

AIHEC 2005 Student Conference Critical Inquiry Guidelines & Rules

Critical Inquiry Overview

Critical Inquiry gives tribal college students the opportunity to explore a topic of interest, prepare a written document and provide an oral presentation.

It is a team event that requires development of a concept, research and the creation of an oral presentation to be judged during the AIHEC Conference.

In preparing for this event students must consider an issue or topic that they feel is important to tribal colleges, higher education, tribal governments or tribal communities. This could be a topic such as gambling, diabetes prevention, blood quantum's, BIA policies, higher education funding, racism, economic development, tribal constitutions, law enforcement or any other subject that students feel merits review.

Students should first identify a topic. Next they must take a position on this topic. After they have established a position or thesis statement related to their topic they should conduct research that supports their idea.

It is imperative for students to include within their presentations varying points of view regarding their topic. Don't be afraid of counter viewpoints. Instead use these viewpoints to illustrate why your position or concept is the best.

The most competitive presentations will be the ones that are clearly organized, well researched; informative, interesting and well delivered.

Critical Inquiry Rules

1. Each team can have from 2 to 5 members.
2. Each presentation can be between 10 and 20 minutes in length. Any presentation that is under 10 minutes OR over 20 minutes will automatically be given a failing score.
3. Teams can use any type of audiovisual, visual, audio or other aids to support their presentation. They will be responsible for providing their own equipment. The room will have a screen and writing board provided.
4. Teams must prepare four copies of their idea and presentations for the judges.
5. At least two members of the each team must participate in the presentation. All members of the group should be present.
6. All members of the team must be current tribal college students with at least 9 credit hours and in good academic standing at their institution.
7. Certificate of Participation will be presented to each team and Recognition of 1st and 2nd Place teams also be awarded.

**CRITICAL INQUIRY
REGISTRATION**

College: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

TOPIC: _____ Main Contact: _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Team Members: (please print or type)

1. _____ Captain

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Certification by Registrar:

*I, _____ do hereby certify and attest that each of the 2005 Critical Inquiry
Print/Type Name
Team members listed above are in good academic standing and are enrolled in at least nine (9)
credit hours at our institution.*

Registrar Signature: _____ Date Signed _____

Phone: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 1, 2005

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