

Meet Our SWEHSC Team



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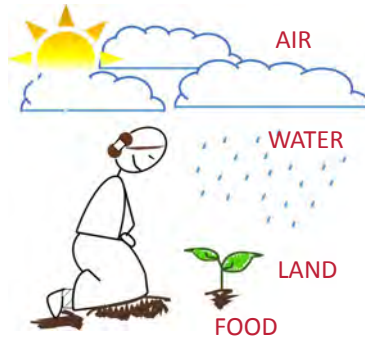


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Historically, Indigenous people have been responsible stewards of the land, treating it with respect for providing their communities with plentiful food, water, and homes. The quality of the air and water sources in communities affect the land and food from which it originates. Water, air, food, and land issues are interconnected. This model depicts the relationship between environmental elements as they pertain to Indigenous communities.



This preliminary sketch of the environmental health model for working with Indigenous communities is based on a conceptualization from advisory board member, Agnes Attakai. SWEHSC's Outreach Core has found this to be most effective in explaining a holistic approach regarding the environment to Native youth.

Letter From the Outreach Director

Welcome to *Indigenous Stewards Volume II!*

We greatly appreciate your interest in our publication, *Indigenous Stewards*. Whether you are a student, community member, or professional, the aim of the magazine is to create connections among people who work to improve environments in Indigenous communities. The content was chosen to raise awareness, foster discussions, spark ideas, and provoke questions.

Indigenous Stewards is the product of dialogues with Indigenous leaders, professionals, and students dedicated to and who research to understand the effects of the environment upon human health. Highlighted in this issue is the important work of Karletta Chief, PhD, water research, student training, and public education. We hope you are inspired by the stories of student researchers, educational events, organizations that support students, and the written work of students and professionals who honor and protect the environment.

Ultimately, it is our goal to use our magazine to help cultivate future generations of indigenous stewards. We hope this inspires you to share some of the environmental issues and solutions within your community and how you act as an agent of positive change to help combat environmental health and justice issues. Please feel free to send us any topic you would like to see covered in future volumes of *Indigenous Stewards*.

On behalf of our entire SWEHSC team,

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