007
Critical Inquiry team members are in good academic standings and are enrolled in at least nine (9)
credit hours at our institution.*

Registrar Signature _____ Date _____

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American Indian Higher Education Consortium Conference

MARCH 24-27, 2012, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA

Critical Inquiry Competition

Name of College: _____

Coach/Contact: _____

College Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Topic: _____

Team Members (please print or type):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

Registration must be received by March 2, 2012

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