

## **Brianca Smith-Austin**

Brianca Smith-Austin currently has different roles at UMN Morris. She is a Cultural Programming Coordinator for the Native American Student Success Program (NASS). She is a student success coach for NASS. In addition, she is the Diversity Liaison Counselor for Student Counseling on campus. Brianca Smith-Austin is an alumna of UMN Morris. She was involved with several affinity groups as a student. She graduated with three Bachelor of Arts degrees (Anthropology, Psychology, and Liberal Arts for Human Services) in 2012. She completed a Forensic Psychology Masters of Arts degree from the University of Denver. Most recently she served as a Youth Development Specialist for Peace Corps Ukraine. Brianca's overall aim is to provide meaningful programming and counseling that addresses different types of traumas within historically underrepresented communities in order to shift toxic narratives to healing processes.

Brianca Smith - Austin has experience in working in correctional settings with marginalized and systematically oppressed people. She is skilled in Cognitive Behavioral Theory, Dialectical Behavioral Theory, and Cultu Cognitive Behavioral Trauma-Focused Theory. In addition, she has experience with Developmental, Social, Psychosocial, Cross-Cultural, and Personality Psychology. She is elated to be back on the Morris campus to give back to the campus that has given her many applicable skills in her career and life.