



Truth and Healing Update

The Office of Truth and Healing has received the final report from Marsha Small and her team at Ohio Valley Archeology, Inc. in regards to the excavation in Drexel Hall basement. We're thankful to them and to the representatives from the FBI who were present during the excavation. Our deepest gratitude to the community member who brought forward their testimony in regards to the excavation site. MaŃpíya Lúta | Red Cloud continues its commitment to pursuing all avenues of truth-seeking.

RESULTS

The report affirms that no evidence of graves existed in the soil and that there was no evidence of graves ever having been removed. The full report can be viewed [here](#).

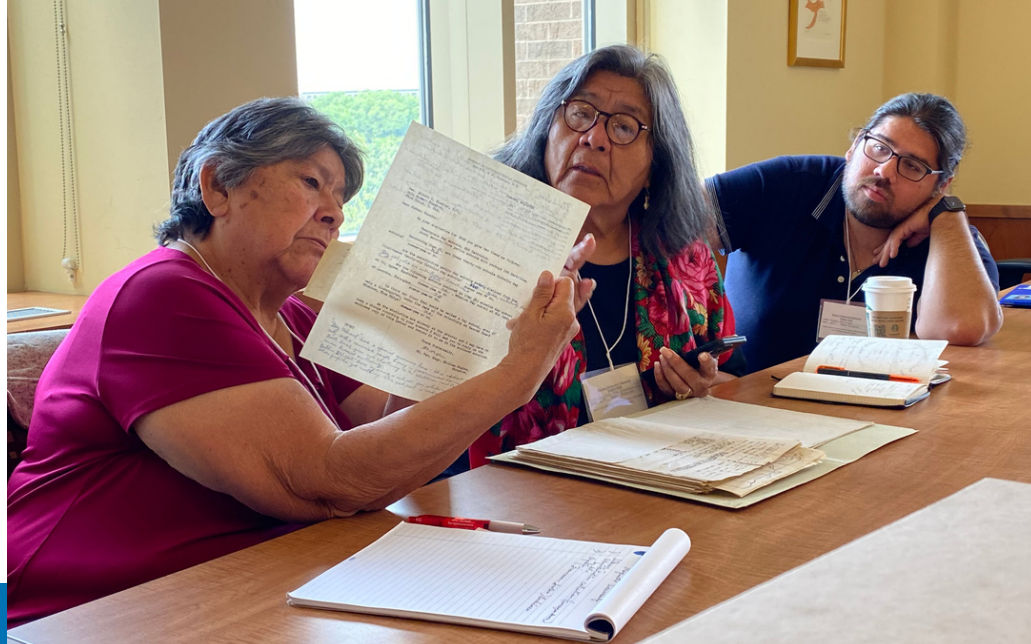
MEDIA

We also want to inform you of an upcoming podcast that will heavily feature MaŃpíya Lúta in a [six episode arc](#) that will be released on April 12th, 2023. Based on the podcast's recent press releases, we expect a negative portrayal of MaŃpíya Lúta and the Truth and Healing process.

STRENGTH

We stand ready to provide any necessary responses on these very important matters. We believe the full history of Red Cloud | MaŃpíya Lúta should be examined and shared broadly. While we continue to be open and transparent about our history, we will also acknowledge the work of our LakŃota students and staff. Our students are thriving in their classrooms today with teachers who provide a strong education that prepares them to be successful leaders beyond our classrooms. Our youngest students are strong in their identity learning in the LakŃota language and utilizing LakŃota knowledge.

Community Advisors
Mary Irving and Cecilia
Fire Thunder examine
documents in the Holy
Rosary Mission archives
at Marquette University
with Maka Black Elk.



Our Ongoing Work

In 2019, the office of Truth and Healing was created; it is led by Maka Black Elk. Below is a brief summary of the work including updates from the past few months.

- Boarder-led oral history project collected testimony of 40+ boarders at Holy Rosary Mission.
- Established Community Advisory Council (CAC) as advisors to the truth and healing work.
- Demonstrated Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) with an Indigenous specialist in May of 2022.
- Used GPR to scan a testimonial site of potentially unmarked graves.
- Engaged the FBI, Tribal Officials, and archaeological experts to excavate the site.
- Welcomed Fr. Arturo Sosa, Superior General of the Jesuits from Rome to deliver an apology for the boarding school era mistakes.
- Hired a full time researcher in Sept 2022 to research questions developed by CAC.
- Indigenous teachers created a K-12 Boarding School Curriculum for Maḥpíya Lúta students.
- Provides ongoing professional development for staff on boarding school history and impact.
- Developing a full list of students who attended HRM, researching the finances and land acquisition of Holy Rosary Mission.