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NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL CENTER

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NAECC Special Announcement

Update from the Native American Educational and Cultural Center:

Based on safety concerns related to COVID-19, we are following directives and updates from President Daniels and Provost Akridge. Across the university, Purdue classes will [continue to operate remotely through the end of the semester](#), students residing in campus housing are [encouraged to move out by March 30, 2020](#), and traditional in-person [spring commencements are canceled](#).

This impacts the NAECC's daily operations and we have decided to temporarily modify our services:

- The Center is closed to visitors through the end of spring break, Friday, March 20th. We will provide updated information on Monday, March 23rd concerning our delivery of services for the remainder of the spring semester.
- All NAECC cultural events and programs, campus tour requests, and building reservations have been suspended for the remainder of the spring semester.
- NAECC is available to serve the campus community with staff members working remotely until further notice.
- The annual "NAECC Graduation Celebration" scheduled for May is canceled, but we are working on other options to honor our graduating students.

Information is important, and we are available to connect with you. If you need to reach us, the NAECC staff is available by phone, by email, and we are open to video conference meetings. After spring break, we will continue with our weekly NAECC e-newsletters, and we will continue to provide updated information through the NAECC website and social media outlets. Follow us on [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#), and [Facebook](#). I would encourage you to stay informed by visiting the university's website, [Things you need to know about COVID-19](#).

In closing for students, your physical and mental health are important to us. This is a highly stressful time, and I want you to know that you are not alone. If you need any help or need to talk, please reach out. I can be reached directly by email at felica@purdue.edu or you can call at 765-494-4539 (calls are forwarded). Lastly, we have an amazing NAECC support team who are ready and willing to assist you as well; feel free to reach out to Kevin Gibson (kgibson@purdue.edu), Ken Ridgway (ridge@purdue.edu), Kerry Rabenold (rabenold@purdue.edu), Pat Zollner (pzollner@purdue.edu), Stephanie Zywicki (szywicki@purdue.edu) and Deb Swihart (dswihart@purdue.edu). Stay safe!

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