

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Joy D. Voltz, OTD, OTR/L
Creighton University School of Pharmacy and Health Professions
Office of Interprofessional Scholarship, Service and Education
P: 402-280-5258
E: joyvoltz@creighton.edu

SPAHP STUDENTS MAKE DIFFERENCE AT 10th NATIVE AMERICAN RETREAT

Omaha, Nebraska (April 1, 2006) --- On March 30, 2006 75 Native American high school students from across the United States including Nebraska, South Dakota, and Wyoming arrived on the Creighton Campus to attend the 10th Annual Native American Retreat. The theme, "Developing a Decade of Native Thinkers," came with a packed schedule in which the students participate in a variety of college and cultural activities. The retreat concluded with the 2nd Annual All Nations Powwow on Saturday April 1st.

Students from across the School of Pharmacy and Health Professions served at both the retreat and powwow helping to make both events a success. As part of the Native American Special Interest Group, pharmacy student Christina Trachte helped with the check-in for the retreat. Physical therapy students Molly Cooper and Amanda Klipsch along with pharmacy students Rebekah Tucker and Kelly Tatay volunteered to assist with physical activity at the retreat and got to participate in the traditional Round Dance. For the career tracks, the SPAHP assisted 16 Native American youth in learning about nursing, pharmacy, physical therapy and occupational therapy as an interprofessional outreach of OISSE. The students participated in hands-on activities and got to ask the following students about their professions: Ross Holsing (PT), Diana Betsworth (PT), Heather Allen (PT), Brenda Hansen (OT), Mikala Habrock (OT), Rosette Stabler (OT), Tim Youngerman (Nursing), Jessica Dean (Nursing), Rachel Jenkins (pharmacy), Morgan Sperry (pharmacy), and Erika Zender-Weber (pharmacy).

On Saturday April 1st, the 2nd Annual All Nations Powwow included dancers from local Tribes with two grand entries, held at the Kiewit Fitness Center. Eric Chipman (PT), Molly Cooper (PT), and Christina Trachte (pharmacy) all participated as volunteers.

The retreat is an annual event at Creighton co-organized by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and Undergraduate Admissions. Each year, the SPAHP participates in the career tracks and this year participated widely in the events. For more on the Native American Retreat, visit <http://www.creighton.edu/NARetreat/>. For more on interprofessional community engagement in the SPAHP visit <http://oisse.creighton.edu>.



Photos: (above, left): Pharmacy professor Dr. Ann Ryan-Haddad guides pharmacy students in talking about pharmacy practice.
(above, right): DPT students Ross Holsin, Heather Allen, and Diana Betsworth engage retreat participants in using a Hoyer Lift.