



**Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute**  
A National Indian Community College and Land Grant Institution

### **Mission Statement**

“It is the mission of Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Institute, a National Indian Community College, to provide quality technical and higher education opportunities that meet the dynamic needs of federally recognized tribes. This endeavor provide the opportunities to: enter the technological workforce as self-sufficient and contributing members of society; acquire higher levels of academic achievement; and enrich and enhance student learning and self-esteem by responding to their mental, social, physical, spiritual, and cultural needs.”

### **Values and Goals**

As a National Indian Community College, SIPI will adhere to the following values and goals within its structure, policies and practices: (Source: SIPI’s Strategic Plan 2002-2010)

- *Respect for tribal sovereignty, self-determination, self-governance, and recognition of treaty obligations.* The college is cognizant of the existence of Indian Nations as sovereign nations with the inherent right of self-determination and self-governance. The goals of the college are accomplished within this scope through collaborative partnerships with tribal entities.
- *Relevance.* With the impact of global trends affecting Indian nations, the college strives to deliver culturally, socially, and economically relevant information, training, and services that will offer long-term solutions and encourages life-long learning among students.
- *Respect for Diversity.* The college values and supports diversity within its structure and within the individuals and communities that are served.
- *Holistic Approaches.* The college provides a holistic learning environment for student including affective, cognitive, and social enhancement.
- *Integrity and Professionalism.* The college strives to provide the highest quality instruction, services, and learning resources to American Indian and Alaska Native students and communities.
- *Promote Enhancement and Excellence for all American Indians.* The college fosters partnerships with other organizations and consortiums that promote educational access, enhancement and excellence for all American Indian and Alaskan Natives.