INVEST IN STRENGTHENING TRIBAL COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Oklahoma's Tribal College:



College of the Muscogee Nation

The Congressional Investment in the ED-Strengthening TCUs Program will be cut in *half* beginning in FY2020. Action is needed now to:

- Permanently Authorize and Fund Part F
- Support equitable funding for Part A

The Strengthening Institutions program (HEA Title III, Parts A and F) provides essential formula based aid to TCUs. Together, Parts A and F help provide TCUs the resources to help tribes and rural communities build a skilled Native workforce, support underserved students through wraparound services, modernize fiscal management systems, and build safer 21st century campuses.

Without Congressional action, this vital program will expire this year resulting in catastrophic losses to TCUs, their communities, and their states.

Your Investment is Paying Off:

- Renovation: Remodeled student housing building, added offices, remodeled maintenance area into student learning facility
- Infrastructure: Computers, SmartBoard, Wi-Fi in student housing
- Campus Safety: Security cameras, sprinkler system, badging system, bursar security window added
- Computer Labs: Added labs to Turtle Lodge (Lucv En Puknvkv) the Learning Center, which promotes student academic study for success

The Title III Investment in Oklahoma

Over the past 6 years, **\$7.1 million** has come into Oklahoma through the TCU Title III program. If Title III Part F ends, the state will lose more than **\$600,000 per year!**

	Title III, Part A	Title III, Part F
2010		
2011		
2012		
2013	\$524,010	\$635,038
2014	\$500,000	\$550,237
2015	\$508,835	\$561,474
2016	\$598,276	\$607,428
2017	\$625,518	\$634,374
2018	\$737,856	\$645,933
TOTAL:	\$3,494,495	\$3,634,484



Investing in Students & Their Future

Dakota Kahbeah, an enrolled member of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, earned an associate degree from the College of the Muscogee Nation (CtMN) in 2018 in Tribal services. While attending CtMN, Dakota interned at the Muscogee (Creek) Nation Physical Rehabilitation Center in Okmulgee, OK and was selected as the American Indian College Fund Student of the Year by CtMN faculty. He is currently enrolled at Fort Lewis College in Durango, CO, and will graduate in December 2020 with a bachelor's degree in exercise physiology. After graduation, he plans to become a physical therapist and work with Muscogee people and the community to address their health needs. Title III funding for Tribal Colleges and Universities offered Dakota a supportive academic environment that is vital to student success.