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Tanyan yahipi, Maštíŋska!

Welcome, Jackrabbits!

Wokini Scholar Ready for Senior Year at SDSU

August means the start of a new fall semester at SDSU, and the Wokini Initiative is excited to welcome new and returning Wokini Scholars to campus! One Wokini Scholar, senior Paige Cain, is looking forward to beginning her final year as an undergraduate student. A triple major in American Indian Studies, history, and

geography, Paige is a tribal descendant of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe who grew up in Flandreau, SD and has achieved much in her time at SDSU.

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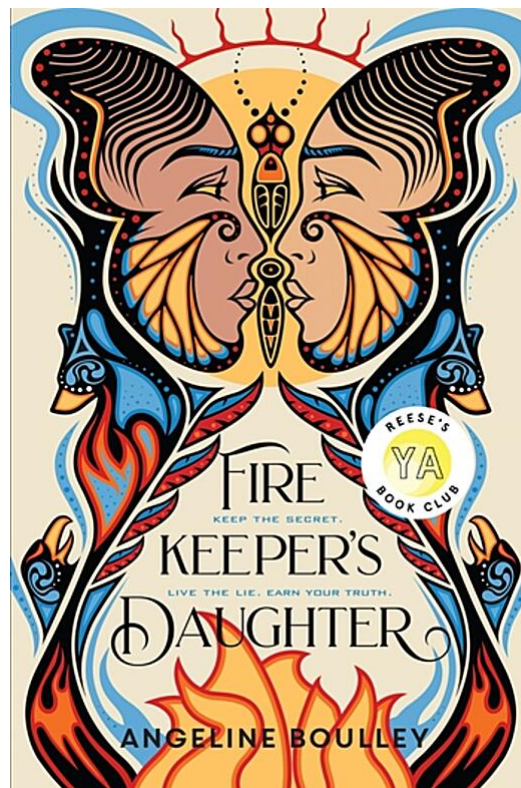
Dakota Word of the Month

iâmaŕtiâça | jackrabbit, prairie rabbit

Lakota Word of the Month

maŕtĩnska | jackrabbit, hare, rabbit

Book of the Month



"Eighteen-year-old Daunis Fontaine wants to leave home to discover who she really

is. As a biracial science geek and hockey star, she's always felt like an outsider, both in her hometown and on the nearby Ojibwe reservation. But when her family is struck by tragedy, Daunis puts her dreams on hold to care for her fragile mother. Then Daunis witnesses a shocking murder, thrusting her into the heart of an ongoing FBI investigation. Daunis works tirelessly to expose the criminals. But as the secrets pile up, Daunis must learn what it means to be a strong Anishinaabe kwe (Ojibwe woman)." - Birchbark Books

Wokini Challenge Grant Spotlight

The Bridge between Indigenous Storytelling & Scientific Communication

The Interface of American Indian Storytelling and Scientific Communication Summit project directed by Dr. Joshua Reineke, assistant professor in the College of Pharmacy and Allied Health Professions, has worked to help Native American students feel less like they are moving away from their culture by fostering their values and using indigenous knowledge to help inform the sciences. The Bridge between Indigenous Storytelling and Scientific Communication event held on campus and via Zoom in March 2021 gave students, faculty, staff, and community members the opportunity to have a conversation about storytelling and science. According to Dr. Reineke, "the way in which the event came to life is also best told through a story."

[Read the Full Project Story](#)

Upcoming Events @ AISC

Early Orientation: August 16 - 20, AISC & Pipestone National Monument

First Day of Classes: August 23

American Indian Student Center Ribbon Cutting: October 8 - 9, AISC



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