As Red Cloud’s newest president, I am blessed to spend my days learning from and growing with this extraordinary community. And I can say without hesitation that each day I am more and more awestruck at the sacredness of this place—and at the work that is happening here.

Each day I meet students who are emerging as leaders, whether they be high school students earning admission to the college of their dreams, or kindergarten students discovering the joy of reading, not in English but in Lakota. I watch as our teachers fuel their discoveries and achievements, guiding and encouraging them to become the leaders they were born to be.

Each day I witness our parish teams—those who serve at Red Cloud’s six churches across the reservation—pouring their energy back into the community by teaching spiritual education classes, or mourning alongside families who have just lost a loved one, or offering warm meals and winter clothing to those who need it most.

Each day I experience the work of Lakota artists who are building their careers with the support of our Heritage Center—some by exhibiting their newest pieces in our fine arts gallery, and others by showcasing their work in our gift shop, a social enterprise initiative that provides artists with sustainable income while boosting economic development on the reservation.

And that only scratches the surface. Indeed, sometimes I worry that our name—Red Cloud Indian School—doesn’t fully capture the full depth and breadth of who we are as an organization. Education is certainly our foundation. But at our deepest core, we are a mission—a mission committed to using every resource we have to serve, strengthen, and empower youth and families across the reservation. I hope you’ll see that commitment clearly as you read this Year in Review.

Nicholas Black Elk, the Lakota holy man who served as a catechist here at Red Cloud and is being canonized for sainthood, once said, “As you walk upon our sacred Mother Earth, treat each step as a prayer.” Our community is heeding his sage wisdom, by using each step forward to create positive and meaningful change. We simply could not take those steps without you. From all of us at Red Cloud, our deepest thanks for being a part of this sacred mission.

Dr. Raymond Nadolny, President
July
While classes were out of session, the sounds of new construction could be heard all around campus: Red Cloud began building new faculty housing as part of an initiative to address the severe housing shortage on the reservation and to recruit and retain the most effective teachers.

August
Visitors from near and far flocked to The Heritage Center to experience the last few days of the 51st Red Cloud Indian Art Show. Over the show’s five decades, it has supported the careers of diverse Native artists from across the country, giving them a voice in the evolving narrative on indigenous art and experience.

September
A new school year brought more opportunities to celebrate Lakota leadership at Red Cloud. After more than a decade serving as assistant principal and dean of students, Ann-Marie Amiotte took the reins as our elementary school principal, set on empowering Red Cloud’s youngest students in powerful new ways.

October
Our own high school students, and hundreds of others from across the region, gathered in the fieldhouse to dream about their academic futures at Red Cloud’s fifth annual college. Over 40 state and regional colleges and universities sent representatives to provide students with information, encouragement, and inspiration.
March
After a series of powerful winter storms led to devastating flooding across the Pine Ridge Reservation, Red Cloud staff—and even our students—jumped in to help support relief efforts, packing sandbags to keep flood waters at bay and welcoming displaced residents to campus.

April
Our Director of Graduate Success—a Red Cloud graduate herself—continued to build strong relationships with young alumni struggling with the many challenges that often face first-generation college students. Staying in close touch by phone, email, and social media, she made sure they were finding connections to critical resources, from mentoring and counseling to financial aid.

May
As the class of 2019 came together for their graduation ceremony and celebration, there were countless reasons to be proud: together they earned nearly a million dollars in college scholarships and nearly 95 percent went on to college at institutions across the country, from Bridgewater State, to the University of Minnesota, to Stanford University.

June
Parishioners from across Red Cloud’s parish gathered at St. Agnes Church to celebrate the continuing canonization of Nicholas Black Elk (1863-1950). As one spiritual community, they reflected and prayed at the very church where Black Elk served as a leader and catechist, weaving together elements of Lakota and Catholic spirituality in his teachings.

November
Six Red Cloud students—all young women—traveled to Washington, DC to be a part of the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice, the largest annual Catholic social justice gathering in the United States. At the Teach-In, they offered an independent presentation on a painful and urgent topic: the alarming rise of indigenous people, and particularly women, who are murdered or go missing.

December
Our Lady of Lourdes’ seventh grade Spiritual Formation class performed a stunning and heartfelt Christmas performance, acting out the nativity scene behind a white curtain, with only their silhouettes visible. A video of the performance went viral and was viewed more than 80,000 times on Facebook.

January
As the United Nations declared 2019 the Year of Indigenous Languages, Red Cloud’s Lakota Language Program continued to inspire young people to become warriors for language revitalization. After earning her college degree, one Red Cloud graduate even returned to campus to teach the language full-time to Red Cloud’s youngest students—our kindergarteners.

February
In recognition of its advocacy for Native artists and its “leadership in supporting and encouraging the arts through time, talent and funding,” The Heritage Center received the 2019 South Dakota Governor’s Awards in the Arts at a gala at the state capitol.
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LEADERSHIP AND FINANCIAL REPORT

The mission of Red Cloud Indian School, a Catholic Institution administered by the Jesuits and the Lakota people, is to develop and grow as a vibrant Church, through an education of the mind and spirit that promotes Lakota and Catholic values.

Operating Revenues and Support

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Notes

This financial report covers the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 (FY19).
A copy of Red Cloud’s FY19 independent audit is available upon request.
Overall Increase in Net Assets in FY19 is $13,186,265.