



# UNITY MIDYEAR CONFERENCE

## 2017 UNITY MID-YEAR DRAFT AGENDA

Please wear your badge at all times!

*The UNITY Mission is to foster the spiritual, mental, physical, and social development of American Indian and Alaska Native youth and to help build a strong, unified, and self-reliant Native America through greater youth involvement.*

### Friday, February 17, 2017

- 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM      **National UNITY Council Facilitator Training** (Exec. Comm., NUC Reps, 25U25)
- 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM      TENTATIVE ASU Campus Tours - sign up!
- 1:00 PM                    **Registration Open**
- 1:00 PM - 5:30 PM      **Free time**
- 5:45 PM                    **DJ Music** - Emcee One, *Osage/Potawatomi*
- 6:00 PM                    **UNITY Midyear Conference – Opening Session**  
TIME TO TWEET & POST TO FACEBOOK  
Co-Presidents Welcome - Sarah Scott, *Lummi* and Hamilton Seymour,  
*Nooksack/Chemanius First Nation*  
Welcome- Loretta Tuell, *Nez Perce*, Chairman, UNITY Council of Trustees  
Posting of the Colors  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Prayer  
Cultural Presentation  
Roll Call by Region
- 7:30 PM                    **Culture as Prevention “Lighting of UNITY Fire”** - Sleepyeye LaFramboise,  
*Sisseton-Wapheton Dakota/Tonawanda Seneca*
- 8:30 PM                    **Overview of Agenda and Expectations, Executive Committee**  
- Robert Johnston, *Choctaw* and Juanita Toledo, *Jemez*  
Introductions, Clans, Team Building Exercises
- 8:30 PM                    **Advisors Training** (Introductions, Overview of Agenda) -
- 9:45 PM                    **Advisors return to General Assembly**



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10:00 PM **Closing Remarks/Announcements**

12:00 AM **Curfew - Lights out! (Daily)**

## Saturday, February 18, 2017

### **CAREER & EDUCATION EXPO DAY!**

DON'T FORGET TO VISIT THE EDUCATION AND CAREER FAIR BOOTHS!

8:30 AM **General Session**  
Prayer  
Cultural Presentation  
Ice Breakers

9:00 AM **Wellness Warriors Project - We need Wellness Warriors!**  
LorenAshley Buford, *Oklevueha Band Of Yamassee Indians, Inc.* and Joshua Tso, *Navajo*

10:00 AM **Robert Johnston - Leadership on and off the court**

11:00 AM **Fitness 40 - Outdoor Scavenger Hunt**

12:00 PM **Lunch Break** (*Head back to hotel at 1 pm*)

1:15 PM **DJ Music** - Emcee One, *Osage/Potawatomi*

1:30 PM **General Session**  
**Icebreaker** TIME TO TWEET & POST TO FACEBOOK

1:45 PM **Today's Native Leaders Information Session**

**Icebreaker**

2:30 PM **Emcee One - Living a Balanced Life**

3:00 PM **Break** - Head to workshops

3:00 PM **Advisors Training**



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3:00 PM

## Workshops I

*Topics include:*

- \*UNITY 101/How to become part of the National UNITY Council/Executive Committee (EC)
- \*Youth Activism - TBA (panel discussion)
- \*Budgeting for Young Adults - Bank of America
- \*Communication Bootcamp - TBA
- \*Fitness 40 Activity - Josh Tso, *Navajo*, Mesa Strength Youth Council
- \*Education and Career Fair booth visits - Annabell Bowen, *Navajo/Seneca*, ASU
- \*TBA

3:55 PM

## Break

4:00 PM

## Workshops II (repeat sessions)

- \*UNITY 101/How to become part of the National UNITY Council/Executive Committee (EC)
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5:00 PM

## Dinner Break

6:45 PM

**DJ Music** - Emcee One, *Osage/Potawatomi*

7:00 PM

**Cultural Exchange**      TIME TO TWEET & POST TO FACEBOOK

9:00 PM

**Clans/Talking Circles**

10:00 PM

**Closing Remarks/Announcements**



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## Sunday, February 19, 2017

- 8:45 AM **DJ Music** - Emcee One, *Osage/Potawatomi*
- 9:00 AM **General Session**  
TIME TO TWEET & POST TO FACEBOOK!  
Prayer  
Cultural Presentation
- 9:15 AM Keynote Speaker - TBA
- 9:45 AM Dreams do come true - Building a UNITY National Indian Youth Leadership Center (Get your smart phone ready!)
- 10:25 AM Go to Poolside for next activity (Advisors go to Advisors Training)  
10:30 AM **Speed workshops (30 minute sessions led by peer leaders) POOLSIDE**  
**3 Rotations**  
**Topics TBA**
- 10:30 AM – 12 PM **Advisors Training (Speed workshops)**
- 12:00 – 1:15 PM **Networking Luncheon - Poolside**  
Prayer  
Musical Performance - Contemporary instruments  
Introductory Remarks: UNITY Council of Trustees  
Keynote Speaker TBA  
Open Mic – Best Indian Joke
- 1:15 PM **DJ Music** - Emcee One, *Osage/Potawatomi*
- General Assembly - Icebreaker**  
National UNITY Council Business Meeting  
Preparing for the 2017 National UNITY Conference in Denver – Introductions, discussions and planning for National UNITY Conference and UNITY Day – Other National Council Business.
- 5:00 PM **Dinner Break**
- 7:00 PM **Mr. UNITY/Miss UNITY mock pageant**



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- 8:00 PM                    **Clans/Talking Circles**
- 10:00 PM                   **Closing Remarks/Announcements**

**Monday, February 20, 2017**        **Happy President's Day!**

- 8:45 AM                    **DJ Music** - Emcee One, *Osage/Potawatomi*
- 9:00 AM                    **Continuation of National UNITY Council Meeting** (*if needed*)  
**Cultural Presentation** -  
Denver Youth Planning Committee  
What to expect at the 2017 National UNITY Conference
- 9:30 AM                    **Earth Day Challenge! April 22, 2017**  
**UNITY Earth Ambassadors application announcement**
- 9:45 AM                    Special Guests - Remarks TBA
- 10:00 AM                   **Talking Circles - Clans**
- 11:00 AM                   **Closing Session**
- 11:30 AM                   **Blessing Song/Adjourn**

***HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME! SEE YOU IN DENVER, COLORADO  
JULY 7 – 10, 2017 AT THE NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE!***