

**Developing Native Student Leadership Skills: The Success of the Oklahoma Native American Students in Higher Education (ONASHE) Conference
[Abstract]**

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This article examines the development of leadership skills among Native American college students through the Oklahoma Native American Students in Higher Education (ONASHE) annual conference. It provides opportunities for students to develop and strengthen their leadership skills through interaction with tribal leaders, contemporary and leadership focused workshops, and fellowship with other Native students. A research study was designed to assess the impact of ONASHE on the development of leadership skills among student attendees of the conference. Three major themes emerged regarding Native student leadership development, including developing a positive self-image, community building, and Native role models.

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