

I had found a pamphlet of the Iowa, Sac, and Fox Mission Museum from 1942, sharing the find with Lance. Lance explained the demise of the Museum and the Iowa Tribes' interest in reopening the Museum. I embraced the idea and hoping there could be a collaboration between HCC and the Tribe.

Lance and the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska were instrumental in Highland Community College Library, receiving several grants to preserve the 1859 Land Grant and begin curating the historical documents located at Highland Community College. Lance and Alan Kelley of the Iowa Tribe participated in a panel discussion about the History of the area and the United States and the importance of how we present the past to the future generations, telling the whole story, not just pieces of it. Lance has also provided information for Constitution Day 2020 and how it related to the Sovereign Nations. Also, Lance has spoken with Dr. Erin Shaw and President Fox about other educational endeavors and sharing with the Agricultural courses the tribes work in farming and being good stewards of the land and water.

We have also spoken about the future of the Mission and how it could benefit the students of HCC. Programs and workshops dealing with diversity, history, agriculture, and environmentalism would broaden our campus community's horizons. The collaboration between HCC and the Iowa Tribe of Kansas and Nebraska would create opportunities for curating and preserving the past and learning from mistakes and triumphs, and working together to make a stronger union of this country's people.

While the College is not in a financial position to open or maintain the Mission ourselves, we can see the educational opportunities are plenty for K-12, Higher Education, and our communities. Highland Community College can be a partner in delivering courses, speakers, educational events, and art series. Highland Community College supports HB 2408.