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SHAPING YOUR FUTURE

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AGENDA

- ✓ Introduction
- ✓ Embracing Multiple Racial Identities
- ✓ Career Planning
- ✓ Create Connections
- ✓ Online/Virtual Learning
- ✓ Questions & Answers



YOUR PRESENTER



Dr. Marcus Lewis

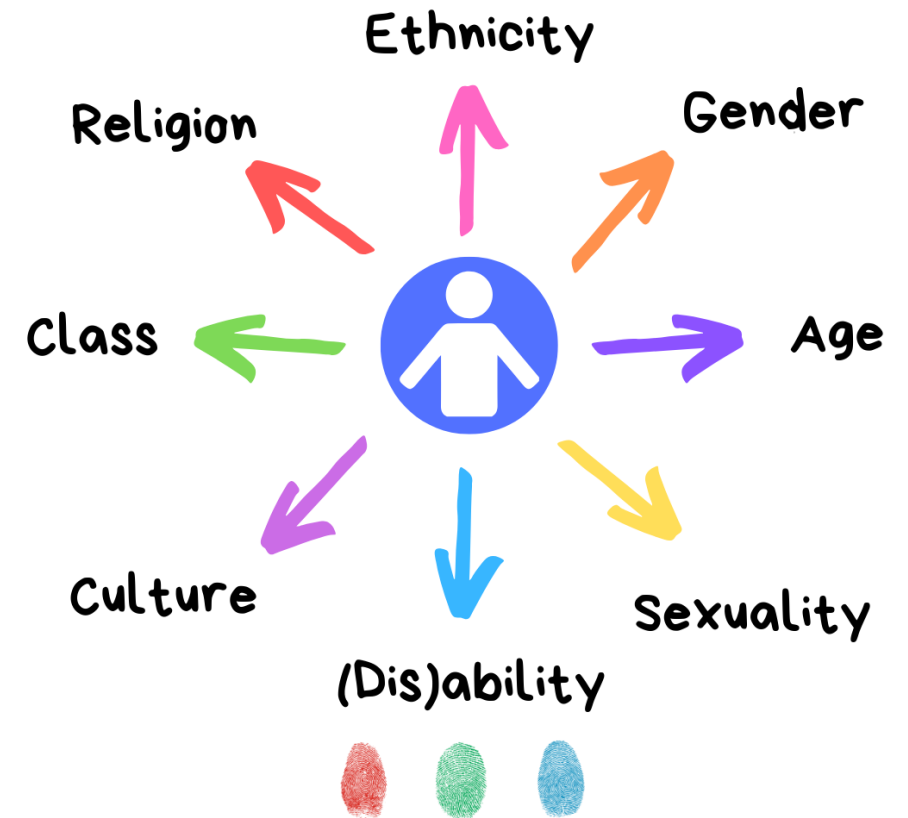
- Enrolled Ho-Chunk member
- African American
- Husband & Father
- Grew up in the Indian Mission outside Black River Falls

Education

- Black River Falls Senior High School
- University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point (Bachelor)
- University of Nevada Las Vegas (Master's)
- University of Wisconsin – Stout (Doctorate)

EMBRACING YOUR IDENTITY

- ✓ Value and appreciate your entire identity
- ✓ Blood quantum does not dictate your worth or sense of self
- ✓ Walk in Two Worlds...confidently
- ✓ Bring the BEST of yourself forward



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

- ✓ Think about a CAREER, not a job
- ✓ Identify your passions
- ✓ Find allies and mentors who can help you
- ✓ Anticipate future challenges
- ✓ Choose the educational opportunity that makes the most sense for you



FIND CONNECTIONS

- ✓ Reframe your thinking about mainstream education and traditional or Native American Church activities
- ✓ Find the connective tissue between your Native culture and school
- ✓ You have more skills than you realize



FIND CONNECTIONS

Cultural Responsibilities:

- ✓ Promptness and focus
- ✓ Timely task completion
- ✓ Receiving feedback and making changes based on it
- ✓ Asking questions
- ✓ Understanding how your part fits into the greater ceremony or purpose
- ✓ Willingness to learn
- ✓ Practice for mastery

School Responsibilities:

- ✓ Consistent attendance
- ✓ Completing assignments on time
- ✓ Receiving feedback and making changes based on that feedback
- ✓ Asking questions
- ✓ Understanding how classes and assignments fits into the bigger picture of your education
- ✓ Willingness to learn
- ✓ Practice for mastery

EMBRACE VIRTUAL LEARNING

- ✓ Virtual learning and work is here to stay
- ✓ Master virtual learning/meeting skills
- ✓ The challenges are many, but so are the **opportunities**
- ✓ Position yourself for future success by looking forward – not back



MOVING FORWARD

- ✓ Be gentle with yourself
- ✓ You're going to mess up – and that's OK
- ✓ Find mentors and role models to help you
- ✓ Work toward improvement, not perfection
- ✓ Take ownership of your future!

MISTAKES
are proof that you are
TRYING



If you can't fly, then **run**.
If you can't run, then **walk**.
If you can't walk, then **crawl**,
but by all means, **keep moving**.

- Martin Luther King Jr.



QUESTIONS

ANSWERS