

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College

Student Orientation Fall 2025



WELCOME!



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Welcome to the SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COLLEGE



It is my great pleasure to welcome you to Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College. We are committed to providing an education that prepares you to think critically, creatively, and guided by our Seven Grandfather teachings. We provide you with an opportunity to obtain a business, liberal arts or sciences associate degrees.

We are confident that you will leave with a lifelong commitment to learning, leading, and serving your Tribal Community. I wish you the best throughout your journey at SCTC, and I look forward to meeting each of you. This orientation guidebook has some information that I hope you will find helpful. Welcome to Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College family.

Contact me at aflaughter@sagchip.edu or Phone: (989) 317-4815 if you have any questions or need assistance.

Wishing you a fantastic semester.

Amanda Flaughter ~ Dean of Student Services



SAGINAW CHIPPEWA TRIBAL COLLEGE

The Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College is a two-year public college established in 1998 to meet the unique educational needs of Native American students. It is also federally recognized as one of the 1994 Land Grant Institutions. The Tribal Council of the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan adopted a resolution that year establishing a tribally controlled college and the formation of a governing Board of Regents. The Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan constitutes a sovereign nation within the United States. The sovereignty of the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe (SCIT) forms the legal basis to charter the college. With its founding, SCTC joined the larger tribal college movement, which today reaches over 35 institutions.



The staff and faculty support the belief that self-awareness through education is a necessary foundation to build a career, create a lifestyle, and achieve a true sense of self-pride. SCTC maintains an “open-door” policy, with its primary purpose to serve Saginaw Chippewa Tribal and other Native American students. The college provides academic programs leading to associate degrees with credits that are transferable to other higher education institutions. SCTC is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium.



Mission

Tribal College is a tribally controlled land grant institution that reflects and promotes the unique culture of the Anishinaabek Community, designed with educational excellence to empower learners to reach their educational goals.

Vision

Tribal College is committed to expanding educational opportunities in a nurturing environment that embraces and integrates the cultural uniqueness of the Anishinaabek.



The Seven Grandfather Teachings

Truth – Debwewin

Wisdom – Nbwaakaawin

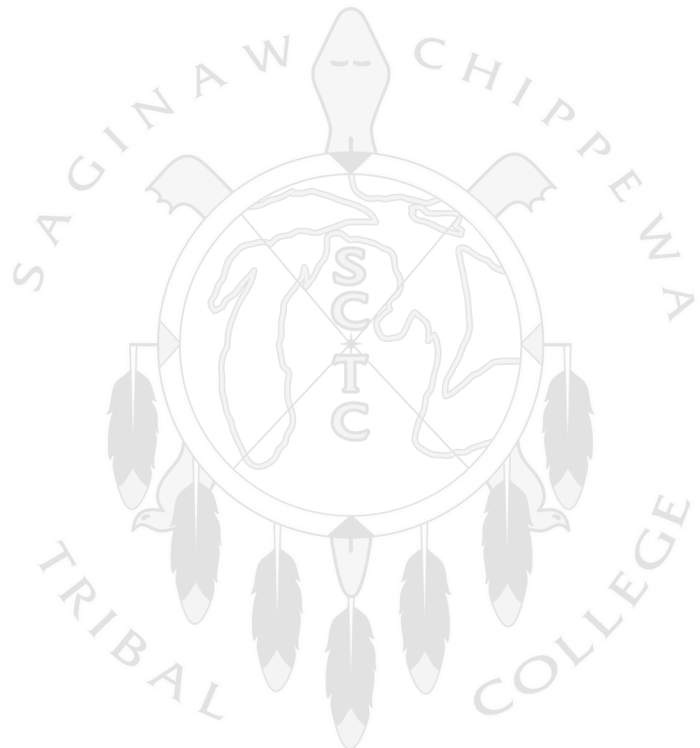
Bravery – Aakwa'ode'ewin

Humility – Dbaadendiziwin

Respect – Mnaadendimowin

Love – Zaagidwin

Honesty – Gwekwaadziwin



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College Academics



SCTC offers four degree programs: Liberal Arts, Native American Studies, Business and General Science. Each degree program consists of completing the General Education Requirements of 28 credit hours in addition to the specific program requirements of 34-38 credit hours.

Each associate program is assessed by their Program Learning Outcomes (PLO) and each course is measured by specific student learning outcomes (SLO). These measurements articulate the scope of academic programs' connection to SCTC's Mission, and enumerate the knowledge, skills and attitudes the ideal student graduating from an academic program will demonstrate.



Native Studies



Business



Science



Liberal Arts

Upon graduating from SCTC, our students will be able to:

1. Communicate clearly and effectively through listening, speaking, writing, reading, and other modes of communication;
2. Use literacy and numeracy skills; gather and synthesize relevant information, evaluate alternatives, and implement creative and effective solutions;
3. Demonstrate awareness and appreciation for diverse perspectives through inquiry of cultural, political, social, and environmental issues, comparing and contrasting global views with the



Protecting our Students - FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (a.k.a. FERPA or the Buckley Amendment) is federal legislation enacted in 1974 that controls student records. It grants students the right to access their own educational records as well as limiting, for privacy reasons, the release of those same records to anyone other than the student and/or the student's designee. FERPA applies to all current and former students of the Tribal College.

Information that is FERPA protected:

- Grades
- Test Scores
- I.D. Numbers or Social Security Numbers
- Financial Records
- Disciplinary Records
- Class Schedule

Americans with Disabilities Act

Students with a documented disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 are eligible to receive reasonable accommodation and disability-related services. Under the law, a person has a disability if he or she has a mental or physical impairments that substantially limits one or more major life activities (walking, standing, seeing, speaking, hearing, sitting, breathing, and taking care of oneself). Students are responsible for providing SCTC with appropriate documentation of their disabilities and are encouraged to contact Dean of Students.

Dr. Amanda Flaugher (989) 317-4760 X 232



The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) protects people with disabilities from discrimination.



ADA.gov BETA
U.S. Department of Justice
Civil Rights Division

FERPA regulations mandate that student academic records be kept confidential. They may be disclosed to a third party only with the student's written permission.

Positive Learning Environment

What is Title IX?

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is a federal law that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in education programs or activities operated by recipients of federal financial assistance.

What does Title IX cover?

Title IX prohibits: sex discrimination and sexual harassment. Sexual harassment is unwelcome conduct of a sexual nature, including unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal, nonverbal, or physical conduct of a sexual nature.

Quid Pro Quo

Employment or education decisions based on a request for sexual favors." "This for that." **Hostile Environment** is an unwelcome conduct that "unreasonably interferes with an employee's ability to work or a student's ability to learn", OR "creates an intimidating, hostile, or offensive work or learning environment."

If someone makes you feel uncomfortable:

- 1 - Say "Yellow or Red Light" or "That makes me uncomfortable".
- 2 - Tell your Professor, Success Coach, or Justin Knott (Writing Center)

- 3 - Tell Gena Qualls, Title IX Coordinator

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E-mail : Gequalls@sagchip.org

- 4 - Tell Mary Pelcher, Civil Rights Coordinator

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- 5 - Tell the State of Michigan Civil Rights

Phone: (517) 335-3165

Fax: (517) 241-0546

MDCRInfo@michigan.gov

- 6 - Tell Dave Sisco, HRM Manager (989) 775-5600

HARASSMENT
WILL NOT BE TOLERATED





General Policies of SCTC -

Promoting a Healthy Learning Environment

Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Policy

All persons entering SCTC must comply with the Alcohol/Drug-Free Campus Policy as required by Public Law 101-226. No person may bring, keep, or drink alcoholic beverages on college premises or at college functions. Possession of stimulants, depressants, narcotics, or hallucinogenic drugs - including marijuana and other agents having the potential for abuse - is strictly prohibited.



Inclement Weather and Class Cancellation

Cancellation of on-campus classes due to inclement weather or other conditions will be announced by the college on the www.sagchip.edu website, Schoology announcements, the SCTC Facebook page, staff email, WCFX 95.3 FM, TV 9-10, WJRT Channel 12, and WNEM Channel 5.



Students will receive cancellation notices via sagchip.edu email and they will be posted to SCTC's Facebook page. The cancellation of day classes (8am-5pm) will be announced before 8 a.m. The cancellation of evening classes (5-8pm) will normally be announced before 5 p.m. Class cancellation due to the absence of the instructor is posted the day of the cancellation via student email accounts.

Fitness Room

SCTC has a fitness room located in room 339. All students are required to sign the liability waiver prior to use of the fitness room. For more information about the fitness center please contact Jayme Green.



Student Sick Call-In Success Tips (If you are sick)

1. Stay home and be take care of yourself
2. Call or text your success coach - Phone: _____
3. Text or call your professor (If you are going to miss class)





General Policies of SCTC -

Promoting a Healthy Working Environment

Smoking Policy

Commercial tobacco and electronic cigarette usage is prohibited on all campus properties except for the designated smoking area which is located behind the college by the shed. This Tobacco-Free Policy will in no way prohibit the traditional/ceremonial/sacred use of tobacco or infringe in any manner on tobacco cultivation or harvesting for spiritual and ceremonial use.



Fire and Safety Procedures

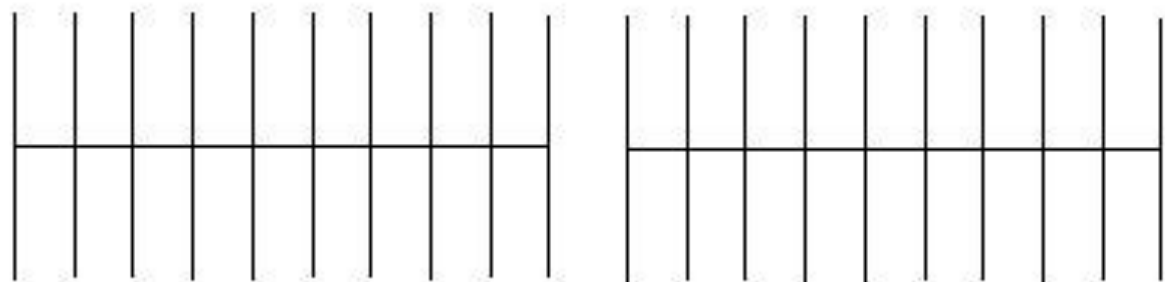
Students of the college are encouraged to know the location of fire extinguishers and emergency exits in the college building. In case of fire, exit the building immediately and meet at the designated fire assembly point. The assembly point is located at the end of student parking behind the coffee shop. Do not attempt to re-enter the building until given permission by the college officials.



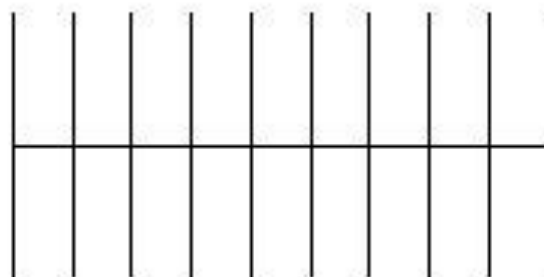
Student Parking

Student Parking is located directly in front of the building.

Employee Parking



Student Parking



Who We Are - Governing Entities



The **Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe** is self-governed by a twelve-member Tribal Council. The Council includes 10 representatives from District 1 (the Isabella Reservation) and one representative each from District 2 (Saganing) and District 3 (members at-large). Tribal Council members are elected by registered voters in their respective districts every two years.



Board of Regents

The **Board of Regents** is the board that reviews and makes recommendations for policies, programming, and recruitment. Board of Regents meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, beginning at 5:30pm at Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College.



Higher Learning Commission

The **Higher Learning Commission (HLC)** is an institutional accreditor in the United States. It has historically accredited post-secondary education institutions in the central United States. SCTC is accredited by HLC.



Who we Are - Administration



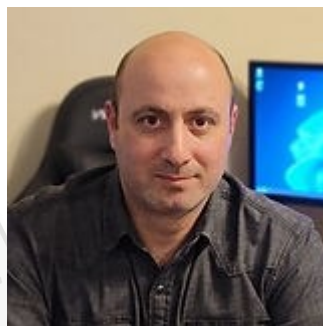
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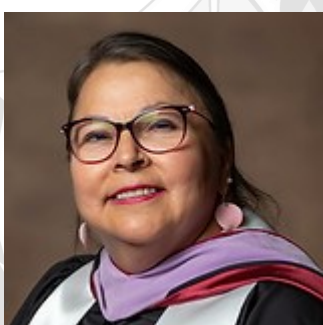
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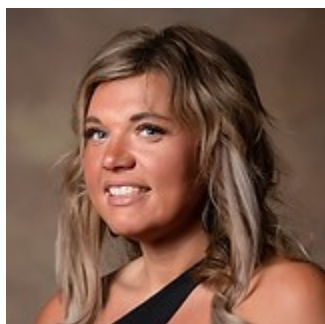
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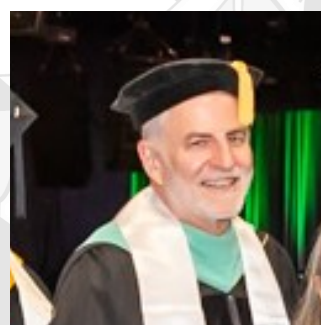
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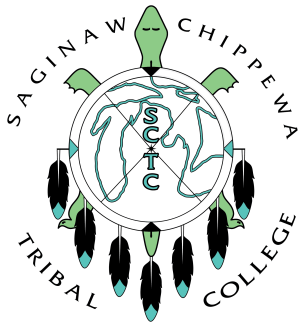
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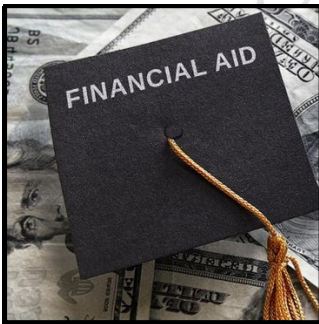
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The Land Grant Office

Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College (SCTC), as a Tribally Controlled College, is honored to be one of four land grant institutions serving the people of the State of Michigan. In 1862, the First Morrill Act was passed by congress and signed into law by President Abraham Lincoln, establishing “land grant colleges” by providing federal lands to the states to be sold in support of colleges of agriculture and mechanical arts. These original Land Grant Colleges are referred to as the “1862 institutions”, represented in Michigan by Michigan State University.

At present, Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College land grant activities focus on education, extension, and research endeavors in the areas of:

1. Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems
2. Health Promotion
3. Recruiting and Retention
4. Community Development.



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Extension: 264





Who we Are - The Land Grant Office



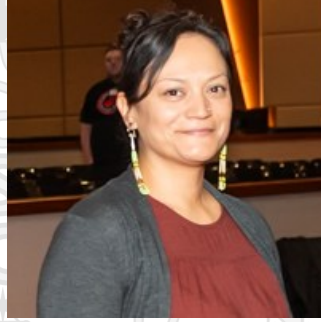
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Saginaw Chippewa Tribal Libraries



SERVICES PROVIDED

- ♦ Computers with access to the internet and Microsoft Office
- ♦ Free Wi-Fi on your device
- ♦ Printing: Now offering free printing
- ♦ Scanning
- ♦ Copying
- ♦ 24/7 Curbside/locker pickup



Anne Heidemann,
Tribal Librarian

LIBRARY CARDS



scan to get a
library card

Use your library card at any of our partner libraries:

Chippewa River District Library System

- Veterans Memorial Library (Mount Pleasant)
- Faith Johnston Memorial Library (Rosebush)
- Tate Memorial Library (Blanchard)
- Shepherd Community Library (Shepherd)
- Fremont Township Library (Winn)



Kimberly Condon,
Library Assistant

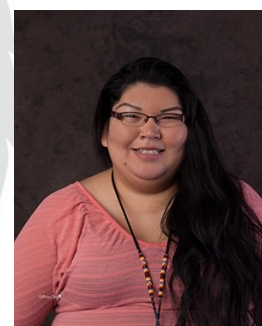
LIBRARY COLLECTION

We never charge overdue fines

Books, DVDs, audiobooks and more

Collection focused on Anishinaabe and Native topics

Maawn Doobiigeng Anishinaabe system of organization



Lee-Anne Disel
Library Assistant





Welcome to the Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College

Welcome to the 2025 fall semester at Tribal College. I hope you had a wonderful holiday and an opportunity to recharge as we begin your first semester of this academic year. Your presence brings so much energy and enthusiasm to our brand new campus and we are glad you have chosen the Tribal College.

Each semester creates fresh, possibly transformative, opportunities for our educational community. Thank you for all you do to make our community thrive, your commitment to our values, and your dedication to our mission. I am honored to be on this journey with you.

I hope your semester is filled with positive academic and cultural experiences and memorable campus interactions.

We are powered by scholarship, innovation, excellence, and, most importantly, extraordinary faculty and staff. We look forward to the opportunities ahead and celebrating your achievements. Enjoy your semester!

Me and my team are dedicated to your success. We can assist you with writing papers, presentations, brochures, flyers, videos, or any kind of assignment. We are open Monday - Friday 8am - 5pm.

If the office times do not work for your schedule - please e-mail me your project and I would love to review it. **I love proof-reading papers.**

Love, Respect, and Writing - Justin Knott - Student Success Center

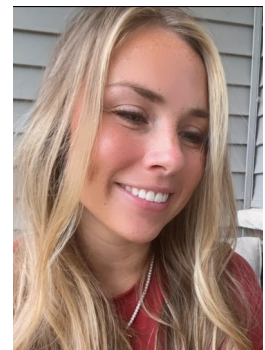
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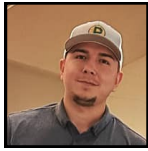
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Success Coach



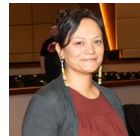
Financial Aid



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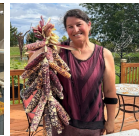
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Student & Community Programs



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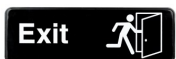
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Meeting Room

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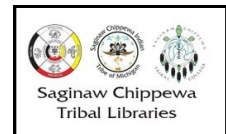
Men's Restroom

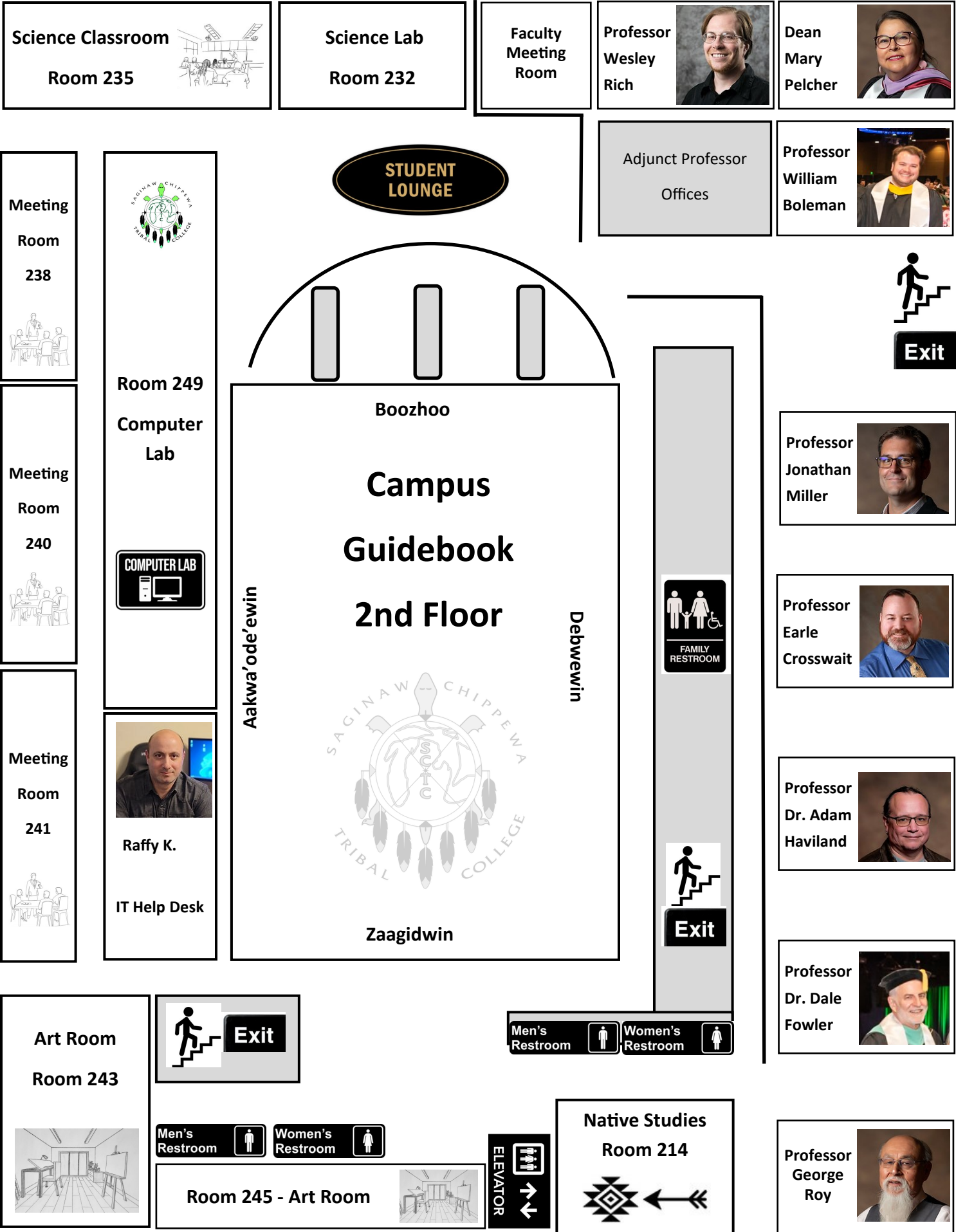
Women's Restroom

Community Room




Anne Heidemann
Librarian







Meeting Room 334




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Meeting Room 338




Classroom 331




Classroom 330




Classroom 329



College President
Carla Sineway

Room 348
Computer Lab




Exit


Gwekaadziwin

Campus Guidebook


3rd Floor

Dbaadendiziwin

Nbwaakaawin



Minaadendimowin




Exit



Exit

Tracy Reed
Dean of Research



Meeting Room 321



Marco Angiolini
Information Technology Director



Gladys Gates
Admin. Assistant III



Men's Restroom



Women's Restroom




Meeting Room 344

Meeting Room 345


Fitness Center




Men's Restroom



Women's Restroom




Computer Lab 340




ELEVATOR




Classroom 315



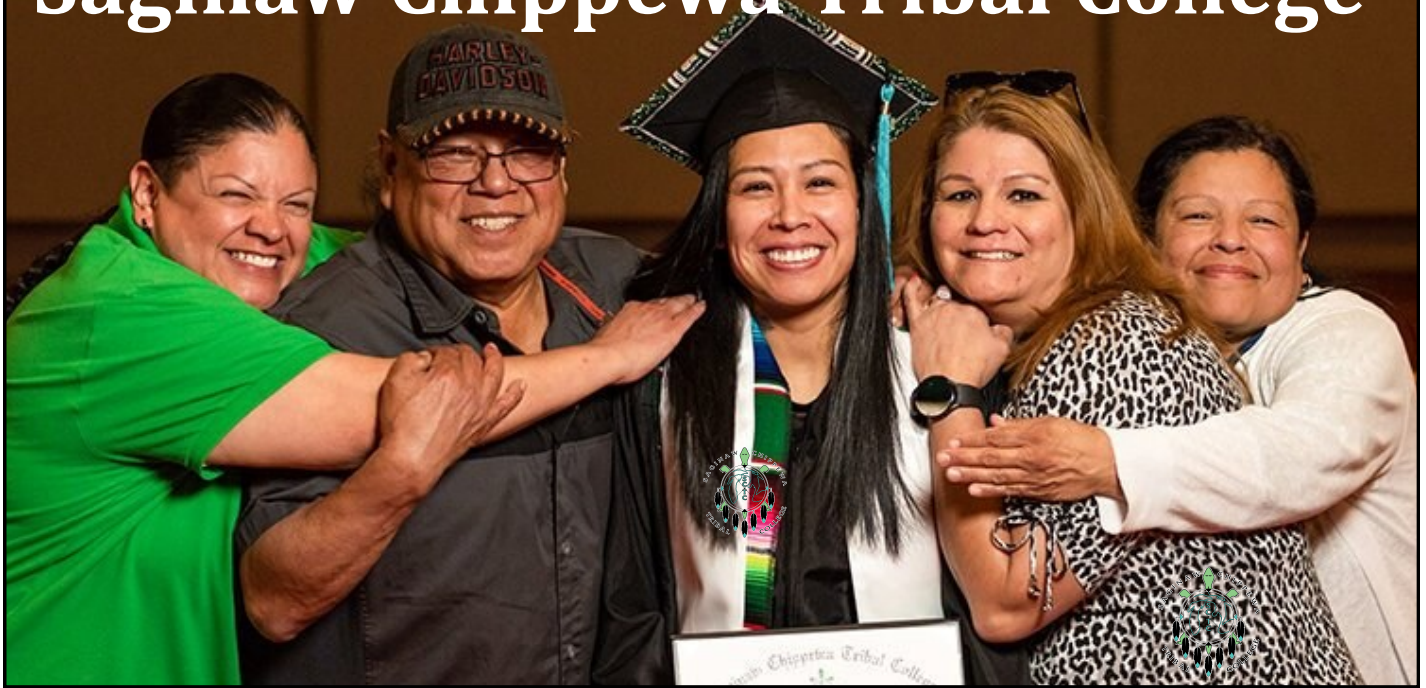
Classroom 314



Staff Supply Room



Saginaw Chippewa Tribal College



Important Dates

August 15 | Admissions Deadline

August 21 | Fall Registration closes

August 25 | Fall Classes Begin

August 22 | Student Success Day

August 29 | Drop/Add Ends

September 1 | Labor Day No Classes

October 31 | Last day to Withdraw

November 26-28 | Thanksgiving Break begins at 5:00 p.m.

December 8-12 | Exam Week

December 12 Fall Semester ends



SCTC New Student Success Guide

#1 - Student E-mail and Schoology Accounts

Students are encouraged to login to their email and Schoology accounts prior to attending class. If they are unable to login or you are unsure of your account information please contact tech support (989) 317-4760 ext. 271 or e-mail: techsupport@sagchip.edu for help. Schoology has important messages for students about classes, weather closures, student events, free lunches, and campus fun.



#2 - Meet with your Success Coach

Ever feel lost? Do you want to know the secrets to college success? Our success coaches are here for you. They know what it takes to be successful at the Tribal College. Your coach will help you plan for the future and give you peace of mind. Please contact Jayme Green jagreen@sagchip.edu and/or Joe Genia at jogenia@sagchip.edu



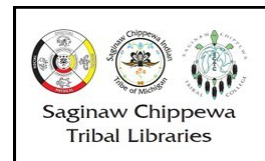
#3- Meet with Justin at the Student Success Center

Ever wonder how to write a college essay or create a professional presentation? Me and my team can help you succeed in writing, presentations, studying, time management, and work cited. We are the team that can help you with any and all assignments and projects. If you have that will—I can help get you that “A”. E-mail: JKnott@sagchip.edu for more information



#4 - Get a Tribal Library Card

SCTC provides students with internet access, academic database research, interlibrary loan, and a collection of books, videos, and cultural games. Your library card also gets you access to ebooks, e-audiobooks, and streaming video! Sign up for a card online at <https://saginaw.ploud.net/how-do-i/get-a-library-card-1>



#5 - Get involved in Student Activities

Student Services have amazing events for students this semester! These activities will help you connect with friends, meet new people, and learn more about campus. But most importantly, help make SCTC feel like home! Check your Schoology regularly for different events. E-mail aflaughter@sagchip.edu for more information on student groups and events.



#6 - Get that money..\$\$\$..(Scholarship)

Our Financial Aid Officer is here to help you with all of your financial aid needs, including Pell grants, TIP scholarships, scholarships from your tribe, AICF scholarships, and internal SCTC scholarships. She can help you through the financial aid process and answer any questions including where to get you \$\$\$ for college tuition, computers, and supplies. or Phone: (989) 317-4816.



#7 - Meet your Student Advocate

Professor Adam Haviland is the Student Advocate and he is available to listen to student issues and concerns in confidence and to advise students of their rights. The Student Advocate also facilitates the resolution of Student Conduct violations. Students are welcome to walk in during office hours, or schedule an appointment at any time to discuss issues or concerns. Adam can be reached at (989)317-4760 or e-mail: ahaviland@sagchip.edu



#8 - Set up classes for next term

New students are encouraged to meet with Jayme or Joe to discuss degree options academic audits, unofficial transcripts, graduation requirements, and arrange placement testing before registering for classes. Continuing students should meet with their success coach each semester to determine which courses to take the following semester. If you need transcripts for a new school or a new job— Jayme and Joe have you covered. Joe is also an avid Detroit Lions fan - Go Lions. Jayme - jagreen@sagchip.edu and/or Joe Genia at jogenia@sagchip.edu



#9 - Join the STEAMAG Student Organization

MISSION - To inform and inspire a passion for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics, and Agriculture. **VISION** - To offer a resourceful program that motivates, engages, and enriches students. **PURPOSE** - To enhance student interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics, and Agriculture. STEAMAG is open to all students, alumni, staff, and the community. Come be a part of an organization that infuses cultural concepts into STEAMAG, supports youth at summer day camp and the week-long Anishinaabe Culture & Environment Camp, fundraise, travel, plan events and activities on and off campus for SCTC students and staff. Volunteer and serve the community, connect with friends, have fun, meet and interact with others who support the community and STEAMAG projects and Programs. Meetings are held bi-weekly on Wednesdays from 12:00 – 1:00 pm. Starting January 24th in room 136. For more information contact Kathleen Hart, STEAMAG Student Advisor at (989)317-4827 or email: khart@sagchip.edu. Looking forward to seeing you.



#10 - Represent Tribal College at AIHEC

AIHEC competes with other tribal colleges and universities. Competitions include business bowl, science bowl, archery, poetry slam, poster, art, chess, hand games, and MR/Mrs. AIHEC. E-mail Jon Miller at JMiller@sagchip.edu for more information.



#11 - Join the Student Senate

Student Senate is made up of members of the student body who have been nominated and elected by the student body. The Student Senate wants to promote volunteer opportunities for the tribe and surrounding community. Let's add our smiling faces and helping hands. E-mail studentsenate@sagchip.edu for more information and events.



#12 - Research Assistance and Support

Please stop at the library and visit Anne. She can help you find the books, online researches, and materials you need for any class. She can also assist you in getting your library card. If you need help finding research material - please reach out to Tribal Librarian at phone: 989-317-4789 or email: aheidemann@sagchip.edu



#13 - ISCTC Tech Support

ISCTC Tech Support provides technical support and assistance to all students and staff. They can provide assistance with all technology needs such as Schoology, Empower, Microsoft 365, computer access, etc. SCTC Tech Support can be reached at 317-4760, ext. 271, or at techsupport@sagchip.edu.



#14 - Land Grant Office Research Internship (LGORI)

Internship is offered through the Land Grant Office USDA-NIFA Tribal Education Equity & Extension Grants. Students can be an active intern while successfully taking classes. Flexible Hours can be work around student's schedule. The internship intends to provide SCTC students access to new experiences, enabling them to gain knowledge, skills, abilities, and confidence to continue their educational goals and pursue an advanced degree at a four-year college. Award preference is given to students pursuing their first associate's degree at SCTC. For more information contact Kathleen Hart, Equity Program Coordinator at (989)317-4827 or email: khart@sagchip.edu or Guadalupe Gonzalez, USDA Extension Coordinator at (989)317-4826 or email: ggonzalez@sagchip.edu. Being an SCTC Intern is a great step to your successful future!



Financial Aid Office

Our Financial Aid Officer is here to help you with all of your financial aid needs, including Pell grants, TIP scholarships, scholarships from your tribe, AICF scholarships, and internal SCTC scholarships. She can help you through the financial aid process and answer any questions including where to get you \$\$\$ for college tuition, computers, and supplies. Phone: (989) 317-4816.



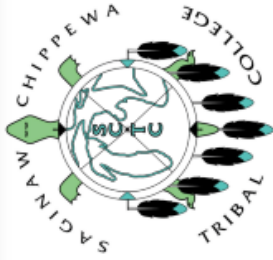
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Tribal College FAFSA Face Off Winner

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CHAMPIONS!

Great job SCTC! We won 1st place with a **73.6% FAFSA submissions!**



Financial Aid Roadmap

Complete FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to apply for federal student aid (Pell Grant), and is also needed to apply for additional scholarships. The financial aid officer can help you complete this!

Complete AICF Application

The American Indian College Fund has various scholarships that are all applied for using one application so it is a good scholarship to apply for.

Apply for Additional Scholarships

Check Schoology for additional scholarships, also look into other state based aid. Talk to the financial aid officer if you need additional assistance.

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Meet with Financial Aid Officer

The financial aid officer can help determine what financial aid a student can qualify for so it is a good idea to meet with them first to create a plan. The financial aid officer can also assist in finding more aid opportunities, completing scholarship applications, and more.

Complete MITW if Eligible

The Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver is eligible to individuals who have lived in Michigan for 12 consecutive months and are at least 1/4 blood quantum. Please see the financial aid officer for questions!

Check for Tribal Scholarships

Check with your Tribe's higher education department to see if they offer any scholarships!

Succeed in the Classroom!

A lot of available financial aid is dependent on maintaining satisfactory academic process. Make sure to utilize resources and get help when you need it so that you are still eligible for financial aid!

There are even more financial aid opportunities that are not listed. Talk to the financial aid officer to find out what other opportunities you may qualify for!

Contact Us

Financial Aid Officer

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Financial Aid

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Federal Aid

PELL GRANT

The Pell Grant is a need-based grant that is determined by the students Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students may qualify for up to \$7,395 for the 2024-2025 academic year.

State Aid

MICHIGAN INDIAN TUITION WAIVER

The Michigan Indian Tuition Waiver (MITW) is available for members of the U.S. federally recognized tribes who are Michigan residents for 12 consecutive months and no less than 1/4 blood quantum (as verified by tribe). Applications available on the SCTC website.

TUITION INCENTIVE PROGRAM

The Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) is available for eligible Medicaid recipients who have completed high school. At SCTC, TIP will cover tuition and mandatory fees. More information is available on the SCTC website.

Scholarships

AMERICAN INDIAN COLLEGE FUND

The American Indian College Fund offers scholarships for students attending a Tribal College or University. Applications open February 1st for the following year.

Applications are available at collegefund.org/scholarships

TRIBAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are available for tribal members through their respective tribes. Contact your tribe's higher education department to see if they offer any.

SCTC SCHOLARSHIPS

There are various SCTC scholarships that you can be automatically granted if you qualify. A lot of these are dependent on grades/attendance so attend class and get help when you need it to increase your chances!

Financial Aid Checklist

SUBMIT YOUR FAFSA

Make sure you submit your FAFSA to be eligible for Federal student aid and some scholarships. You can do this on your own, or you can come into the Financial Aid Office for assistance. Contact the Financial Aid Office with any questions.

SCHOLARSHIPS

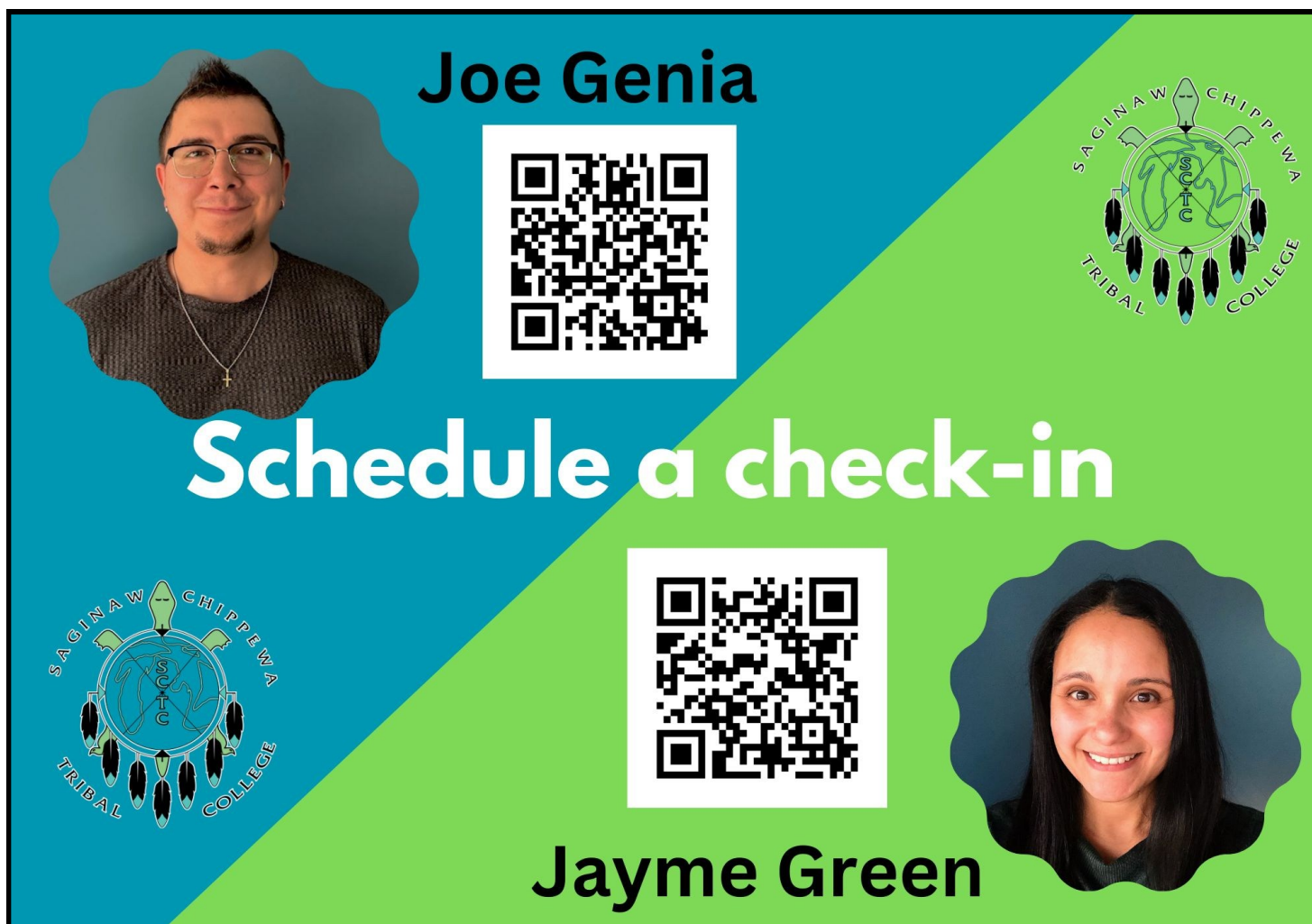
Start applying for scholarships as soon as you can. There are many ways to find scholarships such as checking community foundations and checking Google. Be careful if checking Google because some can be scams. The Financial Aid Office can assist you with applying for scholarships.

BE SUCCESSFUL IN THE CLASSROOM


Some financial aid has academic requirements so make sure to attend class and ask for help when you need it. Utilize your success coach and the writing center for additional help!

Meet your Success Coach


Success Coach: Students are advised to meet with a student success coach at least once per semester. The success coaches engage students in conversation to help them explore their passions, goals, and campus opportunities while empowering them to succeed at SCTC. During our meetings we co-create success plans, identify obstacles and support networks, help strategize solutions and next steps.





Joe Genia



Schedule a check-in



Jayme Green



My success coach is : _____

My first meeting with them is : _____

Billing and award Disbursements



Gladys Gates

Admin. Assistant

3rd Floor

(989) 317-4760 X 234

glgates@sagchip.edu



Billing

Initial semester billing will be processed at the end of drop/add period. The billing process will repeat every Thursday following the initial billing.

Award Distribution

All awards checks are distributed by the Administrative assistant (Gladys). Once an award is visible on your EMPOWER account, it will take 5-10 days for processing any refund available after tuition and fess are deducted. Tribal Operations only prints checks on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

All award recipients are notified via Schoology messages when your refund check is ready to pick up. Each student must pick up and sign for their award check. Your signature is acknowledgement that you received your check.



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