

## **FVCC Educational Pow Wow & Campus Preview**

**April 28, 2018**

### **Simiĩnekem – *Meeting of the Rivers (Nez Perce)***

TRIO Student Support Services and Montana American Indian Scholars Program (MAIS) are proud to announce the Flathead Valley Community College Educational Pow Wow & Campus Preview: Simiĩnekem – (Meeting of the Rivers in Nez Perce), to be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018. We wish to welcome students, as well as the community, to this social and educational event.

We will be offering campus tours and information during the first part of the day and a social powwow in the afternoon. Our goal is to create an opportunity to gather and share about Native American culture through dance, drumming and story for the purpose of creating community among students and to learn from one another. We wish to create a welcoming environment at FVCC for Native American students and for all those interested in Native American culture.

**Please join us! Come and learn about FVCC programs and our campus from 11:00 to 2:00 and enjoy the powwow from 2:15 to 5:30. We are honored to announce that Ee-Na-Doo-Yee (Iinatoyi), “The Spirit of the Buffalo / Buffalo Spirit Dancers and Singers,” from Browning High School, will be our host drum.**

#### **Background: TRIO Student Support Services & MAIS**

Building a strong community of students is a major focus of TRIO and MAIS. **TRIO is a grant program that has been serving FVCC for nearly 30 years.** To be eligible for TRIO, students must be first generation college students (neither parent has a bachelor’s degree), have financial need, or have a disability. These students face unique challenges that make it difficult to complete a college degree. Some of the services/supports provided by FVCC TRIO include free tutoring, career counseling, academic coaching, and grant aid.

**Under the umbrella of TRIO is a new program – MAIS.** Inspired by the Montana Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education, MAIS aims to advance and support American Indian students on FVCC campus by creating leadership opportunities through mentoring and promoting cultural awareness. Your generous contribution will help us to support these students!

**Our MAIS Mentor this year is Adelaide Boeck,** who is an enrolled member of the Nez Perce Tribe, a direct descendent of Chief Joseph, daughter of Chief Levi McCormack. Adelaide is pursuing studies the Surgical Technologist Program. Her ultimate goal is to become a physician’s assistant and return home to provide health and wellness care for her community.