

Why did I choose to attend Red Lake Nation College?

Red Lake Nation College (RLNC) is accommodating to students, regardless of age or educational level, and the curriculum makes the environment inviting to Native American Students.

RLNC mission statement is “To provide excellent higher education that is grounded in the Ojibwe language and culture of the Red Lake Nation”. The RLNC has incorporated the following Ojibwe Principles and Values, Love, Honesty, Courage, Humility, Truth, Respect and Wisdom. It is said that we will live a more harmonious and happy life when we follow these principles.

There are Anishinaabe based courses in the curriculum that are required to graduate. The following classes are designed to teach about the Anishinaabe; Language, History, Leadership, Art, Music and Dance, and Intro to Anishinaabe studies.

The environment is so welcoming for first time students at RLNC, I am greeted daily by the information desk, by staff in the hallways. The professors encourage us to be present and participate on a daily basis. RLNC employs a high percentage of Native Americans in many departments across the college. Seeing familiar faces on campus helps me feel comfortable and relatable to the faculty. I don't think I would have the same level of comfort as a first year student at a university.

Student services and Success staff are committed to providing each student with support and encouragement. The few things they offer are financial aid assistance, emergency aide, food pantry, on site counseling, child care and career planning. I have utilized these resources during my times of need and I'm very grateful for these opportunities available to all of the students.

The RLNC website has so many resources for students, I go there almost everyday. These connections are crucial to a students success. I strongly believe that the RLNC staff and student services can assist me in many areas during my education journey.