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I feel I have a story to share. A story that others can relate to. My story represents what obstacles had to be overcome, and the trials and tribulations that life brings. A story that does not end with hate, but an appreciation from adversity and that together we can all achieve great things. A story that others can learn from, and learn empathy for others. Everyone has a story, a story of struggle, triumph, love and achievement. Make your story a good one.

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Equality. Equality. Equality. Your voice is important, use it. It’s important for us to speak up for Equality Rights for our Youth, our Elders and ourselves. Learn about Two Spirit History, learn about LGBTQ History. It is beautiful and sacred. We need to speak out to ensure freedom and safety for all. This is more than just a rainbow flag, it is a symbol of pride and resilience. A symbol of what has been accomplished over the years for anti-violence, suicide prevention and freedom. It’s also a symbol on how much farther we need to go for Equality.

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Please hold your head up high with dignity. One of the most important things that I have learned over the years was to love myself. There are plenty of people out there that will try to push you down to make you feel lesser than. Disregard them, and stand for what is right. Please remember that you are here for a reason, that you are someone special and important. So, walk with dignity, grace and a respect for others. Our youth may be watching to see where you may lead them.

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Be the Man you respect.

David Sam
(Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe)
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Be the man you needed when you were a boy.

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Be the man who leads by example.

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To resist is to Indigenize our learning and also the ways we teach.

To resist is to interrupt patriarchy, sexism, and acts of violence around us.

To resist is to undo colonial influence and restore our roles in the Circle.

To resist is to stay present, do our work, and share our Gifts as menfolk.

Join a group. Run for office. Always RESIST!

Robert Pilot
(HoChunk Nation) Owner/Host Native Roots Radio Network I’m Awake
As a Native man I need to stand behind our women and support and don’t judge their truth.

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Healthy relationships happen when we put in the work. Talk with each other. Be tender and honest. Take responsibility and do your part. Mutual respect and communication create a pathway of trust and balance. Bring your whole Being. It’s worth it.

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If we say that we believe in our youth and we truly want them to learn, remember to have them beside you, not behind you or over by the side.

Darwin Strong
(Waubeginew-White Eagle)
As the Red Nation here living upon our mother, always remember that we have a natural umbilical connection to her. With that we are a physical and spiritual people, no more or no less.

Darwin Strong
(Waubeginew-White Eagle)
Our traditional teachings are not for you to change or alter to fit your needs. Remember there is a discipline within our circles.

Darwin Strong (Waubeginew-White Eagle)
Be culturally relevant...
responsive...
literate...
meaningful...
specific...

SIGNIFICANT!

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Do the right things right!

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Acknowledge the ones who came before us and recognize the ones who are here!

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Teach me to live with respect, love, and balance in all of my relationships; with others, with Creation, and with myself.

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See us. Hear us. Teach us. PLAY with us!
Remind us each and every day that we are precious to you.

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