



2. Please list education or training relevant to your choice(s):  
- B.S. - Sociology  
- M.S. Ed. - Student Affairs Admin.  
Leadership  
- Ed.D. - Higher Ed Admin. (pursuing)

Please list work experience relevant to your choice(s): (see resume)  
- SDSU College of Nursing, Diversity Outreach & Engagement Coordinator  
- BHSU - Rapid City, Student Success Advisor

Please list community volunteer service relevant to your choice(s):  
- Native Leadership, One Heart  
- Rapid City Collective Impact Emerging Leader

3. I would like to serve in the indicated positions(s) because:  
I would like to bring a fresh perspective and diversity to the Journey Board of Directors.

4. The following references may be contacted:

Name: Bev Warne  
Address: Rapid City, SD  
Phone: 480-495-3221

Name: Cante Heart  
Address: Rapid City, SD  
Phone: 605-430-8514

Are you registered voter of the City of Rapid City?  
 Yes  No

Are you resident of the City of Rapid City?  
 Yes  No

**5. Please submit a resume and/or brief autobiography.**

6. I understand the role and responsibility of membership on these Boards or Commissions and am willing to serve. In applying for appointment, I understand that the Mayor may contact the references listed. I also understand that I might be contacted by citizens or other board members at the address I indicated on the other side of this application.

  
Signature

Please return application to:  
  
Mayor's Office  
300 Sixth Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

Your application will be kept on file for three years. Thank you for applying.

**Valeria R. Big Eagle**  
922 N. 7th St.  
Rapid City, SD 57701  
(605) 415-3049  
valeria.h.bigeagle@sdstate.edu

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### **SKILLS AND QUALIFICATIONS**

- Hard worker, quick learner, and ability to assume responsibility
- Work well under pressure as an individual or part of a team
- Skilled at interacting with people from all backgrounds
- Versatile and multi-skilled person
- Willing to take on leadership roles
- Strong public speaking skills
- Computer proficient in Microsoft Office Suite

### **EDUCATION**

**University of South Dakota, Rapid City, SD**  
**Currently Attending, Anticipated Graduation Summer 2021**  
Doctor of Education, Adult and Higher Education Administration

**South Dakota State University, Rapid City, SD**  
**Graduated Fall 2018**  
Master of Science in Education, Counseling & Human Resource Development-Student Affairs Administration

**South Dakota State University, Brookings, SD**  
**Graduated Fall 2014**  
Bachelor of Science, Sociology

### **EXPERIENCE (Last 5 Years)**

**South Dakota State University, College of Nursing, Rapid City, SD**  
March 2019-current

*Diversity Outreach & Engagement Coordinator*

- Outreach and engagement with schools, tribal programs, and related healthcare organizations
- Develop, implement, and evaluate nursing education and health professions outreach plans
- Explore and develop new opportunities for educating K-12 students in tribal communities about pursuing health careers
- Collaborate with College of Nursing faculty to plan and implement health career camps located in Rapid City and tribal communities
- Recruitment, advising, and retention of nursing students
- Lead planning on implementation activities for advising, retention, and mentorship of students interested in nursing at SDSU
- Develop relationships with health professionals to support recruitment and mentorship of students interested in attending SDSU to pursue nursing
- Facilitate development of cultural education for all students enrolled in nursing and health professions at SDSU

### **MIT SOLVE, Cambridge, MS**

January 2019-current

*Indigenous Communities Consultant*

- Help recruit potential Indigenous Communities Fellowship applicants
- Host information sessions about MIT Solve and Indigenous Communities Fellowship
- Plan, support, and assist Indigenous Communities Fellows for MIT Solve
- Outreach and support for MIT Solve, local contact for South Dakota

**Black Hills State University, Rapid City, SD**

May 2018-December 2018

*Student Affairs Administration Intern*

- Internship working directly under the Executive Director of Black Hills State University-Rapid City
- Great opportunity to learn about a top management position in higher education administration
- Experience learning from Academic Deans, BHSU University President, and Executive Board of Directors

**Black Hills State University, Rapid City, SD**

July 2016-March 2019

*Student Success Advisor*

- Academic advising
- Establish academic success plans for students on academic probation
- Work with Financial Aid Assistant to complete financial aid academic plans for students
- Assist with accommodations paperwork for students
- Help guide students to maintain academic satisfactory progress standards
- Student support services

**Brookings Housing & Redevelopment Commission**

**Family Self-Sufficiency Program, Brookings, SD**

February 2016 – July 2016

*Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator/Occupancy Specialist*

- Prepared individual training and services plan for the head of FSS families, case management
- Built partnerships with employers and services providers in the community
- Assisted clients with services provided by the FSS Program
- Grant-writing for funding opportunities
- Assisted Housing Program Specialist with filing, verifications, R.A.M. computer software, and orientations

**South Dakota State University**

**Department of Sociology & Rural Studies Brookings, SD**

August 2015 – December 2015

*Graduate Assistant*

- Student Enrichment activities
- Assisted Internship Director with internship opportunities

**Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Social Services, Flandreau, SD**

September 2014 – December 2014

*Department of Social Services Intern*

- Assisted Child Protective Services director with paperwork directly related to clients and children under DSS care
- Assisted director with home visits with families
- Worked with the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe Child Protection Committee on a truancy protocol for FSST students
- Worked on paperwork directly related to the Indian Child Welfare Act for the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe

**Boys and Girls Club of Moody County, Flandreau, SD**

February 2014 – April 2014

*Youth Development Specialist, Flandreau Indian School Tutor*

- Responsible for assisting staff with supervision of the youth
- Assisted staff in stimulating participation of youth in activities
- Contributed to the creation of the overall Club's climate for youth development
- Tutored high school students at Flandreau Indian School

**AWARDS**

- SDSU College of Nursing Leadership Challenge Participant, 2019-2020
- Cobell Scholarship Recipient, 2019-2020

- 2019 Rapid City Collective Impact Emerging Leader
- 2018 Prairie Business Magazine 40 Under 40 Award Winner
- Bush Foundation Fellowship Semi-Finalist, 2018
- 2018 Native Nation Rebuilder, Native Governance Center, Bush Foundation
- American Indian Graduate Center Fellow, 2017-2019
- Phi Kappa Phi, College of Family and Consumer Affairs National Honor Society, Spring 2018
- Chi Sigma Alpha, Student Affairs/College Counseling National Honor Society, Fall 2017
- American Indian Graduate Center Fellowship Recipient, Fall 2017
- Dakota Indian Education Foundation Scholarship Recipient, Fall 2017
- Sioux Empire Rock-a-Betty's Scholarship Recipient, Fall 2017
- Cobell Scholarship Recipient, Summer 2017
- AAUW Success Award, Spring 2017
- American Indian Education Foundation Graduate Scholarship, Fall 2015
- Gates Millennium Scholar Alumni, Spring 2014
- South Dakota State University Resiliency Award, Spring 2012
- Bill Gates Millennium Scholarship Recipient, 2007
- Richard Hagen-Minerva Harvey Memorial Scholarship Recipient, 2007
- Class Valedictorian, 2007

#### ACTIVITIES

- Native Leadership, One Heart, June 2019-current
- Rapid City Collective Impact, April 2019-current
- He Sapa Otipi Board Member, March 2019-current
- YMCA Basketball Coach, October 2018-current
- Prosperity Initiative Coach, Partner, April 2017-current
- Uplifting Parents Program Committee Member, Partner, April 2017-current
- Youth VIP (Voices in Prevention) Research Advisory Board Member, April 2017-current
- BHSU-Rapid City Native American Club (He'Sapa Oyate) Advisor, January 2017-March 2019
- Black Hills Area Habitat for Humanity Ambassador & Partner Family, December 2016-current
- American Indian Initiatives Committee, Fall 2016-current
- Volunteer Service Bank Board of Directors Secretary, February 2016-July 2016
- T-ball Coach, Summer 2015
- Chair of Inter-Lakes Community Action Head-start Program, 2014-2015
- Brookings County Youth Program Mentor, 2013-2015
- Brookings Habitat for Humanity Volunteer, 2013-2016
- South Dakota State University Native American Club Secretary, 2011-2012
- SAIGES Mentor for SDSU Native American students, 2010-2011
- South Dakota State University Pow Wow Committee, 2009-2013
- College intramural basketball and volleyball, 2007-2011
- Upward Bound Participant 2004-2007