Pre-Tribal Colleges

Pre-1950s

1776:
◊ U.S. Constitution gives Congress power to make treaties with Indians Tribes

1778–1884:
◊ 400 treaties signed, 120 include education

1870-1890:
◊ *Hastinn Ch'il Haajiin (*Chief Manuelito*)—Education is the Ladder, tell our people to take it*
◊ *Ťhaťháŋka Íyotake* (Chief Sitting Bull)—*Let us put our minds together and see what world we can make for our children*
◊ *Alaxchíia Ahú* (Chief Plenty Coups)—*With education, we are the white man's equal; without it, we are his victim*

1880s:
◊ "English Only" policy at Federal Indian Schools
◊ Off-reservation training & education, including industrial & mission schools, dominate Indian education

1824:
◊ BIA established (Indian schools included)

1830:
◊ Indian Removal Act

1884:
◊ Indian Boarding School established, Lawrence, KS, renamed Haskell Institute in 1887

1890:
◊ U.S. Government publishes Indian education policies in *Rules for Indian Schools*

1928:
◊ Meriam Report publishes *The Problem of Indian Administration*

1934:
◊ Indian Reorganization Act

1944:
◊ NCAI founded

1950s

1950s:
◊ Relocation Era
◊ IRA governments formed

1953:
◊ Navajo Tribe establish scholarship fund (23 tribes follow)
◊ High water mark for termination

1957:
◊ 2,000 American Indians enrolled in U.S. colleges and universities

1959:
◊ ASU Center for Indian Education established

Reclaiming Ownership

Pre-1960s

1960s:
◊ Relocation continues: Brain drain from reservations to urban areas
◊ National Community College movement gains momentum

1961:
◊ JFK establishes Task Force on Indian Affairs, led by Stewart Udall

1962:
◊ IAIA established as a high school
◊ 4,000 American Indians enroll in U.S. colleges and universities

1965:
◊ ESEA fails to include BIA schools

1966:
◊ Rough Rock Demonstration School
◊ ESEA amended to fund BIA

1968:
◊ Navajo Community College founded
◊ 181 AIs graduate from 4-year colleges

1969:
◊ Senate report, ***Indian Education National Tragedy/ National Challenge,*** published
◊ NIEA founded
◊ "Indians of All Tribes" seize reapportioned land

Visibility of Confidence (Laws, Acts, Policies)

1970s	1980s

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1970:
◊ Haskell becomes Haskell Indian Junior College

1971:
◊ OLC, SGU, and SIPI (BIA) chartered

1972:
◊ TMCC chartered
◊ Indian Education Act (Title IV PL 92-318)

1973:
◊ AIHEC founded
◊ SBC chartered
◊ Wounded Knee, SD—71-day standoff between AIM & federal agents
◊ U.S. Civil Rights Commission hearings and report, *Navajo Nation: An American Colony*

1974:
◊ BCC, CCCC, and NHSC chartered

1975:
◊ CDKC and KBOCC chartered
◊ First PL 95-638 contract schools, including Rough Rock (Navajo) and Loneman Day School (Pine Ridge)
◊ Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act
◊ IEA amendments require parent committees, encourage community schools and bilingual curricula

1976:
◊ Navajo Community College is first TCU to be fully accredited

1977:
◊ SKC chartered
◊ BIA testifies in Senate opposing TCU funding authorization

1978:
◊ FPCC chartered

1979:
◊ SWC, NICC, and NTU chartered
◊ SGU is first TCU to achieve bachelor's accreditation

1980s:
◊ TCUs launch athletic programs/AIHEC basketball tournament begins

1980:
◊ LBHC chartered

1981:
◊ TCCCA Act reauthorized
◊ First AIHEC Student Conference

1982:
◊ LCOOCC chartered

1983:
◊ NWIC chartered

1984:
◊ ANC, BMCC, and SCC chartered

1986:
◊ IAIA Congressionally chartered
◊ AIHEC Student Congress established

1987:
◊ FDLTCC and RLNC chartered
◊ First Carnegie Report on Tribal Colleges and Universities

1988:
◊ AIHEC establishes American Indian College Fund
◊ Indian Gaming Regulatory Act

1989:
◊ AIHEC establishes Tribal College Journal
◊ Tribally Controlled Post-secondary Vocational-Technical Institutions Act (NTU, UTTC)
◊ SGU is first TCU to achieve master's accreditation

Recognition of TCU Return on Investment

1990s

1990s:
◊ Self Governance Era

1990:
◊ LLTC chartered
◊ Native American Language Act

1992:
◊ First White House Conference on Indian Education
◊ AIHEC Telecommunications Project (satellite)

1993:
◊ CMN chartered
◊ Haskell renamed Haskell Indian Nations University

1994:
◊ Equity in Educational Land-grant Status Act (29 TCUs)
◊ Congress ends TCU/Tribal Adult Basic Ed program
◊ AIHEC HQ building purchased in Alexandria, VA

1995:
◊ W.K. Kellogg launches NAHEI for TCUs

1996:
◊ Ilisagvik College and LPTC chartered
◊ First EO on TCUs signed and WHITCU established (William J. Clinton)

1997:
◊ WETCC and WRTC chartered
◊ Second Carnegie Report on TCUs published

1998:
◊ SCTC and TOCC chartered
◊ HEA Reauthorization: TCCCA Act renamed "TCCUA Act" and separate TCU Title III program established
◊ First TCU (Diné College) visited by U.S. president
◊ First AIHEC-USDA MOU signed
◊ WKKF helps fund TCU Log Cabin project—test site built at SGU
◊ LPTC gains land-grant status
◊ TCU Land-grant Research Program authorized

1999:
◊ AIHEC-HACU-NAFEO establish Alliance for Equity in Higher Education
◊ TCU Technology Initiative launched
◊ Lilly Endowment provides $30M for Log Cabin project
◊ WINHEC established by AIHEC, and Maori, First Nations, and Saami IHEs

Growth in TCU Capacity and Global Impact

2000s

2000s:
- ◊ Era of increased federal higher education accountability begins

2000:
- ◊ WHITCU-AIHEC Technology Prosperity Game (TCUs have dial-up Internet access and few computers)
- ◊ NSF-TCUP launched at $10M/year
- ◊ AI/AN Teacher Corps and TCU-Head Start Partnership funded
- ◊ TCU Facilities Initiative: USDA-RD, HUD, ED, and Lilly Foundation

2001:
- ◊ No Child Left Behind Act
- ◊ First meeting of USDA-AIHEC Leadership Group

2002
- ◊ CNC chartered
- ◊ Second Executive Order on TCUs signed (George W. Bush)
- ◊ WETCC gains land-grant status

2003:
- ◊ AIHEC Athletic Commission established
- ◊ Kellogg Alliance Leadership Initiative launched

2004:
- ◊ CtMN chartered
- ◊ Lumina Foundation funds AIHEC AIMS data collection initiative
- ◊ SCTC and TOCC gain land-grant status
- ◊ FALCON established (land-grant faculty)

2005s:
- ◊ Second generation TCU students begin to enroll
- ◊ Digitally connected era for TCU students (smartphones, Facebook)

2005:
- ◊ AIHEC establishes Abourezk-Skeen Award honoring Congressional champions of TCU Movement, first awards to U.S. Senators Byron L. Dorgan (D-ND) and Conrad Burns (R-MT)
- ◊ AIHEC-TCUs advance healthy communities with "National Check-up Day"
- ◊ TOCC gains land-grant status
- ◊ Ilisagvik College named Alaska's first TCU

2005-2006:
- ◊ DQ University and Si Tanka-Huron University close

2007:
- ◊ UN adopts Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

2008:
- ◊ AIHEC re-launches annual Student Leadership Institute
- ◊ Ilisagvik College gains land-grant status
- ◊ $60M in TCU Title III mandatory funding (2-yrs CCRAA)
- ◊ TCU HEA-Title III program formula funded

2009:
- ◊ AIHEC publishes *Indigenous Evaluation Framework*
- ◊ FPCC and MSU-Bozeman achieve WINHEC accreditation
- ◊ More than 40 tribes in California launch effort to establish CA Tribal College

Shift in Generational Leadership

2010s

2010:
◊ Forward Funding secured for TCU Act colleges
◊ $300M additional mandatory funding in TCU Title III (SAFRA for 10 yrs)
◊ Sequestration impacts all federal programs
◊ LLTC ranked 7th nationally in ***Washington Monthly's*** annual America's Best Community Colleges list
◊ First National TCU Rocketry Competition
◊ HINU achieves WINHEC accreditation

2011:
◊ First TCU graduate awarded prestigious NSF Research Fellowship Award: Dereck Stonefish, SBC
◊ President Obama signs EO for all AI/AN education, eliminating separate TCU EO and ending WHITCU (separate HBCU EO maintained)

2012:
◊ AIHEC annual Student Conference grows to 1,100 participants (Rapid City, SD)
◊ AIHEC hosts first annual CAO meeting
◊ Pell doubles to $33B

2013:
◊ AIHEC celebrates 40th anniversary
◊ AIHEC convenes first Capitol Hill-TCU Student Leaders Advocacy Forum
◊ Federal government shut down impacts TCUs
◊ IAIA launches first graduate program (MFA)
◊ AIHEC awarded NARCH/Behavioral Health Research grant (5 yrs)

2014:
◊ Navajo Nation mandates agencies to use NTU/DC for research/data services
◊ FDLTCC grandfathered into AIHEC regular membership
◊ SBC accredited to offer first TCU STEM master's degree (Environmental Science)
◊ KBOCC and CtMN gain land-grant status
◊ IAIA graduates 16 Master of Fine Arts students
◊ Federal investment in TCUs operating funds increases 17% since 2007, state investment in state IHEs drop 26%

2015:
◊ Lionel Bordeaux is longest serving sitting president of a public IHE (1972–)
◊ SKC students (with NASA) launch satellite into earth's orbit
◊ TCUs participate in First World Indigenous Peoples Games (Palmas, Brazil)

2016:
◊ AIHEC reports: 37 TCUs operating more than 75 sites throughout Indian Country in 16 states, serving more than 160,000 AIs/ANs each year through community and academic programs