Student Organizations

- **ASUW American Indian Student Commission (AISC)**

The AISC is a University of Washington Inter-Tribal organization which exists to promote Native culture, education and Native students' interests, needs and welfare. AISC supplements and complements the formal education of Native students at the University. We encourage the expression of Native students' opinions and interests to the University of Washington and the community at large on issues affecting Native American student life and culture. We also promote non-discriminatory actions in all forms and forums. We provide a physically supportive environment to achieve these objectives. Our members are students of a Native American heritage and non-Native Americans who believe in, are interested in, and willing to promote the purposes of the commission. (asuwaisc@uw.edu)

- **American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES)**

The American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES) is a national, nonprofit organization focused on substantially increasing the representation of American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, First Nations and other indigenous peoples of North America in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) studies and careers. (aises@uw.edu)

- **First Nations @ UW**

First nations is an undergraduate Native American RSO. They focus on having a strong balance of both cultural learning and the cultivation of welcoming, supportive, and fun community. Furthermore, they are here to be a Native voice on campus and inspire people to seek higher education. They are also the largest Native undergraduate student group on the University of Washington Seattle campus. (fnuw@uw.edu)

- **Indian Health Pathway (IHP)**

Indian Health Pathway (IHP) provides a path for Native medical students to stay connected to their community while enhancing opportunities for Native and non-Native medical students alike to learn how to integrate their American Indian/Alaska Native patients' cultural, spiritual and traditional needs into the health care relationship.

- **Medicine Wheel Society (MWS)**

The Medicine Wheel Society (MWS) is an organization dedicated to promoting American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous culture, education, and advancement in health care and diversity in medicine. MWS brings together the people, traditions, customs, and the spirit which enable our AI/AN/Indigenous students to maintain their sense of community while in medical school. MWS is open to ALL University of Washington students – American Indian/Alaska Native/Indigenous and Non-Native students.
Native American Law Student Association (NALSA)

The Native American Law Students Association (NALSA) was founded in 1970 to support Native American students at the University of Washington School of Law, and to promote the study of Indian law in order to serve tribes and tribal communities with commitment and excellence. (nalsa@uw.edu)

Native Organization of Indigenous Scholars (NOIS)

The Native Organization of Indigenous Scholars (NOIS) was created to bring together University of Washington graduate and professional students of Indigenous descent. By building a supportive community in which to network, socialize and share stories/theories, we aim to examine conceptions of culture, knowledge, and power through an Indigenous lens. To this end, NOIS sponsors a research symposium each spring where graduate and professional students across multiple disciplines present their work as emerging scholars to the University of Washington and broader communities. It is our hope that sharing our stories and knowledge in this way will create shifts in theory and practice, as individuals and as a collective. (noisrso@uw.edu)

Society for the Advancement of Chicanos and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS)

Society for Advancement of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans in Science (SACNAS) is an inclusive organization dedicated to fostering the success of Chicanos/Hispanics and Native Americans, from college students to professionals, in attaining advanced degrees, careers, and positions of leadership in STEM. (sacnas@uw.edu)

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