2020 inmed summer institute

We may not be able to have Summer Institute students travel to the UND campus this year, but we will still create an engaging program that meets all of our goals:

1. Identifies some of the brightest Native students in the US who have an interest in healthcare careers;
2. Provides quality coursework that improves their knowledge in the sciences, health, and communication;
3. Supports students through mentorship from peers, counselors, healthcare providers, and others with a strong emphasis on Native values; and
4. Builds potentially life-long connections among the participants in our program, each of whom is stellar in their own way.

The remote program we are planning has the following adjustments:

* No internet connection will be required.
* Access to a phone line will be the key way that students connect to their instructors, counselors, and peers, and so the students’ stipend will be increased.
* We will provide textbooks and other essential materials to the students at the beginning of the program, with recordings of lessons on either a flash drive or DVDs (with a DVD player provided).
* Students will have a regular schedule for classes and interactions with their peers, instructors, counselors, and others involved in the program.
* Since some school districts extended the school year, the SI program will be shortened to four weeks (June 22nd to July 17th). We will reduce the content for the shortened schedule.
* The communications class will focus heavily on mentoring students to conduct interviews that bring out the strengths of Native people.

To give you the chance to help us shape this year’s program, we invite students and their caregivers to join us for weekly meetings during the planning process, starting Friday, April 3rd. [Add Zoom/call in details]. We value your voice and look forward to creating a fantastic Summer Institute in spite of these challenging times.