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CNIA is an organization dedicated to increasing awareness within UMM and the broader Morris community of American Indian cultures and issues. "But more importantly," says the mission of the student organization, "we are here to help Indian students find a sense of community in which they can practice their traditions while gaining a college education. We also hope that our Indian and non-Indian members will find an opportunity to learn about other tribal and cultural ways of life from their fellow members."

Photo by David Nieves '10, El Paso, Texas: Beaded jewelry and birchbark dolls were for sale during the workshop courtesy of the Dakota Nation Shop.

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