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FPCC Staff Member Receives Prestigious Indigenous Visionaries Fellowship - Heather Burshia

POPLAR, MONTANA –October 30 , 2023, The Indigenous Visionaries: Women’s Leadership Program (Indigenous Visionaries) at the American Indian College Fund (College Fund) supports the empowerment and success of Native women faculty and staff at tribal colleges and universities (TCUs) through a ten-month fellowship. Participating fellows receive a \$4,000 stipend and place-based and experiential professional and personal development through guided training and cultural learning from College Fund staff and a broad network of Native women leaders.

This program seeks to address and dismantle systemic barriers facing Native women by providing the tools, opportunities, and a network to support and strengthen the growth of our fellows, in turn strengthening families, TCUs, and tribal communities. This program is designed to elevate and increase the visibility of Native women by offering strategic opportunities that illuminate a path towards personal, educational, and professional advancement.

Heather Burshia (Fort Peck Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes) is Project Director for a Native youth community project grant at Fort Peck Community College. She hopes that the grant will positively impact the lives of students on the reservation over the next five years. Professionally, Heather would like to earn a master’s degree in public health and become a certified health educator.

The Power of Connection, Culture, and Community.

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