## Pre-Tribal Colleges

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<td>◦ Thatháŋka iyotake (Chief Sitting Bull)— *Let us put our minds together</td>
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<td>and see what world we can make for our children</td>
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<td>◦ Alaxchiia Ahú (Chief Plenty Coups)— *With education, we are the</td>
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<td>white man’s equal; without it, we are his victim</td>
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<td>◦ “English Only” policy at Federal Indian Schools</td>
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<td><strong>1928:</strong> Meriam Report publishes <em>The Problem of Indian Administration</em></td>
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- Relocation Era
- IRA governments formed

### 1953

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- High water mark for termination

### 1957

- 2,000 American Indians enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities

### 1959

- ASU Center for Indian Education established
1960s:
- Relocation continues: Brain drain from reservations to urban areas
- National Community College movement gains momentum

1961:
- JFK establishes Task Force on Indian Affairs, led by Stewart Udall

1962:
- IAIA established as a high school
- 4,000 American Indians enroll in U.S. colleges and universities

1965:
- ESEA fails to include BIA schools

1966:
- Rough Rock Demonstration School
- ESEA amended to fund BIA

1968:
- Navajo Community College founded
- 181 AIs graduate from 4-year colleges

1969:
- Senate report, *Indian Education National Tragedy/National Challenge*, published
- NIEA founded
- “Indians of All Tribes” seize reapportioned land
### Visibility of Confidence (Laws, Acts, Policies)

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<td><strong>1971:</strong></td>
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<td>◇ OLC, SGU, and SIPI (BIA) chartered</td>
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<td><strong>1972:</strong></td>
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<td>◇ TMCC chartered</td>
<td>◇ TCCCA Act reauthorized</td>
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<td>◇ Indian Education Act (Title IV PL 92-318)</td>
<td>◇ First AIHEC Student Conference</td>
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<td><strong>1973:</strong></td>
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<td>◇ AIHEC founded</td>
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<td>◇ Wounded Knee, SD—71-day standoff between AIM &amp; federal agents</td>
<td>◇ ANC, BMCC, and SCC chartered</td>
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<td>◇ U.S. Civil Rights Commission hearings and report, <em>Navajo Nation: An American Colony</em></td>
<td>◇ IAIA Congressionally chartered</td>
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<td><strong>1974:</strong></td>
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<td>◇ BCC, CCCC, and NHSC chartered</td>
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<td>◇ Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act</td>
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<td>◇ IEA amendments require parent committees, encourage community schools and bilingual curricula</td>
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<td>AIHEC Telecommunications Project (satellite)</td>
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<td>Haskell renamed Haskell Indian Nations University</td>
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<td>Congress ends TCU/Tribal Adult Basic Ed program</td>
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<td>AIHEC HQ building purchased in Alexandria, VA</td>
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<td>1995:</td>
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<td>Ilisagvik College and LPTC chartered</td>
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<td>First EO on TCUs signed and WHITCU established (William J. Clinton)</td>
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Growth in TCU Capacity and Global Impact

2000s:

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- Era of increased federal higher education accountability begins

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- WHITCU-AIHEC Technology Prosperity Game (TCUs have dial-up Internet access and few computers)
- NSF-TCUP launched at $10M/year
- AI/AN Teacher Corps and TCU-Head Start Start Partnership funded
- TCU Facilities Initiative: USDA-RD, HUD, ED, and Lilly Foundation

2001:
- No Child Left Behind Act
- First meeting of USDA-AIHEC Leadership Group

2002:
- CNC chartered
- Second Executive Order on TCUs signed (George W. Bush)
- WETCC gains land-grant status

2003:
- AIHEC Athletic Commission established
- Kellogg Alliance Leadership Initiative launched

2004:
- CtMN chartered
- Lumina Foundation funds AIHEC AIMS data collection initiative
- SCTC and TOCC gain land-grant status
- FALCON established (land-grant faculty)

2005s:
- Second generation TCU students begin to enroll
- Digitally connected era for TCU students (smartphones, Facebook)

2005:
- AIHEC establishes Abourezk-Skeen Award honoring Congressional champions of TCU Movement, first awards to U.S. Senators Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND) and Conrad Burns (R-MT)
- AIHEC-TCUs advance healthy communities with "National Check-up Day"
- TOCC gains land-grant status
- Ilisagvik College named Alaska’s first TCU

2005-2006:
- DQ University and Si Tanka-Huron University close

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2021:
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2024:
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2039:
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2041:
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2042:
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### Shift in Generational Leadership

#### 2010s

**2010:**
- Forward Funding secured for TCU Act colleges
- $300M additional mandatory funding in TCU Title III (SAFRA for 10 yrs)
- Sequestration impacts all federal programs
- LLTC ranked 7th nationally in *Washington Monthly’s* annual America’s Best Community Colleges list
- First National TCU Rocketry Competition
- HINU achieves WINHEC accreditation

**2011:**
- First TCU graduate awarded prestigious NSF Research Fellowship Award: Dereck Stonefish, SBC
- President Obama signs EO for all AI/AN education, eliminating separate TCU EO and ending WHITCU (separate HBCU EO maintained)

**2012:**
- AIHEC annual Student Conference grows to 1,100 participants (Rapid City, SD)
- AIHEC hosts first annual CAO meeting
- Pell doubles to $33B

**2013:**
- AIHEC celebrates 40th anniversary
- AIHEC convenes first Capitol Hill-TCU Student Leaders Advocacy Forum
- Federal government shut down impacts TCUs
- IAIA launches first graduate program (MFA)
- AIHEC awarded NARCH/Behavioral Health Research grant (5 yrs)

**2014:**
- Navajo Nation mandates agencies to use NTU/DC for research/data services
- FDLTCC grandfathered into AIHEC regular membership
- SBC accredited to offer first TCU STEM master’s degree (Environmental Science)
- KBOCC and CtMN gain land-grant status
- IAIA graduates 16 Master of Fine Arts students
- Federal investment in TCUs operating funds increases 17% since 2007, state investment in state IHEs drop 26%

**2015:**
- Lionel Bordeaux is longest serving sitting president of a public IHE (1972–)
- SKC students (with NASA) launch satellite into earth’s orbit
- TCUs participate in First World Indigenous Peoples Games (Palmas, Brazil)

**2016:**
- AIHEC reports: 37 TCUs operating more than 75 sites throughout Indian Country in 16 states, serving more than 160,000 AIs/ANs each year through community and academic programs