

FINDING WELLNESS & HEALING WITHIN OUR CULTURES



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AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2017 - PRE-CONFERENCE

"Finding Wellness and Healing Within Our Cultures"

Please wear your conference badge at all times!

PRE-CONFERENCE

Time	Event	Location
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	YOUTH LEADERS TRAINING AND PREP (NUC male and female reps, EC, Earth Ambassadors) - Robert Johnston, <i>Choctaw/Muscogee Creek</i> - Juanita Toledo, <i>Jemez Pueblo</i>	601
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 p.m.	REGISTRATION FOR UNITY TODAY'S NATIVE LEADERS SUMMIT (Space Limited on July 6 - Pre-Registration Required)	Hyatt Regency Denver
<input type="checkbox"/> 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	WELCOME SOCIAL POWWOW AT METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY (MSUDENVER) - Sponsored by the Local Planning Committee	MSUDenver Auraria Campus, 9th Street Park, 1068 W. 9th Avenue
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.	EC/PEER LEADERS MEETING	Hyatt Regency Denver (TBA)
<input type="checkbox"/> 12:00 a.m.	CURFEW/LIGHTS OUT! (DAILY)	

DAY 1 - JULY 6

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017 - DAY 1 - THEME: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Time	Event	Location
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:30 a.m.	KICK-OFF UNITY TODAY'S NATIVE LEADERS NATIONAL SUMMIT	Hyatt Regency Denver
<input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	E Concourse
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	METROPOLITAN STATE UNIVERSITY DENVER (MSUDENVER) CAMPUS TOUR - Pre-Registration Required	A Lobby
<input type="checkbox"/> 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	UNITY 101 Learn about UNITY and find out how you can get more involved - Robert Johnston and Juanita Toledo	702/704
<input type="checkbox"/> 4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.	DINNER BREAK	On Your Own

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017 - DAY 1 - THEME: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Time	Event	Location
<input type="checkbox"/> 5:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.	LIGHTING OF THE UNITY FIRE - DENVER CONVENTION CENTER - Meaning of the UNITY Fire - SleepyEye LaFromboise, <i>Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux/Tonawanda Seneca</i> - Kevin Bonds, Former Councilman, <i>Tule River Indian Tribe</i> - Sheldon Smith, <i>Navajo</i> -Introduction of Special Guests	Bellco Theatre Patio
<input type="checkbox"/> 6:45 p.m.	GRAND ENTRY LINE UP - MALE & FEMALE REPS (WEAR YOUR REGALIA!)	Mile High Ballroom Pre-Function
<input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 p.m.	OPENING CEREMONY - GRAND ENTRY! - Emcee Chance Rush, <i>Hidatsa/Arapaho</i> - Parade of Nations by Region - Color Guard: The American Indian Veterans of Colorado, Commander Yancey Rammage - UNITY Drum: Junior Sierra and Michael Killer, <i>Cherokee</i> - TIME TO POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA: #UNITYDenver2017 #ChangingLivesSince1976	Mile High Ballroom
<input type="checkbox"/> 7:30 p.m.	WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER - NUC CO-PRESIDENTS -Hamilton Seymour, <i>Nooksack/Chemanius First Nation (Co-Emcee)</i> -Sarah Scott, <i>Lummi (Co-Emcee)</i> -Presentation of the Flags	
<input type="checkbox"/> 7:45 p.m.	BLESSING - Doug Good Feather, <i>Hunkpapa Lakota</i> CULTURAL PRESENTATION - Denver area UNITY Youth	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:20 p.m.	INTRODUCTIONS OF THE NATIONAL UNITY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:30 p.m.	UNITY NEWS! - Lance Sanchez, <i>Tohono O'odham</i> - Audri Mitchell, <i>Navajo</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:35 p.m.	WELCOME REMARKS - Loretta Tuell, <i>Nez Perce</i> , Chairman, UNITY Council of Trustees - Introduction of Council of Trustees	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:40 p.m.	ROLL CALL OF REGIONS -Halona Benjamin, <i>Lumbee</i> , NUC Secretary -Great Plains: Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota -Midwest: Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin -Northeast: Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont -Northwest: Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Alaska -Pacific: California, Hawaii -Rocky Mountains: Montana, Wyoming -Southeast: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia -Southern Plains: Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas -Southwest: Colorado, New Mexico -Western: Arizona, Nevada, Utah	

DAY 1 - JULY 6

THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2017 - DAY 1 - THEME: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

Time	Event	Location
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:45 p.m.	ADVISORS MEETING - Chance Rush	702/704
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:45 p.m.	TEAM BUILDING/CLANS - Robert Johnston and Juanita Toledo	Mile High Ballroom
<input type="checkbox"/> 10:15 p.m.	ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 12:00 a.m.	CURFEW/LIGHTS OUT! (DAILY) No UNITY Fire visits after 12 am (will resume at 6 am)	

DAY 1 - JULY 6

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2017 - DAY 2 - THEME: SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Time	Event	Location
<input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 a.m.	WELLNESS WARRIORS FITNESS ACTIVITY - Josh Tso, <i>Navajo</i>	By the Blue Bear at the Convention Center
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION	E Concourse
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:15 a.m.	UNITY DRUM	Mile High Ballroom
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:30 a.m.	GENERAL SESSION - Blessing - Vance Home Gun, <i>Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes</i> - Cultural Presentation - Denver Indian Center Youth - Mayor of Denver, Michael B. Hancock - UNITY NEWS!	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:45 a.m.	PANEL DISCUSSION "SOCIAL JUSTICE AND RACIAL HEALING" w/AUDIENCE Q&A - Steven Paul Judd, <i>Choctaw</i> - Deborah Parker, <i>Tulalip Tribe</i> - Chairman David Archambault II, <i>Standing Rock Sioux Tribe</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:30 a.m.	ENERGIZER AND REMINDER: UNITY FIRE, 3-ON-3, AND TALENT SHOW SIGN-UPS	
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:45 a.m.	NUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - INDIGENOUS H.E.R.O. PROJECT- NATIONAL INITIATIVE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 a.m.	WELLNESS WARRIORS - HOW CAN YOU BECOME A WELLNESS WARRIOR? - Reveal of first of its kind Wellness Warrior Mobile App! Where's your smart phone? - LorenAshley Buford, <i>Yamassee Seminole</i> and Josh Tso, <i>Navajo</i> - Special Guests: Well for Culture - Thosh Collins and Chelsea Luger	
<input type="checkbox"/> 11:00 a.m.	UNITY FIRE - CREATING A UNITY FIRE IN YOUR COMMUNITY - Sleepyeye LaFromboise, Kevin Bonds, Eshtakaba LaFromboise, Sheldon Smith	
<input type="checkbox"/> 11:00 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK	On Your Own

DAY 2 - JULY 7

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2017 - DAY 2 - THEME: SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Time	Event	Location
<input type="checkbox"/> 12:45 p.m.	DJ MUSIC - Emcee One (Marcus Guinn), <i>Osage/Potawatomi</i>	Mile High Ballroom
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 p.m.	GENERAL ASSEMBLY - Explain purpose of caucus/announce tentative election procedures - Input of youth issues	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	AREA CAUCUSES	
<input type="checkbox"/>	GREAT PLAINS: Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota	705
<input type="checkbox"/>	MIDWEST: Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin	706
<input type="checkbox"/>	NORTHEAST: Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont	707
<input type="checkbox"/>	NORTHWEST: Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Alaska	708
<input type="checkbox"/>	PACIFIC: California, Hawaii	709
<input type="checkbox"/>	ROCKY MOUNTAINS: Montana, Wyoming	710
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOUTHEAST: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia	711
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOUTHERN PLAINS: Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas	601
<input type="checkbox"/>	SOUTHWEST: Colorado, New Mexico	703
<input type="checkbox"/>	WESTERN: Arizona, Nevada, Utah	603
<input type="checkbox"/> 3:00 p.m.	RETURN TO BALLROOM TIME TO POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA: #UNITYDENVER2017 #CHANGINGLIVESSINCE1976	Mile High Ballroom
<input type="checkbox"/> 3:05 p.m.	ANNOUNCEMENT OF EARTH AMBASSADORS CLASS OF 2017-2018 - Prepare for Earth Day Activities 2018	
<input type="checkbox"/> 3:30 p.m.	MEETING OF ADVISORS AND CHAPERONES	702/704
<input type="checkbox"/> 3:30 p.m.	CLANS - TEAM BUILDING	Mile High Ballroom
<input type="checkbox"/> 4:30 p.m.	MEET UNITY'S NEW MASCOT THE UNITY EAGLE! - Jared Massey, White Mountain Apache	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4:40 p.m.	DEBRIEF - ENERGIZER/OVERVIEW OF EVENING SCHEDULE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 4:45 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	DINNER BREAK	On Your Own
<input type="checkbox"/> 6:15 p.m.	DJ MUSIC - Emcee One (Marcus Guinn)	Mile High Ballroom
<input type="checkbox"/> 6:30 p.m.	UNITY DRUM DANCERS LINE UP FOR GRAND ENTRY	Mile High Ballroom Pre-Function

DAY 2 - JULY 7

FRIDAY, JULY 7, 2017 - DAY 2 - THEME: SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Time	Event	Location
<input type="checkbox"/> 6:45 p.m.	The Spirit of Native Culture (a cultural exchange) - Grand Entry UNITY Drum - TIME TO POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA: #UNITYDenver2017 #ChangingLivesSince1976	Mile High Ballroom
<input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 p.m.	ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 12:00 a.m.	CURFEW/LIGHTS OUT! (DAILY) No UNITY Fire visits after 12 am (will resume at 6 am)	

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2017 - DAY 3 - THEME: PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Time	Event	Location
<input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 a.m.	WELLNESS WARRIORS FITNESS ACTIVITY - Thosh Collins - Chelsea Luger	By the Blue Bear at the Convention Center
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:15 a.m.	UNITY DRUM	Mile High Ballroom
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:30 a.m.	GENERAL SESSION - Blessing: John Emhoolah, <i>Kiowa</i> - Cultural Presentation: Adams 12 Indian Education Youth - UNITY NEWS!	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:45 a.m.	SPECIAL PRESENTATION: "VOX" NATIVA INDIGENOUS YOUTH DELEGATION FROM TAIWAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:45 a.m.	SPEECHES - CANDIDATES FOR MALE AND FEMALE CO-PRESIDENT	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 a.m.	DREAMS DO COME TRUE - BUILDING A UNITY NATIONAL INDIAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP CENTER - UNITY Trustees - Mary Kim Titla, <i>San Carlos Apache</i> - John Echohawk, <i>Pawnee</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 a.m.	MEETING OF ADVISORS AND CHAPERONES - YOUth Can! Curriculum - Denise Yazzie, <i>Navajo</i> and Lynnann Yazzie, <i>Navajo</i>	702/704
<input type="checkbox"/> 10:45 a.m.	WELLNESS WARRIORS PRESENTATION - With special guest LoVina Louie, Coeur d'Alene/Okanagan & Lakes Band of the Colville Confederated Tribes and the Powwow Sweat Team!	Mile High Ballroom
<input type="checkbox"/> 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK	On Your Own
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 p.m. - 6:15 p.m.	FREE TIME! <i>Option: 3 on 3 Basketball tournaments (MSU of Denver, Auraria Event Center)</i> See flyer on page 4.	On Your Own

DAY 2 - JULY 7

DAY 3 - JULY 8

SATURDAY, JULY 8, 2017 - DAY 3 - THEME: PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT

Time	Event	Location
<input type="checkbox"/> 6:15 p.m.	DJ MUSIC - Emcee One (Marcus Guinn)	Mile High Ballroom
<input type="checkbox"/> 6:30 p.m.	TALENT NIGHT	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 p.m.	ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 12:00 a.m.	CURFEW/LIGHTS OUT! (DAILY) No UNITY Fire after 12 am (will resume at 6 am)	

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017 - DAY 4 - THEME: MENTAL DEVELOPMENT

Time	Event	Location
<input type="checkbox"/> 7:00 a.m.	WELLNESS WARRIORS FITNESS ACTIVITY - Powwow Sweat with LoVina Louie	Mile High Ballroom
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:15 a.m.	UNITY DRUM	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:30 a.m.	GENERAL SESSION - Blessing: Andy Cozad, Kiowa - Cultural Presentation - Southern Plains Dancers and Singers - UNITY NEWS!	
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 a.m.	COMMUNITY LEADER'S PANEL - WHAT IS CULTURAL WELLNESS? - Lucille Echohawk, <i>Pawnee</i> , Spirit of the Sun - Chairman Clement Frost, Southern Ute Tribe - Greg Mendoza, Former Governor, Gila River Indian Community	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 a.m.	"TODAY'S NATIVE LEADERS" PLENARY SESSION - Nataanii Hatathlie, <i>Navajo</i> - Lynnann Yazzie, <i>Navajo</i> - Wendy Weston, <i>Navajo</i>	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	MEETING OF ADVISORS AND CHAPERONES - YOUth Can! Curriculum - Denise Yazzie	702/704
<input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	NATIONAL UNITY COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING - Mandatory for male and female reps	605
<input type="checkbox"/> 10:30 a.m.	ENERGIZER/REMINDER ABOUT UNITY FIRE SIGN-UP	Mile High Ballroom
<input type="checkbox"/> 10:40 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	UNITY EDUCATION AND CAREER EXPO Sponsored by Metropolitan State University Denver	Mile High Ballroom Pre-Function
<input type="checkbox"/> 10:45 - 11:45 a.m.	TRACK/WORKSHOPS -- SESSION #1	See page 17 for workshop descriptions and locations.

DAY 3 - JULY 8

DAY 4 - JULY 9

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017 - DAY 4 - THEME: MENTAL DEVELOPMENT

Time	Event	Location
<input type="checkbox"/> 11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK	On Your Own
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	TRACK/WORKSHOPS -- SESSION #2	See page 22 for workshop descriptions and locations.
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	MEETING OF ADVISORS AND CHAPERONES	702/704
<input type="checkbox"/> 2:05 p.m. - 3:05 p.m.	TRACK/WORKSHOPS -- SESSION #3	See page 27 for workshop descriptions and locations.
<input type="checkbox"/> 3:05 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	FREE TIME/GET READY FOR BANQUET!	
<input type="checkbox"/> 5:30 p.m.	LINE-UP FOR BANQUET	Mile High Ballroom Pre-Function
<input type="checkbox"/> 6:00 p.m.	DOORS OPEN PRE-SHOW ENTERTAINMENT/KEYNOTE PRESENTATION - Tatanka Means, <i>Navajo/Lakota</i>	Mile High Ballroom
<input type="checkbox"/> 6:30 p.m.	41ST ANNIVERSARY GALA TIME TO POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA: #UNITYDenver2017 #ChangingLivesSince1976 - UNITY Drum - Blessing/UNITY Fire offering - DINNER (Entertainment TBA) - UNITY NEWS: UNITY Conference Highlights - 3 on 3 awards - Presentations by UNITY Trustees - Honoring Sponsors - Eddie Wadda UNITY Alumni Award - J.R. Cook Advisor of the Year - Youth Council of the Year - Golda Cook Scholarships & Cook Native American Ministries Scholarships - Recognition of outgoing Executive Committee Members - Installation of new National UNITY Council Officers - Raffle/Live Auction: UNITY Founders Blanket - Evaluation Instructions - Honor Song	
<input type="checkbox"/> 8:30 p.m.	CLEAR BALLROOM/SET-UP FOR DANCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.	UNITY DJ/DANCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 12:00 a.m.	CURFEW/LIGHTS OUT! (DAILY) No UNITY Fire visits after 12 am (will resume at 6 am)	

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2017 - DAY 5 - THEME: MENTAL DEVELOPMENT

Time	Event	Location
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:00 a.m.	GENERAL SESSION - Color Guard - Blessing: Jerry Fills Pipe, <i>Oglala Lakota</i> - Cultural Presentation: Jefferson County Indian Education Youth	Mile High Ballroom
<input type="checkbox"/> 9:20 a.m.	KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Myron Dewey, <i>Paiute/Shoshone</i> , Digital Smoke Signals	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10:00 a.m.	SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT - UNITY PARTNERS WITH AISES! - Signing Ceremony - Sarah Echohawk, <i>Pawnee</i> , Executive Director of AISES	
<input type="checkbox"/> 10:30 a.m.	FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 11:15 a.m.	CLOSING CEREMONY AT UNITY FIRE - SleepyEye LaFromboise/Kevin Bonds/Sheldon Smith	Bellco Theatre Patio
<input type="checkbox"/> 12:00 p.m.	OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES/TRAVEL DAY	
<input type="checkbox"/> 12:00 p.m.	ORIENTATION FOR NEWLY ELECTED NUC EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE	TBA
<input type="checkbox"/> 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	POST CONFERENCE TRAINING - "COMMUNICATIONS BOOT CAMP 101" - Hosted by UNITY, Center for Native American Youth, We R Native - Must be pre-registered	501

For speaker and trainer biographies, visit www.unityinc.org.

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JULY 5 - 9, 2018
IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA!



WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017

TRACK/WORKSHOPS -- SESSION #1 | 10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

NATIVE YOUTH MULTIMEDIA WORKSHOP

Room: 501

Category: Career

Presenter: Ian Skorodin, (Choctaw), Executive Director, Barcid Foundation, Los Angeles, CA

Description: Participants of our workshop will receive hands on instruction in acting, writing, directing, camera operation, video editing and music composition. Our annual summer program is a weeklong workshop where youth produce several films. In addition, the films from our workshops are shown at the LA SKINS FEST, a Native American film festival sponsored by NBC, CBS, ABC, HBO and more. The youth are invited to the film festival as special guests and are brought on tours of movie studios and television networks. LASKINSFEST.com for more details.

APPLYING TO COLLEGE MADE EASY

Room: 502

Category: Career

Presenter: Matthew Makomenaw (Grand Traverse Bay Band of Ottawa and Chippewa Indians), Tribal College Pathways Administrator, American Indian College Fund, Denver, CO

Description: This workshop will review the process of applying to college and provide resources to help students make their college choice. We will discuss what college admissions officers look for in an application, essay tips, what to look for in a college, and how to prepare to be college ready. This workshop will provide take home resources about the college going process for participants. The presentation will include short videos, PowerPoint, and small group interaction. Presenters will be members of the American Indian College Funds Native Pathways to College team who coach American Indian/Alaskan Native students on the college choice process.

HOW TO FIND AND WIN SCHOLARSHIPS

Room: 503

Category: Career

Presenter: Dean Chavers, (Lumbee), Director, Catching the Dream Scholarship Program, Albuquerque, NM

Description: Students can find 100 to 400 scholarships to attend college, but few Native students do this. Catching the Dream has helped 891 Native students finish college and win scholarships. The most successful one won 70 scholarships out of 102. Another student now at Stanford found 407 scholarships, but narrowed the list to 70 and won 65 of them. We want students to attend college without loans. We will give them scholarships, help them with the scholarship search, and critique their essays for no charge. Our success rate is 78%, meaning only 22% of our students drop out, much lower than the national dropout rate for Indians, which is 82%.

"PRESERVE CULTURE!" CAREERS IN CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

Room: 504

Category: Career

Presenter: Rae Gould, (Nipmuc), Youth Program Manager, Office of Native American Affairs, Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Washington, DC

Description: Are you passionate about preserving your culture? This interactive workshop will provide an opportunity to meet professionals and get advice on career paths in historic preservation that can help preserve Native culture. Engage in peer-to-peer discussions, share your visions and goals about dream careers, and get information on opportunities to help achieve these goals. This workshop will also connect preservation to important contemporary issues, such as DAPL. Workshop leaders are government employees working in cultural and historic preservation fields, with experience in areas of interest to Tribal Youth including: higher education, policy, leadership, NAGPRA, museums, forest and park management, and fieldwork in both archaeology and anthropology. Great jobs exist for anyone interested in protecting cultural and tribal resources! Come share your concerns and experiences, and learn more about the tools, education and training available to achieve cultural preservation!

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2017

TRACK/WORKSHOPS -- SESSION #1 | 10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

OVERCOMING ADVERSITY AND CREATING COMMUNITY CHANGE

ROOM: 505

Category: Culture

Presenter: Rory Wheeler (Seneca Nation of Indians), UNITY "25 Under 25" Alumni/UNITY TNL Peer Leader, Irving, NY

Description: Experiencing bullying, negativity, death of loved ones takes its toll on everyone, especially youth. But what is important is how you overcome this. These life experiences have exposed Rory to the many situations that affect us all. Rory's unrelenting ambition has exposed him to ways to better serve our communities and truly be the change you want to see in the world. In this workshop, you will learn ways to combat difficult times, how to do the work of our ancestors and taking healthy risks. All these efforts make our communities better places to live, create community change and embrace youth activism.

THE INTERNET WANTS YOU: CHOOSE A CAREER IN CYBER

ROOM: 506

Category: Career

Presenter: Princess Young, Program Manager, National Cyber Awareness Programs, Office of Cybersecurity & Communications, Department of Homeland Security, Arlington, VA

Description: This interactive session will discuss why cybersecurity is an exciting career path and will explore initiatives to help students pay for their cybersecurity education, such as the CyberCorps®: Scholarship For Service (SFS) program. The SFS program offers scholarships for cyber education in exchange for post-graduation service at a federal, state, local, tribal, or territorial government agency. We will also talk about relevant programs and extracurricular activities that youth can get involved in now to help give them a head start on a future in cybersecurity. By promoting cybersecurity careers to today's youth – we better secure their future and the nation's.

CUSTOMER SERVICE IN INDIAN COUNTRY

ROOM: 507

Category: Career

Presenter: Claullen Tillman (Eastern Shoshone), UNITY "25 Under 25" Alumni/Customer Service Manager, Shoshone Rose Casino, Fort Washakie, WY

Description: Customer Service is a vital tool for success in any occupation, career, or higher education. This workshop will explore where to apply customer service skills to hospitality, casino, and office jobs. The main points to be covered are self-affirmation, honing your inner leader, leaving your baggage at the door, teamwork, and how to have a great day, everyday! Claullen has worked in casino customer service for 4 years and has seen every type of customer one can encounter. He will provide insight into handling belligerent customers and how to turn bad experiences to happy ones. He will also discuss resolving conflicts with staff, co-workers, and managers. This is a chance to learn from a fellow youth the valuable skills that will accelerate your career and keep customers coming back again and again.

YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP THROUGH MUSIC AND ART

ROOM: 601

Category: Career

Presenter: Olivia Komahcheet (Comanche), Intertribal Visions Unlimited, Lawton, OK

Description: This workshop is dedicated to inspiring Native youth in a musical and artistic way to reach your full potential in your life. Not only will we inspire you through performance and showcasing some of our native talent currently on the music and art scene, but we will interactively discuss a handful of key ingredients needed to increase positive growth in a person's life. By discussing the importance of young leadership, finding/ how to find your true purpose in life, and ways to get started as a young entrepreneur, we plan to build a vast amount of momentum, motivation, and energy in the room leaving every youth inspired in some shape or form. In doing this, we hope to help our native youth grow spiritually, emotionally, physically, and intellectually and take the first step to a more positive and healthy lifestyle!

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TRACK/WORKSHOPS -- SESSION #1 | 10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

COLLEGE RESOURCES FOR NATIVE STUDENTS

ROOM: 602

Category: Career

Presenter: Alexandra Hoyungowa (Hopi), Admissions Office, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ

Description: Going to college can be an exciting time and requires a bit of research to make the right choice. As a Native student, colleges offer a variety of resources that you can turn to so that you are able to find your best fit within their campus. Whether you are going to a 2-year or 4 year college, there are key resources to look out for to make sure that your journey is a success. With so many types of post-secondary options, the college search can be a bit confusing. Join us as we walk you through information about costs of attending college, support services, and advice on how to ask the right questions. You will also be able to chat with university representatives so that they may share their experiences and knowledge with you. By attending you should be able to sift through college information with ease so that you will feel confident in your college decisions.

LEGAL FRONTLINE: YOUTH VS. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND FOSSIL FUELS INDUSTRY

ROOM: 603

Category: Environment

Presenter: Journey Mani Wanji Zephier (Yankton Sioux), Youth Director, Earth Guardians Kauai, RYSE Global Youth Council and Kauai Native Youth Council, Kapaa, Kauai, HI

Description: The media calls this landmark case, "The Most important lawsuit on the planet". Learn how and why Youth are suing the United States Federal Government and fossil fuel industry over Climate change, on behalf of our generation and future generations. A healthy climate system is our constitutional right, and we youth feel that the Federal Government and fossil fuel industry have violated our rights, and the rights of future generations, to have a stable climate system and healthy, livable planet. Youth are asking for a dramatic reduction in carbon emission and a halt to new fossil fuel development and pipelines. This lawsuit could stop ALL new pipeline projects threatening Indian Country. Federal Youth Plaintiff Journey Zephier, age 17, and Rainbow Star Zephier, age 16, will share some of the legal foundations of his federal case, and similar cases where youth are winning in court to protect our planet, and their ongoing legal fight against climate change and corporate colonialism. Learn about the environmental rights of our generation under public trust law, and how you can get involved. "Our generation is the line in the sand on climate change.

THE TRIBAL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STEPPING STONES

ROOM: 604

Category: Career

Presenter: Troy Watterson (Bishop Paiute), Haskell Indian Nations UNITY Committee, Lawrence, KS

Description: This workshop will promote the benefits of attending Tribal Colleges and Tribal University. Presenters will speak about the many Tribal Colleges and Universities throughout the country, and show the benefits and opportunity of attending a Tribal College or University. Current students and representatives from one of the Tribal Colleges or Haskell Indian Nations University will share their stories. The presentations will promote the Tribal College experience and inspire other youth to look in to attending a tribal college. Many may not have the grade point averages or financial backing to attend other colleges so another option is the tribal college. Current students will share their stories of success and offer stepping stones of support to the success of others who wish to attend college.

NATIVE "WHOSE LINE IS IT ANYWAY?"; LAUGHTER AS MEDICINE AND PEDAGOGY

ROOM: 606

Category: Culture

Presenter: Raul Martinez, Native Roots, Austin, TX

Description: Do you like to laugh? Do you like to tell stories? And, are you looking to sharpen your communication skills for everyday life? Join this Improvisation workshop that is spontaneous, entertaining, and fun. No prior theatre experience is required and those seeking training to exercise their voice in public domains are especially encouraged. You will learn about: Voice; Movement; Attentive listening; Being present; Letting go the need to control; Preparing for the unknown; Being open and receptive to the moment and to others; Cultural diversity; Acknowledging our interdependence and need for teamwork; Collective and individual Imagination and problem solving; as well as experiencing and promoting the healing powerful of laughter. This workshop is a platform for self-expression, dialogue, cultivation, diversity, teamwork, and healing from a distinctively Indigenous cultural foundation. It will conclude with a reflective brainstorming with an aim of catalyzing creative change on the individual, community and political levels.

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TRACK/WORKSHOPS -- SESSION #1 | 10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

SUSTAINING THE STOMP DANCE TRADITION

ROOM: 607

Category: Culture

Presenter: Mvskoke Nation Youth Council, Okmulgee, OK

Description: Members of the Mvskoke Nation Youth Council will demonstrate a Stomp Dance, a traditional ceremonial practice. Presenters will discuss how the Stomp Dance helps them to balance "living in two worlds." Presenters will discuss how preparation and participation in stomp dance helps them to deal with the challenges they face every day like drugs and alcohol, depression, the pressure to have sex, and bullying. Participants will have an opportunity to engage in the activities.

SHARE YOUR STORY, A CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

ROOM: 610

Category: Culture

Presenter: Tendo Mutanda, Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, New York, NY

Description: The Scholastic Art & Writing Awards invite youth to celebrate their rich heritage and unique life experiences in a creative writing workshop where they will interact and collaborate with peers to create and perform inspiring works. This workshop will allow youth to take away ideas to create dynamic personal memoirs, poems, short stories, etc. that affirm and celebrate their identities. Youth will also learn how to enter their work into the Scholastic Awards for an opportunity to have their works published and receive scholarships.

"THE STATE SERIES" NATIVE YOUTH AUTHOR

ROOM: 701

Category: Culture

Presenter: Justin Susan (White Mountain Apache), Native Youth Entrepreneur/Author/Film Maker, Snuff Productions, Peoria, AZ

Description: The workshop will be presented by a native youth who was diagnosed with Type II Diabetes at 12 years, who set his goals to be truly healthy and today is medication free and has become an entrepreneur in film/graphing and completed a novel along with becoming a Gates Millennium Scholar. The presenter will reflect how he incorporated his culture and motivational venues. The presentation will address obstacles faced and what it took to discover oneself to inspire others to succeed and make a difference in our native communities. If I can succeed you can too! The State Series newly published book will available to participants.

Raising Your Voice: Digital Storytelling to Create Change

Room: 703

Category: Culture

Presenter: Samantha Eldridge (Navajo), PhD Student, University of Utah, Murray, UT

Description: Stories shape our worldviews, our outlook and our actions. The best stories inspire us to create change. One of the best ways to use digital media for social change is to create and share powerful stories that can inspire others to get involved and take action both online and off. In the first half of this workshop participants will learn tips and tricks for creating digital stories that can help impact change. In the second half of this workshop, participants will use the information they learned to create their own digital storytelling project.

ANCESTRAL LANDS; NATIVE YOUTH RESTORING THE ENVIRONMENT

ROOM: 705

Category: Environment

Presenter: Anthony Ciocco, Ancestral Lands National Program Coordinator, Ancestral Lands Program, Gallup, NM

Description: In this workshop, four Ancestral Lands participants will give interactive presentations on environment restoration projects they have conducted in their tribal communities. We hope to take the audience through a mini-experience of what it is like to participate on a conservation corps crew. This will include three examples of ecological restoration work, as well as discussing the personal, professional, and cultural development components of the program. This presentation will involve props, hands on activities (nothing dangerous!) and group discussion.

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TRACK/WORKSHOPS -- SESSION #1 | 10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

MAINTAINING RESILIENCY THROUGH LEADERSHIP

ROOM: 706

Category: Culture

Presenter: Thomas Ghost Dog (Burns Paiute/Oglala Lakota), Project Red Talon Assistant, We R Native, Portland, OR

Description: We R Native is a national multimedia campaign developed by the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board. We R Native includes a website (WeRnative.org), a weekly text messaging service (with 580+ subscribers), a Facebook page (with 6,500+ likes), a YouTube channel (with 1,000+ channel views), a Twitter feed, and a wide variety of multimedia educational materials. The service empowers Native youth to get actively involved in their communities, health, and well-being. We R Native highlights the work of youth throughout Indian Country who have advocated for change within their communities. During this interactive session, youth will learn the importance of identifying their individual and their peer's strengths to apply towards bettering their communities. The participants will learn how to pinpoint mentors in their community, identify ways to increase their self-esteem, and obtain tips to create protective factors. Lastly, identify resources utilizing the We R Native website. This fun and interactive session will also provide participants with chances to win We R Native gear, including shirts, hats, and sweaters.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS AMONG NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH:

ROOM: 707

Category: Health

Presenter: Lisa Long, Methodist University, Fayetteville, NC

Description: Human trafficking, particularly commercial sex trafficking is on the rise in the United States. This issue has recently become more of a domestic issue, instead of simply a global issue that people think doesn't affect them. There is a growing need to educate our youth population on some of the red flags and dangers that they may encounter in their everyday life that may make them susceptible to becoming victims of human trafficking. The workshop will focus on Native American Youths and some additional hurdles that they may endure from a cultural standpoint. The workshop will provide attendees with real-life examples of sex trafficking as well as empirical evidence and data that shows that this is a well-documented trend across the country.

ADDRESSING SUBSTANCE ABUSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

ROOM: 708

Category: Health

Presenter: Young River People's Youth Council, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community, Salt River, AZ.

Description: Come learn how our Community clean-up led to addressing the substance abuse issue. We'll tell you how we got the Community and Tribal Departments involved. We'll offer tips and brainstorm ideas on how you can do the same in your own Community!

WHAT IS THE NCAI YOUTH COMMISSION?

ROOM: 709

Category: Career

Presenter: Youth Commissioners, National Congress of American Indians, Washington, DC.

Description: The Youth Commission provides a unique perspective on issues relevant to tribal youth, and serves as a resource for NCAI and tribal leaders. This workshop will present an opportunity for youth to learn about the youth commission of the National Congress of American Indians. Presenters will share the purpose of the commission, how the commission is different from UNITY, the roles of members of the youth commission and why it is important to work in collaboration with organizations such as UNITY. Workshop participants will receive tips on how they can become involved with the youth commission and learn how issues can be voiced at gatherings such as the National Congress of American Indians

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TRACK/WORKSHOPS -- SESSION #1 | 10:45 A.M. - 11:45 A.M.

HEALTHY LOVE; A PEER TO PEER NATIVE LOVE DISCUSSION WITH A YOUTH AMBASSADOR

ROOM: 710

Category: Health

Presenter: Rebecca Balog (Oglala Lakota/Mohawk), National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, Lame Deer, MT

Description: The NativeLove project was created to raise awareness and help end teen dating violence and family violence experienced by Native youth. The peer-to-peer discussion aims to empower youth to redefine Native Love. Those of us in Native communities often hear jokes about "Indian loving" as waking up with a hickey and black eye. That's not love, that's dating violence. Our NativeLove project encourages Native youth to think about what Native Love really is, so we can create change in our thinking and restore safety to our communities by restoring out traditional ways of loving, characterized by respect, honor, kindness, family and compassion. Our NativeLove youth peer-to-peer workshop will be facilitated by the national NativeLove Youth Ambassador, who will be hosting the interactive dialogue. Youth can identify what healthy love is, what resources would mean the most to them, and how peer support can inform youth to encourage dialogue in Native communities.

YOUTH ACTIVISM AND RESILIENCY AMONGST INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

ROOM: 712

Category: Culture

Presenter: Micaela Iron Shell-Dominguez (Sicangu Lakota), Rosebud, SD, Layha Spoonhunter (Eastern Shoshone/Northern Arapaho/Oglala Lakota), UNITY 25 Under 25 Alum/Owner, Pretty Elk Consulting, Fort Washakie, WY

Description: This workshop will highlight how Native youth are becoming strong activists for the environment and social issues nationwide. It will describe tools focused on how indigenous youth inspired a movement unlike any other - the unifying of tribes at Standing Rock. Participants will hear how tribes and youth can utilize the teachings of that movement to guide future events all across Indian country. This workshop will teach how strong movements grow out of building coalitions and using social media in a positive manner does make a difference. It will also teach about equality and unity amongst nations.

TRACK/WORKSHOPS -- SESSION #2 | 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

SAVINGS AND INVESTING: RISKS, REWARDS AND THE VALUE OF SAVING

ROOM: 501

Category: Career

Presenter: Victoria Wright, Bank of America, Greenwood Village, CO

Description: This presentation will provide an overview of the things that need to be considered when looking to save or invest your money.

EFFECTIVE AND MEANINGFUL COMMUNICATION

ROOM: 502

Category: Career

Presenter: Dode Barnett (Muscogee), Legislator, Muscogee Nation, Okmulgee, OK

Description: Ever felt like no one listens to you? This workshop will cover basic communication principles to help you feel heard, respected, create quality relationships and ultimately help you make great choices. Learn how to create a solid foundation of character to be ready for your destiny!

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TRACK/WORKSHOPS -- SESSION #2 | 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

NATIVE YOUTH FUNDRAISING IN PHILANTHROPY

ROOM: 503

Category: Career

Presenter: Melissa Powless Chacon (Oneida Nation of Wisconsin), Native Youth Advocate, Kaha:wi Today Consulting, Aguanga, CA

Description: This workshop will provide youth participants with an introduction to fundraising in philanthropy. Guests will walk away with a clear understanding of how grant funding research is made, how funding is applied for from foundations, and why we must manage grant awards with integrity and professionalism. Guests will engage in learning funding definitions/terminologies, participate in a hands on group fundraising planning activity, and examine a case example of Native youth-led funded projects.

EMPOWERMENT SAGA - COMIC BOOK ON FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

ROOM: 504

Category: Career

Presenter: Rose Red Elk (Assiniboine/Lakota), Red Elk Enterprises, Wheat Ridge, CO.

Description: The Department of Interior and OST- published a 6 series Comic book-2016, written by myself Rose Red Elk, on financial management. The book contains the following: 1. Teaches basic concepts of banking 2. Taking responsibility for financial choices 3. Compares the "old" ways of trading, compared to modern concepts for saving 4. Blends traditional with contemporary.

PUBLIC SERVICE: REPRESENTING AND SERVING THE DENVER NATIVE COMMUNITY

ROOM: 505

Category: Career

Presenter: Venus Boater, Commissioner, Denver American Indian Commission, Denver, CO

Description: Our presentation will feature four Commissioners presenting and providing an introduction into Commission purpose and related service, Commission responsibilities, individual Commissioner responsibilities, individual and group contributions, and experiences. We will discuss the context for a Commission, it's composition and how Commission's operate. In our four-person panel, we will spend some time introducing the individual Commissioners, giving our personal and professional backgrounds, and talking about why we joined a Commission, why was it important to be a part of the Commission, and our personal experiences being involved in the Commission and the community. We will talk about our civic responsibilities, through the Commission itself, but also a native person and community member. Through this discussion we will emphasize the important connection between youth participation, next steps and continued opportunities to engage in public service throughout your life.

LOOKING AHEAD, ENJOYING THE JOURNEY NOW

ROOM: 506

Category: Health

Presenter: Eileen Pike (White Mountain Apache), UNITY Alumni, Whiteriver. AZ

Description: Participants will learn key elements to help prepare for the future yet embrace LIFE today. Daily strategies to get thru challenges you face. Life isn't meant to be perfect, you are not meant to be perfect...just making it thru the day is an accomplishment. Knowing our Creator, understanding the concept of Time, and finding something you love can get you thru this road we called LIFE. Easier said than done, but living in Positivity is also important, embracing Laughter & play as a way of seeing the brighter picture. Participants will walk away with simple yet profound tools to live happier in a world of trials, challenges and tests.

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TRACK/WORKSHOPS -- SESSION #2 | 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

WELLNESS WARRIORS OF NATIVE STAND: (STUDENTS TOGETHER AGAINST NEGATIVE DECISIONS)

ROOM: 507

Category: Health

Presenter: Patricia Whitefoot (Yakama), Indian Education Director, Yakama Wellness Coalition, Toppenish, WA

Description: Wellness Warriors of today will share their unique leadership built on their culture, knowledge and skills enhanced through the Native STAND (Students Together Against Negative Decisions) curriculum. Students have committed to living a healthy life style which is shared among their peers, family and community. Lessons include Native storytelling to introduce the mental, spiritual, social and physical aspects of health and wellness. Native STAND focuses on youth development in support of prevention of sexually transmitted infections, HIV/AIDS, and to prevent teen pregnancy. The curriculum also addresses drug and alcohol use, suicide and healthy relationships. Through Native STAND, student leadership has been enhanced in diverse ways which the youth will share during UNITY. The youth represent the 14 Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation with many residing on or near the Yakama Indian Reservation located in south, central Washington state. Students are organized as the Kamiakin Indian Club of Toppenish High School, which is located across the highway of the Yakama Nation Headquarters in Toppenish, WA.

TAKING THE UNITY FIRE TO YOUR COMMUNITY

ROOM: 601

Category: Culture

Presenter: Kevin Bonds (Tule River), SleepyEye LaFramboise (Seneca/Dakota), Sheldon Smith (Navajo)

Description: Nearly all Native ceremonial ways are centered around the use of air, water, plant life, animal life, and the use of fire. The UNITY Fire is considered to be a sacred and safe space for Native youth. Learn about the Fire's history and how to include the Fire Ceremony in your Youth Council events.

SUSTAINING THE STOMP DANCE TRADITION

ROOM: 602

Category: Culture

Presenter: Mvskoke Nation Youth Council, Okmulgee, OK

Description: Members of the Mvskoke Nation Youth Council will demonstrate a Stomp Dance, a traditional ceremonial practice. Presenters will discuss how the Stomp Dance helps them to balance "living in two worlds." Presenters will discuss how preparation and participation in stomp dance helps them to deal with the challenges they face every day like drugs and alcohol, depression, the pressure to have sex, and bullying. Participants will have an opportunity to engage in the activities.

SEX TRAFFICKING OF THE INDIGENOUS

ROOM: 603

Category: Health

Presenter: Lynnette Grey Bull (Lakota/Northern Arapaho), Director, Not Our Native Daughters, Gilbert, AZ

Description: Anywhere in the world there is poverty, you will find human trafficking. This includes out tribal and rural communities and most often, an overlooked region. In this workshop, you will learn how sex trafficking of our youth and women is a present day problem. Learn how you may extend your efforts towards the fight for the missing, murdered and exploited of the Indigenous people.

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TRACK/WORKSHOPS -- SESSION #2 | 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

LET'S TALK ABOUT HIV: WHERE ARE WE NOW AND WHERE DO WE WANT TO BE?

ROOM: 604

Category: Health

Presenter: Shervin Aazami, Public Health Project Coordinator, National Indian Health Board, Washington, DC

Description: American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) face the third highest HIV infection rates of any racial group, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 1 in 5 AI/AN living with HIV at the end of 2013 were unaware of their status. These and other statistics point to the unique health disparities that Tribal communities face, in addition to issues around access to quality care, lack of infrastructure, lack of awareness, and the presence of stigma around HIV. Our presentation will be broken down into three twenty minute interactive and informal discussions to foster open dialogue and gain insight into: Native youth's perception of HIV; Native youth's prioritization of HIV; and the significance of HIV in the everyday lives of Native youth.

UNITY 101

ROOM: 606

Category: Career

Presenter: UNITY Alumni

Description: What is UNITY? Do you know what UNITY's mission is? Have you wondered how you can become more involved with UNITY? In this workshop, you will learn more about UNITY, the National UNITY Council, how to start a youth council, recruit members, and more!

CREATING YOUR IDEAL NON-PROFIT BOARD

ROOM: 607

Category: Career

Presenters: Loretta Tuell (Nez Perce), Greg Mendoza (Akimel O'odham), Tyler English Rush (Muscogee)

Description: Have you wondered what it takes to start and run a non-profit organization? Who would you pick to sit on your advisory board or council of trustees and why? Discussions will be lead by members of UNITY's Council of Trustees.

LEARN HOW TO SING THE UNITY SONG

ROOM: 610

Category: Culture

Presenter: Michael Killer (Cherokee), and Junior Sierra (Cherokee)

Description: The UNITY song is meaningful and will be shared during the Closing Ceremony at the UNITY Fire. Learn what the song means and learn the vocables of the UNITY song in this workshop so you can sing it with us at the Closing Ceremony!

RESILIENT NATIVE YOUTH

ROOM: 701

Category: Health

Presenter: Sheldon Spotted Elk, JD (Northern Cheyenne), Director, Indian Child Welfare Programs, Casey Family Programs, Denver, CO

Description: Participants will learn about resiliency, the cultural value of self-efficacy to achieve their goals and to create positive impact in their schools, communities and tribes.

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YOU ONLY "YOLO" ONCE

ROOM: 703

Category: Health

Presenter: Juanita Toledo (Jemez Pueblo), Founder, Wavema Wellness, Jemez Pueblo, NM

Description: You are blessed with one incredible life! Learn to live fully and create the most out of your life to strengthen your spiritual being, mental wellness, physical health, and social circles. Through her personal experience with health issues, family trauma, depression, stress, sexual assault and more, presenter and founder of Wavema Wellness, Juanita C. Toledo, shares how she has overcome and continues her journey.

TRIBAL LEADERS IN INDIAN COUNTRY

ROOM: 705

Category: Career

Presenters: James Floyd, Principal Chief, Muscogee Creek Nation, Jeff Grubbe, Chairman, Agua Caliente Band of Mission Indians, Paul Russell, Councilman, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation

Description: Discussion about Tribal leadership in today's environment.

SHARE YOUR STORY WITH THE WORLD

ROOM: 706

Category: Career

Presenter: Jared Massey (White Mountain Apache), Staff Assistant, UNITY, Mary Kim Titla (San Carlos Apache), Executive Director, UNITY

Description: We know Native youth and youth councils are up to great things. We want to promote what you're doing! UNITY is expanding its UNITY News network and we need your stories! In this workshop, you will learn how to best tell your story whether in print, video or on social media.

WELL FOR CULTURE

ROOM: 707

Category: Health

Presenter: Thosh Collins (O'odham/Haudenosaunee/Wa-Zha-Zhi), Co-Founder, Well For Culture, Scottsdale, AZ

Description: Well For Culture's interactive workshop is a hybrid experience exploring physical movement patterns, mental focus, team building, indigenous leadership values and spiritual/emotional health. We will laugh, move, sweat and leave feeling motivated and rejuvenate! Come dressed comfortably, bring water, and be ready to do some fun movement!

EAT DO HONOR

ROOM: 708

Category: Health

Presenter: Lovina Louie (Coeur d'Alene Tribe), Plummer, ID

Description: The qhest life, that translates to a "good, healthy, traditional way of life" is how the Couer d'Alene Tribe is encouraging people to fight chronic disease. The qhest life campaign offers a culturally based, three-pronged approach to improving wellness: eat, do and honor. The program promotes eating fewer processed foods and more lean proteins and fresh produce by working to introduce more homegrown goods and incorporating native foods such as water potatoes, lean meats, berries and roots. To do more activity like walking, running swimming, canoeing, dancing (Powwow Sweat) or structured workouts. Honor our heritage through preserving language, respecting elders, valuing education and engaging in traditional activities like storytelling, the arts, and ceremonies.

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TRACK/WORKSHOPS -- SESSION #2 | 1:00 P.M. - 2:00 P.M.

NATIVE ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN THE TECH WORLD

Room: 709

Category: Career

Presenter: Wyatt Gilmore (Navajo), Chief of Creativity, 4 Directions Media, Mesa, AZ

Description: Ever heard of the saying, "Technology is the way of the future?". It is true, but it is also true that technology is the way of today! Get insight on how Wyatt Gilmore has been able to make a successful business in the fast and exciting world of technology

TRACK/WORKSHOPS -- SESSION #3 | 2:05 P.M. - 3:05 P.M.

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HOW TO FIND AND WIN SCHOLARSHIPS

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"PRESERVE CULTURE!" CAREERS IN CULTURAL AND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION

Room: 504

OVERCOMING ADVERSITY AND CREATING COMMUNITY CHANGE

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THE INTERNET WANTS YOU: CHOOSE A CAREER IN CYBER

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CUSTOMER SERVICE IN INDIAN COUNTRY

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YOUTH ENTREPRENEURSHIP THROUGH MUSIC AND ART

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COLLEGE RESOURCES FOR NATIVE STUDENTS

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LEGAL FRONTLINE: YOUTH VS. THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND FOSSIL FUELS INDUSTRY

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THE TRIBAL COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY STEPPING STONES

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YOUTH ACTIVISM AND RESILIENCY AMONGST INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

ROOM: 712

NEW! TRIBAL COLLEGE INFORMATION PANEL

ROOM: 608

Category: Career

Presenter: Jonathan Breaker, Institute of American Indian Arts, Santa Fe, NM

Description: An interactive dialogue among Tribal College and University representatives and participants will be encouraged and key to provide information about Tribal Colleges and University options.

NEW! SAVINGS AND INVESTING: RISKS, REWARDS AND THE VALUE OF SAVING

ROOM: 612

Category: Career

Presenter: Victoria Wright, Bank of America, Greenwood Village, CO

Description: This presentation will provide an overview of the things that need to be considered when looking to save or invest your money.