Purpose
The Provost Scholars will learn about overcoming the challenges of substance abuse and the journey involved with self-identity, education, and community. This seminar will feature Mr. Bruce Kafer who is a doctoral student at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing and a Jonas Foundation Scholar and Fellow in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Minority Fellowship Program.

Presenter Biography
Mr. Bruce Kafer, RN, MSN, BSN, AAS, is a doctoral student at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western Reserve University (CWRU). He is also an enrolled member of the Oglala Sioux Tribe, South Dakota and a population health nurse specialist who practices at the Louis Stokes Cleveland Veterans Administration Medical Center (VAHC). At the VAHC he works in the Office of the Director, and is responsible for center-wide programs. He consults with other Veterans Administration Health Centers across the nation in his specialty areas: population health, access to health care, cultural and linguistically appropriate health care, and substance use and abuse. Another important role that he assumes at the national level is the development and implementation of national Native American health initiatives in the VAHC. He is also an extraordinary teacher, who has worked with the Cleveland Federal Community Leadership Institute, and its executive Board. Mr. Kafer’s contributions and life time commitments reflect his abiding desire to help improve the health and well-being of Native American, and other minority groups. For more information about Mr. Kafer, please visit http://www.emfp.org/Main-Menu-Category/MFP-Fellows/CurrentFellows/Bruce-Kafer.html.

Objectives
The Provost Scholars will...
1) Discuss the impact of substance use and abuse and its negative consequences
2) Identify and utilize opportunities for education and understand how making sensible decisions can shape the Provost Scholars’ lives and well-being, improve communities, and influence the future of the nation
3) Discuss the importance of knowing one’s own identity, understanding cultural influences, and using mentoring networks and other resources at CWRU for self-empowerment

Agenda
2:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.: Hors d’oeuvres will be served
2:40 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Tutoring Hour
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.: Brief Intermission
3:45 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.: Seminar speaker, Mr. Bruce Kafer
4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: Wrap up and Questions

Faculty & Staff
• Dr. Faye Gary
• Katrice Williams, Master’s Student, Program Manager
• CWRU Step Up and Undergraduate Tutors

Guest
• Mr. Bruce Kafer

Word of the Week: Self-Identity. What does it mean? The recognition of one’s potential and qualities as an individual.

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• Provost Scholars Erin Williams and Marquease Lundy