A NOTE FROM YOUR ASNIC PRESIDENT, BENAIAH CHEEVERS

ASNIC has been busy trying to make an impact on the student experience so far this year, but you may be wondering what exactly we are up to. You may not even know what exactly ASNIC is. So what is ASNIC?

First off, it’s pronounced “Az-nik”. ASNIC is the Associated Students of North Idaho College. As a student you are a part of ASNIC. You are ASNIC. ASNIC has two main groups that serve you – ASNIC Student Government and the ASNIC Student Events Board.

ASNIC is committed to representing and serving the students of North Idaho College. Through our leadership we ascertain, present, and resolve student concerns; seek out opportunities for improvement within and without the college; provide resources; and enhance student life and the community around us.

Your student government is made up of an eight-member senate and a vice president and president. Meetings are held bi-weekly on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month at noon in the Student Union Building. We welcome and encourage you to be a part of the shared governance process here at NIC.

Currently your ASNIC Student Government representatives are:

**President**
Benaiah Cheevers

**Vice President**
Joshua Brands

**Senators**
Jordann Doler
James Duram
Richard Fortman
Andy Hughes
Tre’ Keough
Bob Mertens
Alex Rodal-Cubillas
Josh Swan

The report from ASNIC will hereafter be a monthly report to keep you informed of how ASNIC is currently serving you.
The college life can be full of fun and frustration. It’s vital to your success as a student to really be intentional about making the most of your experience here. ASNIC has a firm commitment to the mission, vision, and values of North Idaho College. This year’s ASNIC Student Government board has agreed that any project or goal we set for the semester of year shall adhere to one or more of the college’s values of Student Success, Educational Excellence, Community Engagement, Stewardship, and Diversity. Our senators have already taken this initiative and applied it to their current projects.

Current projects include:
- Connecting with the NIC Outreach Center in Bonners Ferry, Sandpoint, and the Silver Valley
- Improving communication across campus and developing a one stop student help center
- Better defining tuition and fees for transparency to understand what you pay for as a student
- Creating a full spectrum lighting study space
- Putting on a performing arts talent showcase for students
- Improving/Updating the programs and degrees for better transferability
- Providing after hour access to study space and computers with internet access
- Developing a student inter-cultural center within the student union building
- Funding and developing a student recreation center on campus

As students who are elected representatives of the entire student body here at NIC, we understand how important it is to lead by example. I would like to take this opportunity to express this year’s student government board’s commitment to academic success. We strongly believe that as student first, it’s our responsibility to always put forth a 100% effort into our courses here at NIC. As the ASNIC President, I would like to convey a few other main focal points as well. Not only are we committed to academic success, but we are also committed to bettering communication among students and departments on campus and increasing student participation in student services and activities. So I encourage you to get involved. After all, it’s your college experience. Make the most of it!

Success is something that can be difficult to achieve. But keep in mind your own motivation to succeed. Check out these two quotes:

“Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other.”
- Abraham Lincoln

“Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome.”
- Booker T. Washington

This past month ASNIC Student Government has been up to quite a bit. Here are some of the things we have been working on:

**NEW COMMITTEE PROPOSALS FROM ASNIC**
We’ve written two committee charges: one for a Student Union Advisory Board, and another for a Sustainability Committee. We are currently awaiting the committee structure review process that the college is undertaking. The College Senate committee has decided to wait on reviewing any new committee charges until a collaborated effort is made with the President’s Cabinet to complete the committee review process.
CONFERENCE TRIP TO BOISE

Seven ASNIC student government students and our advisor Heather Erikson and intern Cain Sanchez traveled to Boise to attend an Associated College Unions International regional conference at Boise State University.

Those of us who attended the conference enjoyed the time in Boise and learned a lot of applicable practices and ideas to bring back to NIC.

SENIATOR PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

ASNIC Senator Richard Fortman’s project for the year is to increase the tuition and fees transparency of the college, specifically to provide clarification and to better communicate the breakdown of the fees that students pay. We’ve had progress with this project in working with the business office.

The ASNIC student government board met with Ron Dorn and Sarah Garcia on September 24th in our executive session to receive a better understanding of the tuition and fees. There have been several updates on the webpage (http://www.nic.edu/websites/default.aspx?dpt=12&pageId=100) for info about tuition and fees to better define what student pay for. This is an ongoing project.

Two grant proposals are being finalized and submitted this week to the Foundation office. One is in conjunction with Rick Schultz of the Culinary Arts and the NIC Gathering Garden here on campus. ASNIC Senator Bob Mertens and I have been involved in the grant proposal process to provide funds for some of the needs in the garden. Also, ASNIC Senator Alex Rodal-Cubillas has been working on a grant proposal to have funds to purchase laptops for his project. The project is have a study lab open after hours for students to be able to do their work at a later hour and providing them with the amenities necessary to succeed in their classes. The project also includes writing a grant proposal for the purchasing of laptops that will be made available for students to check out.

DAY OF SERVICE

Students participated in the NIC Day of Service on October 12th where student went to several different places for service projects like the Human Rights Educational Institute (HREI), Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity, Kootenai County Food Bank at Super One, Post Falls Park & Rec., Community Garden and NIC Gathering Garden.
**TRIP TO UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO**
ASNIC students traveled to the University of Idaho on Monday, October 14th to tour the campus and meet the Associated Students of the University of Idaho (ASUI) to share ideas.