



## American Indian Science & Engineering Society (AISES)

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AISES planning meeting - Courtesy of AISES

The University of Arizona's (UA) AISES Chapter works to promote, initiate, and provide educational services for American Indians, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, First Nations and other indigenous pre-college, college, and graduate students in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). AISES also supports early-, mid-, and executive-level professionals in STEM through professional development, mentoring, networking, community service, and various initiatives. AISES is the only professional society established by and for American Indian and Alaska Natives that specifically emphasizes lifelong learning and educational achievement by utilizing cultural and traditional aspects with STEM. UA AISES looks to assist students in reaching their educational goals and to be successful in their field, especially when wanting to make differences among Indigenous communities.

Recently the UA chapter hosted the AISES networking dinner with current and former AISES members, AISES professional chapter members, the AISES executive board, and the President of the AISES organi-

zation. This event provided the opportunity for UA AISES members to network within the executive level of the National AISES organization. Students and professionals alike were given the opportunity to share their ongoing projects as well as academic journeys. These are common themes shared across all UA Chapter events; story-telling, networking, mentorship, and growth as young Native Stewards.



UA Chapter members planning Native American Heritage Month events. - Courtesy of AISES.

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Laurence Brown shares inspirational words and recognizes UA student initiatives at the University of Arizona AISES chapter networking dinner  
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AISES inspiration story see next page, Althea Walker