

Tate Topa Newsletter



Sisseton Wahpeton College

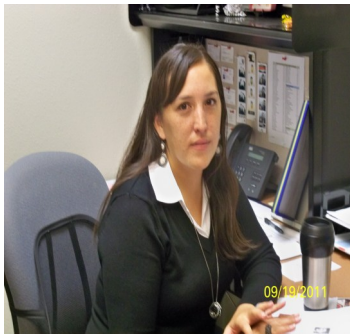


The SWC Alumni Newsletter: SWC news for Alumni and Friends of the College since 2001.

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Meet the Faculty and Staff



Hey what's up?
Classes are back in session and
everything's going good.
There's a *Whole Lotta Love* goin' on
around here.
This time around, we're going to hear
from Heather Larsen, our Student Support
Services Retention Specialist.

Hello, my name is Heather Larsen and I am enrolled member of the Buffalo Lake District of the Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate. I have a seven year old son named Dylan who attends second grade at Westside Elementary. I love spending my free time with my family and friends. I also enjoy reading and attending powwows.

I graduated from the Sisseton Wahpeton College in 2006 with an A.A. in General Studies. I then transferred on to the University of Minnesota, Morris and earned my Bachelor's Degree in the Liberal Arts of Human Services and American Indian Studies. I began working at SWC in August of 2010 in the TRiO Student Support Services Department as the Retention Specialist. I really enjoy being back on campus in a different capacity and I love working in this positive learning environment in my own community. As a student at SWC I had always hoped I would someday become a part of the staff and/or faculty after I received my B.A. degree from UMM. It is bittersweet to be able to assist the students who are, in many cases, facing the same situations I had faced here. It is also very fulfilling to watch these SWC students succeed and reach their educational goals.

I am planning to continue my education by pursuing a Masters of Art degree at South Dakota State University in the near future. While growing up I always knew I wanted to help my people in ways that would contribute to the Oyate as a whole. I feel I have found my place by working in TRiO where I have the opportunity to work for the SWC students. I am a strong believer in Higher Education as a necessity for our tribal members and our Tribe's future existence.

“What’s Been Going On?”



SWC would like to welcome back Dr. Elden Lawrence, who has been hired on as our Interim President. Dr. Lawrence has been brought in by our Board of Trustees based on his Previous experience as our college President.



Construction on our new library began on August 22, 2011 with a 270 day timeframe, which means it should be done in May and open in June, 2012.

The new library will be a one-story, 4,600 square foot building with geo-thermal heating and solar panels, keeping in with our “green” movement. The current library area will be where our bookstore will be moved to.

Writer's KoRn*er

With this next installment of *Writer's KoRn*er* we're going to go with a little piece from Elliot Hamilton.



Creature

A common creature of flesh and bone.
Yet clever enough to build a jungle of iron and stone.
Now bright and early around 6am we scale their mountains to see the skyline
bend.

Such beautiful creatures, so small and kind
Yet they feel the need for hatred, and crime.
So where, oh where do we draw the line?
Now please take control, take a stand, and take note for the canyons of man.

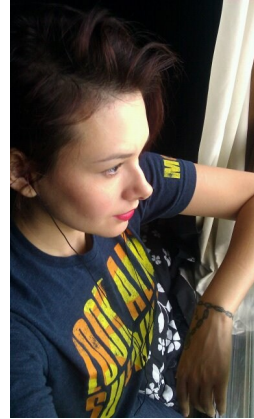
My name is Elliot M. Hamilton I wrote this peace when I got to visit Chicago over the summer, and to see the things we as a people can achieve moved me.

I knew that we are as creatures able to do horrific things, but through our minds we have the power to be so much more.

Thank you.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

This Fall we're shining our
big, bright
Student
Spotlight on
Jessica Redthunder.



My name is Jessica Redthunder and I am currently a student here at Sisseton Wahpeton College. I am majoring in General Studies and am a little unsure what my future plans are at the moment. I am a mother of two beautiful monsters named Violet and Gage who are my two little best friends in the world.

My current hobbies include acting, singing, writing, Astrology, and hanging out with my friends.

My favorite tv shows are True Blood and Boardwalk Empire and someday I aspire to be an actress.

The Tate Topa would like to thank Jessica for taking the time to tell us a little bit about herself. We really do appreciate it.

Thanks again and good luck and best wishes on your future!



SWC is on Facebook!

Our brilliant and gifted Development Associate here at SWC has created a page on Facebook for ALL of our alumni to check out and join (become fans of).

So if you're already a member of Facebook, or if you've been thinking about joining, check our page out, join, and leave us a message. Let us know what you think.

We'd like to hear your thoughts on re-starting the SWC Alumni Association. Would that be something you might be interested in?

Sound off and let us know.

Our Facebook page is listed as:

Sisseton Wahpeton College (SWC) Alumni Association

It's a good way to stay in touch, not just with SWC, but with each other!

Contribute to SWC Programs and Events!!

Would you consider making a donation to the College?

Just fill in the blanks and send this paper with your check to:

SWC Development Office
PO Box 689
Agency Village, SD 57262

Your name: _____

I would like my donation to go toward:

- _____ **General Funds**
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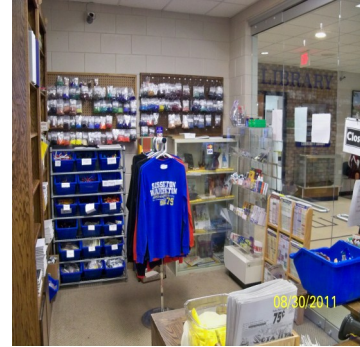
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SWC Bookstore & Gift Shop

Welcome to the Sisseton
Wahpeton College Bookstore and
Gift shop.

Our bookstore not only has every
text needed to pass your classes,
but we also have all of the
accessories needed to help you
make the grade!

We also have a wide variety of
official SWC merchandise and
goods. Everything from jackets,
pullovers, sweaters, and t-shirts.
Whatever it is, you'll find it!



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