# Native and Indigenous Resources

"The Lenape lived here before and during the colonization of the Americas. This plaque recognizes these indigenous people of Manhattan, their displacement, dispossession and continued presence. It stands as a reminder to reflect on our past as we contemplate our way forward."

Inscription on a plaque on the Columbia University campus honoring the Lenni Lenape people

## Native American Council and Mālama Hawai'i

The Native American Council and Mālama Hawai'i provide a support network for Native and Indigenous students and examine issues facing Indigenous Peoples today. Initiatives include:

- community discussions featuring faculty and outside speakers, including artist and activist Matika Wilbur, poet Jaclyn Roessel, environmental activist Winona LaDuke, Kumu Hula Luana Haraguchi, and 'Ōlelo Hawai'i teacher Kainoa Embernate
- events such as Columbia's annual Powwow, Lū'au, Native American Heritage Month, and monthly hula lessons for beginners
- participation in the Ivy Native Council— a conference for Native and Indigenous students in the Northeast to build community across campuses; and American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES)
- visits to the National Museum of the American Indian and the American Indian Community House in New York City

**71%**

OF COLUMBIA GRANT RECIPIENTS IN THE CLASS OF 2030 ATTEND TUITION FREE

**100%**

DEMONSTRATED NEED MET FOR ALL ADMITTED FIRST-YEARS

**$0**

PARENT CONTRIBUTION FOR STUDENTS FROM FAMILIES WITH TOTAL INCOMES UNDER $66,000 (AND TYPICAL ASSETS)

**No loans**

INCLUDED IN FINANCIAL AID PACKAGES AT COLUMBIA

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**A sampling of the Tribal Nations represented in the Columbia University community:**

Alaska Native
Algonquin
Anishinaabe
Assiniboine
Atka
Blackfeet
Cherokee
Cheyenne River Sioux
Chickasaw
Choctaw
Choctaw Freedman
Comanche
Crow
Eastern Band Cherokee
Menominee
Ho-Chunk
Inupiaq
Kānaka Maoli
Karuk
Mohawk
Muscogee Creek
Nahua
Native Hawaiian
Navajo
Oglala Lakota Sioux
Ojibwe
Otoe-Missouria
Pawnee
Pokagon Band of Potawatomi
Pokanoket
Pueblo of Taos
Quechua
Samson Cree
Santee Sioux
Seminole
Seminole of Oklahoma
Sihasapa Lakota
Taino of Boriken Nation
Tlingit
Tonawanda Seneca
Village of Kaltag
Village of Kongignak
Wixarika

## Residential Life: Indigehouse

Founded as Manhattan House in 2013, Indigehouse is a residential community that strives to recognize the first people of this land, the Lenni Lenape and Wappinger peoples, while also providing an inclusive space for all Indigenous students and allies through fostering pride in identity, understanding of Indigenous issues and relationships with both the campus and wider Indigenous communities. Indigehouse is supported by a faculty adviser and Residential Life to host a variety of student-led events such as Frybread Fridays, beading workshops and the Indigenous Wisdom Series, featuring Indigenous alumni.

## Academic Life: Native American and Indigenous Studies at Columbia

Columbia's Native American/Indigenous Studies program is part of the Center for the Study of Ethnicity and Race (CSER). Classes previously offered in CSER include "Critical Native and Indigenous Studies" with Professor Audra Simpson and "Indigenous History of North America" with Professor Michael Witgen.

**"The relationships I have built in the Native community and the support I have received from advisers and faculty have helped me to feel at home in New York City and adjust to being away from family. Each and every member of the community brings a unique passion and personality to the group, creating a supporting and caring environment. I couldn't imagine my four years without the Native American Council."**

**—LAEL T.**
Portland, OR
Human Rights and Native American Studies

## Diverse Backgrounds, Diverse Voices

**49**
**TOTAL NUMBER OF US STATES**

**23%**
**STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE PELL GRANTS**

**83**
**NUMBER OF COUNTRIES REPRESENTED (BY HOME OR SCHOOL ADDRESS)**

**21%**
**STUDENTS WHO ARE THE FIRST GENERATION IN THIER FAMILY TO ATTEND COLLEGE**

Class of 2030 information current as of August 22, 2026.

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