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Wokini Initiative

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THE NEW BEGINNINGS NEWSLETTER



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A NEW BEGINNING
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AMERICAN INDIAN STUDENT CENTER



ANNIVERSARY *Celebration*

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Join Us in Celebrating the American Indian Student Center Grand Opening!

After waiting months to be able to gather in celebration, President Dunn, the Wokini Initiative, and the American Indian Student Center (AISC) staff are thrilled to invite you to the AISC Grand Opening on October 8 at 4:30 PM on the campus of South Dakota State University.

[Read More about the Event](#)



[Read More about AISC](#)

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Grand Opening Schedule

Friday, October 8, 2021

4:30 PM | Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Join SDSU and American Indian Student Center leadership as they formally dedicate and open the new 12,400-square-foot center! The American Indian Student Center provides a “home away from home” environment with cultural activities and student success initiatives.

5:00 - 6:00 PM | Public Tours

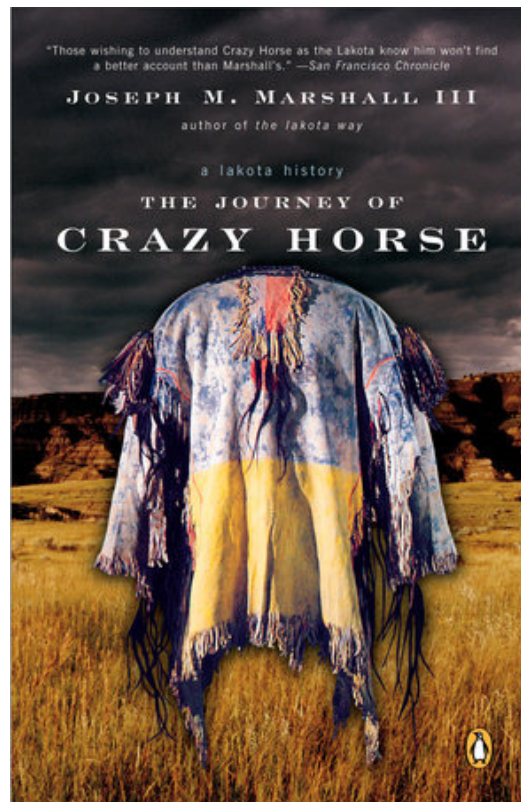
Enjoy viewing and learning about the beautiful new American Indian Student Center and the cultural and design elements that went into the building. Artist Don Montileaux will be on site to share about the large-scale art pieces he crafted specifically for the building.

7:30 PM | Wokini Benefit Brule Concert

South Dakota State University welcomes Brule in concert at the Oscar Larson Performing Arts Center on October 8, 2021, in conjunction with the dedication and celebration of the new American Indian Student Center. Brule is a contemporary Native American new age/worldbeat music group based in South Dakota. They have sold more than one million CDs worldwide, won several awards and have made media appearances with the Live with Regis and Kathie Lee television show, CNN World Beat, QVC and others. They maintain a schedule of more than 100 performances each year including full stage productions with Traditional dancers.

[Get Tickets to Brule](#)

Book of the Month



"In this fascinating biography, Joseph M. Marshall, himself a Lakota Indian, creates a vibrant portrait of Crazy Horse, his times, and his legacy.

The Journey of Crazy Horse is the true story of how one man's fight for his people's survival roused his true genius as a strategist, commander, and trusted leader. And it is an unforgettable portrayal of a revered human being and a profound celebration of a culture, a community, and an enduring way of life."

--Penguin Random House

Dakota Word of the Month

iyopa | door, opening to a tent, building, or cave

Lakota Word of the Month

oíyaye | the doorway or other opening (of a tent)

Upcoming Events @ AISC

- Wahanpi Wednesday: Every other Wednesday Starting September 1, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, AISC
- Beading Circle: Every other Tuesday Starting September 7, 6:00 PM, AISC
- #JacksCultureCrawl: September 16, 4:00 - 7:00 PM, Ag Heritage Museum
- Welcome Back BBQ: September 17, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, Fishback Home
- Indigenizing Spaces Symposium: October 7, Woster Celebration Hall and Zoom
- American Indian Student Center Ribbon Cutting: October 8, 4:30 PM, AISC
- MMIW Walk: October 9, 10:00 AM, AISC
- Afro-Indigeneity Presentation: November 10, TBD
- Alter-Native Thanksgiving: November 18, 5:00 - 7:00 PM, AISC



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