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## **American Indian Graduate Center Welcomes New Executive Director**

Angelique Albert, Joins National Native Scholarship Organization

**Albuquerque**, **NM** – February 2, 2017 – The American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC), is pleased to announce and welcome Angelique Albert (*Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes*) as the new executive director.

AIGC is embarking on a 50-year legacy of providing higher education scholarships and services to Indian students. "Ms. Albert is a perfect fit for the organization bringing over 20 years' experience in executive management of non-profits, philanthropy, and tribal education," stated Rose Graham, AIGC Board of Directors President.

Graham added, "AIGC is not your ordinary scholarship provider. It prides itself in providing services and resources to ensure students stay in college successfully. This requires an understanding of Indian student's unique circumstances. We view Ms. Albert appointment as a sign of our commitment to being the premier scholarship provider for Indian students."

Ms. Albert has dedicated her professional career in service to tribal communities and creating positive impacts. Most recently, she has served as Executive Director of Salish Kootenai College Foundation. "AIGC alumni are doctors, attorneys, scientists and tribal leaders making positive impacts across the country. I'm honored to continue the organization's work of building capacity in Indian Country though education," Albert said.

## **About the American Indian Graduate Center (AIGC)**

AIGC is a national organization, based in Albuquerque, NM, providing educational support through scholarships since 1969. AIGC is a national provider of scholarships for American Indian and Alaska Native graduate and undergraduate students and has awarded more than \$52 million in scholarships in the 48 years since its inception.

We provide financial support for American Indians and Alaska Natives seeking higher education and support them in attaining undergraduate, graduate, and professional

## degrees. We partner with Tribes, the federal government, foundations, corporations, and individuals to ensure the growth and sustainability of scholarships.

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