AMERICAN INDIAN HIGHER EDUCATION CONSORTIUM

Milestones of the AIHEC Vision:
Sovereign nations through excellence in TRIBAL higher education

Pre-Tribal Colleges | **Reclaiming Ownership** | **Visibility of Confidence (Laws, Acts, Policies)** | **Recognition of TCU Return on Investment** | **Growth in TCU Capacity and Global Impact** | **Shift in Generational Leadership**

Pre-1950s

1776:
- ◊ U.S. Constitution gives Congress power to make treaties with Indians Tribes

1778–1884:
- ◊ 400 treaties signed, 120 include education

1870-1900:
- ◊ *Hastinn Ch'il Haajiin* (Chief Manuelito)—*Education is the Ladder, tell our people to take it*
- ◊ *Tȟaťȟáŋka Íyotake* (Chief Sitting Bull)—*Let us put our minds together and see what world we can make for our children*
- ◊ *Alaxchíia Ahú* (Chief Plenty Coups)—*With education, we are the white man's equal; without it, we are his victim*

1880s:
- ◊ "English Only" policy at Federal Indian Schools
- ◊ Off-reservation training & education, including industrial & mission schools, dominate Indian education

1824:
- ◊ BIA established (Indian schools included)

1830:
- ◊ Indian Removal Act

1884:
- ◊ Indian Boarding School established, Lawrence, KS, renamed Haskell Institute in 1887

1890:
- ◊ U.S. Government publishes Indian education policies in *Rules for Indian Schools*

1928:
- ◊ Meriam Report publishes *The Problem of Indian Administration*

1934:
- ◊ Indian Reorganization Act

1944:
- ◊ NCAI founded

1950s

1950s:
- ◊ Relocation Era
- ◊ IRA governments formed

1953:
- ◊ Navajo Tribe establish scholarship fund (23 tribes follow)
- ◊ High water mark for termination

1957:
- ◊ 2,000 American Indians enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities

1959:
- ◊ ASU Center for Indian Education established

1960s

1960s:
- ◊ Relocation continues: Brain drain from reservations to urban areas
- ◊ National Community College movement gains momentum

1961:
- ◊ JFK establishes Task Force on Indian Affairs, led by Stewart Udall

1962:
- ◊ IAIA established as a high school
- ◊ 4,000 American Indians enroll in U.S. colleges and universities

1965:
- ◊ ESEA fails to include BIA schools

1966:
- ◊ Rough Rock Demonstration School
- ◊ ESEA amended to fund BIA

1968:
- ◊ Navajo Community College founded
- ◊ 181 AIs graduate from 4-year colleges

1969:
- ◊ Senate report, *Indian Education National Tragedy/ National Challenge*, published
- ◊ NIEA founded
- ◊ "Indians of All Tribes" seize reapportioned land

1970s

1970:
- ◊ Haskell becomes Haskell Indian Junior College

1971:
- ◊ OLC, SGU, and SIPI (BIA) chartered

1972:
- ◊ TMCC chartered
- ◊ Indian Education Act (Title IV PL 92-318)

1973:
- ◊ AIHEC founded
- ◊ SBC chartered
- ◊ Wounded Knee, SD—71-day standoff between AIM & federal agents
- ◊ U.S. Civil Rights Commission hearings and report, *Navajo Nation: An American Colony*

1974:
- ◊ BCC, CCCC, and NHSC chartered

1975:
- ◊ CDKC and KBOCC chartered
- ◊ First PL 95-638 contract schools, including Rough Rock (Navajo) and Loneman Day School (Pine Ridge)
- ◊ Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act
- ◊ IEA amendments require parent committees, encourage community schools and bilingual curricula

1976:
- ◊ Navajo Community College is first TCU to be fully accredited

1977:
- ◊ SKC chartered
- ◊ BIA testifies in Senate opposing TCU funding authorization

1978:
- ◊ FPCC chartered
- ◊ ESEA/Bilingual Education Act amended to include Limited English Proficient Indian students
- ◊ Indian Child Welfare Act
- ◊ Tribally Controlled Community College Assistance Act (PL 95-471)

1979:
- ◊ SWC, NICC, and NTU chartered
- ◊ SGU is first TCU to achieve bachelor's accreditation

1980s

1980s:
- ◊ TCUs launch athletic programs/AIHEC basketball tournament begins

1980:
- ◊ LBHC chartered

1981:
- ◊ TCCCA Act reauthorized
- ◊ First AIHEC Student Conference

1982:
- ◊ LCOOCC chartered

1983:
- ◊ NWIC chartered

1984:
- ◊ ANC, BMCC, and SCC chartered

1986:
- ◊ IAIA Congressionally chartered
- ◊ AIHEC Student Congress established

1987:
- ◊ FDLTCC and RLNC chartered
- ◊ First Carnegie Report on Tribal Colleges and Universities

1988:
- ◊ AIHEC establishes American Indian College Fund
- ◊ Indian Gaming Regulatory Act

1989:
- ◊ AIHEC establishes Tribal College Journal
- ◊ Tribally Controlled Post-secondary Vocational-Technical Institutions Act (NTU, UTTC)
- ◊ SGU is first TCU to achieve master's accreditation

1990s

1990s:
- ◊ Self Governance Era

1990:
- ◊ LLTC chartered
- ◊ Native American Language Act

1992:
- ◊ First White House Conference on Indian Education
- ◊ AIHEC Telecommunications Project (satellite)

1993:
- ◊ CMN chartered
- ◊ Haskell renamed Haskell Indian Nations University

1994:
- ◊ Equity in Educational Land-grant Status Act (29 TCUs)
- ◊ Congress ends TCU/Tribal Adult Basic Ed program
- ◊ AIHEC HQ building purchased in Alexandria, VA

1995:
- ◊ W.K. Kellogg launches NAHEI for TCUs

1996:
- ◊ Ilisagvik College and LPTC chartered
- ◊ First EO on TCUs signed and WHITCU established (William J. Clinton)

1997:
- ◊ WETCC and WRTC chartered
- ◊ Second Carnegie Report on TCUs published

1998:
- ◊ SCTC and TOCC chartered
- ◊ HEA Reauthorization: TCCCA Act renamed "TCCUA Act" and separate TCU Title III program established
- ◊ First TCU (Diné College) visited by U.S. president
- ◊ First AIHEC-USDA MOU signed
- ◊ WKKF helps fund TCU Log Cabin project—test site built at SGU
- ◊ LPTC gains land-grant status
- ◊ TCU Land-grant Research Program authorized

1999:
- ◊ AIHEC-HACU-NAFEO establish Alliance for Equity in Higher Education
- ◊ TCU Technology Initiative launched
- ◊ Lilly Endowment provides $30M for Log Cabin project
- ◊ WINHEC established by AIHEC, and Maori, First Nations, and Saami IHEs

2000s

2000s:
- ◊ Era of increased federal higher education accountability begins

2000:
- ◊ WHITCU-AIHEC Technology Prosperity Game (TCUs have dial-up Internet access and few computers)
- ◊ NSF-TCUP launched at $10M/year
- ◊ AI/AN Teacher Corps and TCU-Head Start Partnership funded
- ◊ TCU Facilities Initiative: USDA-RD, HUD, ED, and Lilly Foundation

2001:
- ◊ No Child Left Behind Act
- ◊ First meeting of USDA-AIHEC Leadership Group

2002
- ◊ CNC chartered
- ◊ Second Executive Order on TCUs signed (George W. Bush)
- ◊ WETCC gains land-grant status

2003:
- ◊ AIHEC Athletic Commission established
- ◊ Kellogg Alliance Leadership Initiative launched

2004:
- ◊ CtMN chartered
- ◊ Lumina Foundation funds AIHEC AIMS data collection initiative
- ◊ SCTC and TOCC gain land-grant status
- ◊ FALCON established (land-grant faculty)

2005s:
- ◊ Second generation TCU students begin to enroll
- ◊ Digitally connected era for TCU students (smartphones, Facebook)

2005:
- ◊ AIHEC establishes Abourezk-Skeen Award honoring Congressional champions of TCU Movement, first awards to U.S. Senators Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND) and Conrad Burns (R-MT)
- ◊ AIHEC-TCUs advance healthy communities with "National Check-up Day"
- ◊ TOCC gains land-grant status
- ◊ Ilisagvik College named Alaska's first TCU

2005-2006:
- ◊ DQ University and Si Tanka-Huron University close

2007:
- ◊ UN adopts Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

2008:
- ◊ AIHEC re-launches annual Student Leadership Institute
- ◊ Ilisagvik College gains land-grant status
- ◊ $60M in TCU Title III mandatory funding (2-yrs CCRAA)
- ◊ TCU HEA-Title III program formula funded

2009:
- ◊ AIHEC publishes *Indigenous Evaluation Framework*
- ◊ FPCC and MSU-Bozeman achieve WINHEC accreditation
- ◊ More than 40 tribes in California launch effort to establish CA Tribal College

2010s

2010:
- ◊ Forward Funding secured for TCU Act colleges
- ◊ $300M additional mandatory funding in TCU Title III (SAFRA for 10 yrs)
- ◊ Sequestration impacts all federal programs
- ◊ LLTC ranked 7th nationally in *Washington Monthly's* annual America's Best Community Colleges list
- ◊ First National TCU Rocketry Competition
- ◊ HINU achieves WINHEC accreditation

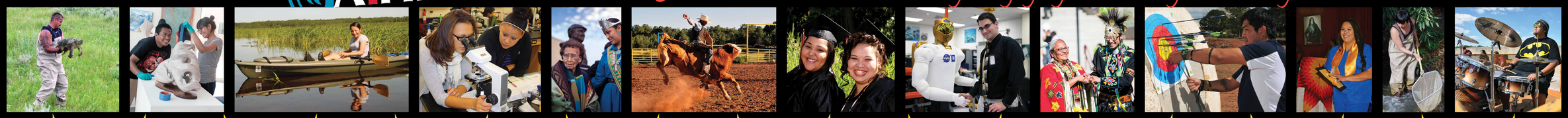
2011:
- ◊ First TCU graduate awarded prestigious NSF Research Fellowship Award: Dereck Stonefish, SBC
- ◊ President Obama signs EO for all AI/AN education, eliminating separate TCU EO and ending WHITCU (separate HBCU EO maintained)

2012:
- ◊ AIHEC annual Student Conference grows to 1,100 participants (Rapid City, SD)
- ◊ AIHEC hosts first annual CAO meeting
- ◊ Pell doubles to $33B

2013:
- ◊ AIHEC celebrates 40th anniversary
- ◊ AIHEC convenes first Capitol Hill-TCU Student Leaders Advocacy Forum
- ◊ Federal government shut down impacts TCUs
- ◊ IAIA launches first graduate program (MFA)
- ◊ AIHEC awarded NARCH/Behavioral Health Research grant (5 yrs)

2014:
- ◊ Navajo Nation mandates agencies to use NTU/DC for research/data services
- ◊ FDLTCC grandfathered into AIHEC regular membership
- ◊ SBC accredited to offer first TCU STEM master's degree (Environmental Science)
- ◊ KBOCC and CtMN gain land-grant status
- ◊ IAIA graduates 16 Master of Fine Arts students
- ◊ Federal investment in TCUs operating funds increases 17% since 2007, state investment in state IHEs drop 26%

2015:
- ◊ Lionel Bordeaux is longest serving sitting president of a public IHE (1972–)
- ◊ SKC students (with NASA) launch satellite into earth's orbit
- ◊ TCUs participate in First World Indigenous Peoples Games (Palmas, Brazil)

2016:
- ◊ AIHEC reports: 37 TCUs operating more than 75 sites throughout Indian Country in 16 states, serving more than 160,000 AIs/ANs each year through community and academic programs

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