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Mystique,

It was great talking with you today. Our Healing Feathers Project, here at Portland State University, is a suicide prevention awareness and wellness program which is pretty much carried out by a handful of Native American/Alaskan Native students on campus. The project is funded under a SAMSHA grant under the Native American Rehabilitation Association.

Last year we hosted a poster contest for Native American/Alaskan Native junior high and senior high school students attending Oregon schools. We are again sponsoring another poster contest for our Healing Feathers Project and our theme is "Breaking The Silence." We want to encourage young people to step forward and help their friends who may be expressing suicidal ideation or have threatened to commit suicide. We are expanding this years contest to include NA/AN students in Washington, Idaho and Oregon.

We ask your assistance in disseminating our effort to tribal communities, Title VII and JOM programs. Contest winners' artwork will be used to create a poster that will be shared with students and tribal communities. We hope to make this an annual activity. Should you have questions please call me at 503-725-5348. Thanks for all you do.

Walk in beauty

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