

# BENEFITS OF CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

AIBL members have an opportunity to secure unique benefits by organizing a student chapter or becoming members of a chapter. Some of the benefits are listed below:

- 1. Membership in a nationally recognized professional American Indian organization.** Membership in a professional organization that caters specifically to American Indians and demonstrates a student's commitment to the highest ideals of the business profession. Each new chapter receives an AIBL membership plaque commemorating its existence.
- 2. Strength through numbers.** More can be accomplished by working in a group motivated by a common interest than by working individually. AIBL chapters have a unique opportunity to contribute to campus, high school, grade school and community events through chapter activities.
- 3. Personal strength through chapter membership.** Through peer support groups, networking and chapter activities, AIBL members become part of a broad network of American Indian students and professionals. This network can help individual members with the challenge of completing a degree by offering academic, social and emotional support.
- 4. Leadership training and experience opportunities.** Through holding an executive officer position or committee chairperson positions, AIBL members receive invaluable leadership experience. Executive officers are invited to attend a one-week leadership seminar designed to help students develop the leadership skills they need to motivate and provide direction to the rest of their chapter.
- 5. National conference participation.** Each chapter member is eligible for the student rate to attend the national conference.
- 6. Scholarship resources.** AIBL student members are eligible for AIBL Scholarships.
- 7. Fund-raising.** Chapters raise substantial funds through chapter activities and through corporate sponsors, local businesses and tribal solicitation. These fund-raising activities will facilitate the educational aspect of AIBL through the fund allocation and accounting process.
- 8. Recognition of achievement.** A distinguished chapter award will be given annually to the chapter that has distinguished itself in the promotion of AIBL principles and ideals.
- 9. Access to discount AIBL merchandise.** AIBL's merchandise includes jackets, caps, sweatshirts, t-shirts, book bags, jewelry, stationary and posters depicting AIBL's logo in some shape or form.