

Native American Center
Mid-term retention report
Fall 2018 to Spring (midterm) 2019

The Native American Center is committed to retaining our students. In the fall of 2017 we designated Melody Hall as the Community Center for Indigeneity as part of a retention initiative. The center offers additional support services for all students in the residence hall, we provide personal enrichment activities and workshops that focus on time management, personal budgeting, study skills as well as enhancing social skills.

The Native American Center has collected retention data and maintains a database on all Native students attending NMHU. Furthermore we have strategic plans for the Center as well as a co-curricular assessment for Melody Hall.

Fall 2018 to Spring 2019 retention rates

<i>Campus</i>	<i>Fall 2018</i>	<i>left</i>	<i>new</i>	<i>Spring 2019</i>	<i>Retention</i>
Online	14	-2	+1	13	85.7%
Rio Rancho	39	-18	+3	24	61.5%
Santa Fe	15	-2	-	13	86.6%
Albuquerque	34	-4	-	30	88.2%
Las Vegas	125	-28	+17	115	65.5%
Farmington	126	-43	-	85	67.5%
TOTALS	353	97	21	280	65%

Increase persistence among first-time freshmen who identify as Native-American: Achieve a fall-to-fall (2nd year) retention rate of 32% for fall 2018 Native American students.

For fall to spring the overall average retention rate for all Native American students was 65%.

The retention rates for the Las Vegas, Rio Rancho, Farmington campuses average 66% which is significantly lower than Santa Fe, Albuquerque and Online where the average is 86%. It should be noted that the number of students at Las Vegas and Farmington is significantly higher than those in Santa Fe and ABQ.

The CCI initiative is fairly new and still requires a more comprehensive and holistic strategic plan. The Native American Center will develop new plans for both the NAC and CCI. As part of the plans it is essential that we collaborate with other departments to enhance the student experience at Melody Hall. The Native American Center highly suggests that NMHU consider establishing a retention office.