



DRAFT AGENDA

WELCOME TO THE 2021 NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE!

“45 years of Building Resilient Leaders and Lifelong Connections”

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Thursday, July 1 (Pre-Conference Activities)

- 6:30 - 9 pm Youth Leaders Training and Prep Room TBA (NUC male and female reps, EC, Earth Ambassadors, Peer Guides, 25 Under 25)
- 12:00 a.m. Curfew/Lights out! (Daily)

Friday, July 2 (Theme: SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT)

- 7:30 a.m. Conference Registration Opens
- 8:30 a.m. Youth Leaders Training and Prep continues (NUC male and female reps, EC, Earth Ambassadors, Peer Guides, 25 Under 25)
- 10:00 a.m. UNITY 101 - Learn about UNITY, NUC, Constitution & Bylaws, find out how you can get more involved
- 11:00 a.m. Lighting of the UNITY Fire
-Meaning of the UNITY Fire
-Sleeyeye and Eshtakaba LaFromboise, *Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux/Tonawanda Seneca*
-Hunter Genia, Saginaw Chippewa
-Sheldon Smith, *Navajo*
- 12:00 pm Lunch Break
- 1:00 pm EC/Peer Leaders Huddle (main stage)

- 1:00 pm DJ Music - Emcee One (Marcus Guinn), *Osage/Potowatomi*
- 1:15 p.m. Grand Entry Line Up - Male & Female Reps (Wear your regalia!)
- 1:30 p.m. Opening Ceremony
Video Welcome
Grand Entry! Parade of Nations by Region - Chance Rush, *Three Affiliated Tribes (Hidatsa)*
Color Guard
UNITY Drum/ Junior Sierra and Michael Killer, *Cherokee*

TIME TO POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA

- 2:00 p.m. Welcome/Call to Order - NUC Co-Presidents
-Presentation of the Flags
-Blessing by the Host Tribe, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
-Welcome by Chairwoman Nita Battise
-Cultural Presentation by Cultural Committee
-UNITY NEWS!
Video Messages TBD
- Secretary Deb Haaland (invited)
- 2:35 p.m. Welcome Remarks
Loretta Tuell, *Nez Perce*, Chairman, UNITY Council of Trustees
Introductions of Council of Trustees
- 2:45 p.m. Introductions of the National UNITY Council Executive Committee
- 2:55 p.m. Roll Call of Regions—
-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

- 3:10 pm Keynote Speaker: TBA
- 3:40 p.m. Special Presentation UNITY Earth Ambassadors
- 4:00 p.m. Get on board with the UNITY Wellness Warriors App!
Wyatt Gilmore, Navajo
App Challenge! Win UNITY Swag!
- 4:30 p.m. UNITY Native American Youth Experience Survey
Healing Indigenous Lives Peer Guides
Take the survey in Caucuses to win prizes
- 4:45 p.m. NUC EC Explain purpose of caucuses at 6:30 pm/announce tentative election
procedures and Input of youth issues
- 5:00 p.m. Dinner Break
Don't forget to Sign Up for Culture Night and Talent Show presentation!
- 6:30 p.m. Go to Area Caucuses Session #1 (Rooms TBA)
-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
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- 6:30 p.m. Advisor Training (Room TBA)
- 8:15 p.m. General Assembly
Advisors Meeting (Room TBA)
- 8:30 p.m. Jana Schmieding (Virtual Interactive Session)
Rutherford Falls, Peacock Comedy Series
- 9:00 p.m. Clans/Fun and Games!

- 9:55 pm Announcements/Adjourn (EC/Peer Leaders Debrief)
- 10:00 pm UNITY Fire- Storytelling and Cultural Sharing (Optional)
(No instruments after 9 pm)
- 12:00 a.m. Curfew/Lights out! (Daily)

Saturday, July 3 (Theme: PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT) - Traditional Skirt/Shirt Day

- 7:00 a.m. Wellness Warriors Fitness Activity event - Zumba Rm TBA
1 mile walk with UNITY Executive Director Mary Kim Titla! Fun Run with a buddy!
Meet at hotel entrance
- 8:00 a.m. Conference Registration Opens
Registration Desk
- 8:15 a.m. UNITY Drum
EC/Peer Leaders Huddle (Ballroom)
- 8:30 a.m. General Session
-Blessing and Cultural Presentation
J. Evelio Chichilticoatl Flores
Mitotiliztli Yaoyollohtli Aztec Dance Group
-UNITY NEWS!
-App Challenge! Win UNITY Swag!
- 9:00 a.m. Healing Indigenous Lives Initiative Special Presentation by UNITY Peer Guides
- 9:30 a.m. Speeches - Candidates for Male and Female Co-President
- 10:00 a.m. NUC Executive Committee Suicide Prevention Initiative
Special Presentation
- 10:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker:
Chance Rush
- 11:00 a.m. Go to Area Caucuses Session #2 (Rooms TBA)
-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
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- 11:00 a.m. Advisor Training (Room TBA)
- 12:00 pm Lunch Break (on your own)
Autograph signing
- 1:00 pm Free Afternoon!
- 7 - 10 p.m. Talent Night! (Sign up required)
- 10:00 p.m. UNITY Fire- Storytelling and Cultural Sharing (Optional)
- 12:00 a.m. Curfew/Lights out! (Daily)

Sunday, July 4 (Theme: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT)

- 7:00 a.m. Wellness Warriors Fitness Activity event - Zumba? Rm TBA
1 mile walk with UNITY Executive Director Mary Kim Titla! Fun Run with a buddy!
Meet at hotel entrance
- 8:00 a.m. Dallas Indian Mission Presentation/Indian Hymns
- 8:15 a.m. EC/Peer Leaders Huddle (Backstage Ballroom)
- 8:30 a.m. General Session
-Blessing and Cultural Presentation
-UNITY NEWS!
-App Challenge! Win UNITY Swag!
- 9:00 a.m. Keynote Speaker:
Tia Wood, Cree/Salish
- 10:00 a.m.- Meeting of Advisors and Chaperones

- 10:00 a.m.- Workshops Session #1 (45 minute workshops)
- 10:45 a.m. Break - Go to your next workshop!
- 11:00 a.m.- Workshops Session #2 (45 minute workshops)
- 11:45 a.m. Autograph signing
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own
- 1:30 p.m. National UNITY Council Business Meeting - Mandatory for male and female reps (Room TBA)
- 1:30 p.m. Workshops Session #3 (45 minute workshops)
- 2:15 p.m. Break - Go to your next workshop!
- 2:30 p.m. Workshops Session #4 (45 minute workshops)
- 3:15 p.m. Break - Get ready for the Gala!
- 5:00 p.m. Line up for Gala
- 5:30 p.m. Pre-Gala Entertainment: Fashion Show
Featuring Norma Baker Flying Horse
- 6:00 p.m. UNITY GALA
- 8:00 p.m. DJ UNITY Dance
Featuring International Indigenous DJ of the Year Emcee One
- 10:00 p.m. UNITY Fire - Storytelling and Cultural Sharing (Optional)
- 12:00 a.m. Curfew/Lights out! (Daily)

Monday, July 5 (Theme: MENTAL DEVELOPMENT)

- 7:00 a.m. Wellness Warriors Fitness Activity event - Zumba TBA
1 mile walk with UNITY Executive Director Mary Kim Titla! Fun Run with a buddy!
Meet at hotel entrance
- 8:15 a.m. EC/Peer Leaders Huddle (Ballroom)

- 8:30 a.m. General Session
 - Blessing and Cultural Presentation
 - UNITY NEWS!
 - App Challenge! Win UNITY Swag!

- 9:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker
 - Hud Oberly, Urban Native Era

- 10:30 a.m. Healing Indigenous Lives Initiative presentation by UNITY Peer Guides

- 11:15 p.m. Clan Activities

- 12:00 p.m. Lunch on your own

- 1:00 p.m. Workshops Session #1 (50 minute workshops)
 - Orientation for newly elected NUC Executive Committee members

- 2:00 p.m. Workshops Session #2 (50 minute workshops)

- 3:00 p.m. Workshops Session #3 (50 minute workshops)

- 4:00 p.m. Dinner Break

- 6:00 p.m. Cultural Night
 - Intertribal Dancing and Cultural Sharing

- 10:00 p.m. UNITY Fire- Storytelling and Cultural Sharing (Optional)

- 12:00 a.m. Curfew/Lights out! (Daily)

Tuesday, July 6 (SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT)

- 8:45 a.m. EC/Peer Leaders Huddle (Ballroom)

- 9:00 a.m. General Session
 - Blessing and Cultural Presentation
 - Message from UNITY Peer Guides
 - UNITY News
 - App Challenge! Win UNITY Swag!

- 9:30 a.m. UNITY Evaluation Team Special Presentation & Give Away
- 9:50 a.m. Keynote Speaker
Fawn Sharp (invited)
- 10:25 a.m. Get ready for 2022 in Minneapolis, MN!
Video TBA
- 10:30 a.m. Friendship Circles
- 11:00 a.m. Commitment Ceremony at UNITY Fire
-SleepyEye LaFromboise/Hunter Genia/Sheldon Smith
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn
- 12:00 p.m. Optional Activities/Travel Day

**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME! SEE YOU AT THE
2022 NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE IN Minneapolis, MN!**