

The Enduring Role of Tribal Colleges and Universities

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Benefits Resulting from Higher Education in General and from TCU on Reservations

	BENEFITS	
Social Arena	Economic	Community and Family
Reservation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workforce and skill development • Greater opportunity for leadership and small business • Economic growth and development • Employment for graduates on reservation • Agriculture and land development 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mitigation of social problems • Centers for preservation of culture, language, and traditions • Provision of further educational opportunities • Technology transfer • Community programs
Private	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Higher salaries and benefits • Employment • Higher savings levels • Improved working conditions • Personal/professional mobility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improved health/life expectancy • Improved quality of life for offspring • Better consumer decision-making • Increased personal status • More hobbies and leisure activities
Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased tax revenues • Greater productivity • Increased consumption • Increased workforce flexibility • Decreased reliance on government financial support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced crime rates • Increased charitable giving/community service • Increased quality of civic life • Social cohesion/appreciation of diversity • Improved ability to adapt and use technology

Interview Questions for American Indian and Alaska Native Students

- **Tell me about your experience as a student in higher education.**
- **How did you choose the higher education institution(s) you attend(ed)?**
- **What factors contributed to your success in higher education?**
- **What challenges did you face as a student in higher education?**
- **How did you adapt to meet these challenges?**
- **What advice would you give to American Indian and Alaska Native individuals interested in obtaining a higher education degree?**
- **What would your life be like without having gone to college or getting a degree?**
- **Please describe what you feel are the benefits of going to college and earning a degree.**
- **Please describe what it means to be successful in higher education.**

Important Factors in the Success of Tribal Colleges and Universities

- **Strengthening identity by learning close to home**
- **Welcoming, encouraging environment**
- **Personal growth, self-development and self-esteem**
- **Commitment to the family**
- **Pride in tribal community**