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AMERICAN INDIAN BUSINESS LEADERS



We are committed to supporting and promoting our future American Indian business leaders who will use their education and experience to ultimately assist in improving tribal economic environments.

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The American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL) is proud to announce the first successful internship placement with Nike, Inc. In June 2004, Vina Little Owl was selected to fill the first AIBL/Nike Internship. She was placed at Nike Headquarters in Beaverton, Oregon, and worked with the Nike Sport Research Lab, Nike PLAY design, development, and marketing teams to furnish the Nike PLAY re-launch project.

Vina Little Owl is a member of the WhiteClay Nation a part of the BlackLodge Clan of the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation in Montana. She carries the spiritual name Ah-Nat-Dath, which translates to, "Where the Breeze Comes From". Vina is a senior at the University of Montana, studying Business Administration with an emphasis in Information Systems.

We are very proud of Vina and her accomplishments. We look forward to our continued partnership with Nike, Inc. allowing us to provide opportunities for our members to increase their skills, work experience, and fulfill their dreams.



11th Annual AIBL Leadership Conference April 7-9, 2005 Seattle, Washington

AIBL's National Conference is the hottest place to be for Indian students and professionals to access business information and expertise. Each year AIBL's Conference offers a selection of activities designed to stimulate, enhance, and expand our participants' educational experience beyond what is taught through traditional academic methods, to address contemporary business issues impacting Indian Country.

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American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL) is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization designed to support the educational, social, and leadership development efforts of American Indians, while maintaining and incorporating cultural values. AIBL is the only American Indian non-profit organization dedicated to empowering business students in the United States. AIBL critically needs your generous giving to sustain the important work we've begun. When you contribute to AIBL, you invest in the future. To explore partnership opportunities with our program, please contact us at (406) 243-4879.

Thirteen Reservation Youth visited the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland

The American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL) Program and Reach For Tomorrow (RFT) Program partnered to provide early intervention and prevention services through a mentoring relationship to American Indian youth in grades 8 through 12 that are at risk of poor academic performance, absenteeism, and drop out. Eight students from the Flathead Reservation and five students from the Crow Nation were selected to participate in this pilot project to attend a week long camp at the US Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland, from August 30th to September 3rd, 2004.

The student's were exposed to academic labs, higher-level professionals and educators, and the opportunity for hands on experiences. This included such activities as piloting small aircraft, commanding a Coast Guard or U. S. Customs ship, and participating in oceanography labs. Students also had the opportunity to work with computers, artificial intelligence simulators, and manipulate genetic material.



We would like to thank the parents and grandparents of the students for trusting us to take their child across the country. We are very proud of the students they represented the Flathead and Crow Nations with honor and respect. AIBL currently serves twelve high school chapters; we are currently pursuing funding to allow more of these chapters to benefit from this program.