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AIBL STAFF RECONIZED FOR AMERICAN INDIAN FELLOWSHIP IN BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIPS



Missoula, MT (October 1, 2008) -- Shivon White (Assinboine, Sioux, Nez Perce), AIBL Program Manger will be the first generation graduate at the University of Montana (UM). She is a rising senior who is working toward a bachelor's degree in marketing and minor in Psychology.

In honor of Shivon White's contributions to Native communities and her excellence in academics she has been awarded with the 2008 American Indian Fellowship in Business Scholarship provided by Raytheon and the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development. This fellowship is awarded annually to five American Indian college or graduate students majoring in business for their community involvement, ability to overcome challenges, and their experience in the business field.

During the 2007-2008 academic years, Shivon was chosen from 1700 of her peers as one of the first annual "Students Taking an Active Role in their Success" (STARS) at the School of Business Administration (SoBA). In addition to her academic success, she completed the 2008 Harvard Business School Summer Venture in Management program. While attending, Shivon was interviewed by and published in the Harvard university Gazette. Her experience there has solidified her desire to attend Harvard Business School.

Shivon's work with the American Indian Business Leaders (AIBL), which promotes the education of future American Indian business leaders, provided her with the opportunity to contribute the creation of AIBL's Youth Initiative Program. This program transforms the lives of students by improving the socioeconomic outcomes of low-income American Indian students. The proposal secured funding through National and Regional Foundations. She now serves as the AIBL Program Manager, ensuring access to business education, work experience, and professional networks for American Indian Students.

For the spring 2007 semester, Shivon created a for credit community outreach internship through SoBA on the UM Debate Team. The goal is to educate the community about social and political events, increase the debate team's visibility, and encourage college students to participate in this leadership development opportunity. The UM Debate Team's community outreach events have doubled in two years. In 2008, recruiting efforts expanded into regional high schools. To continue to employ the UM Debate Team as a vehicle for community empowerment, Shivon was elected by her team members to serve as the President. She was appointed by her coaches to serve as the Captain for 2008-2009 academic school year.

Upon completion of Shivon's undergraduate work, she will pursue a joint degree program fro a Master's in Business Administration (MBA) with a Jurist Doctorate (JD) or a Master's in Public

Policy (MPP). With these professional degrees, she will go on to support and build organizations that empower American Indian students through higher education.

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