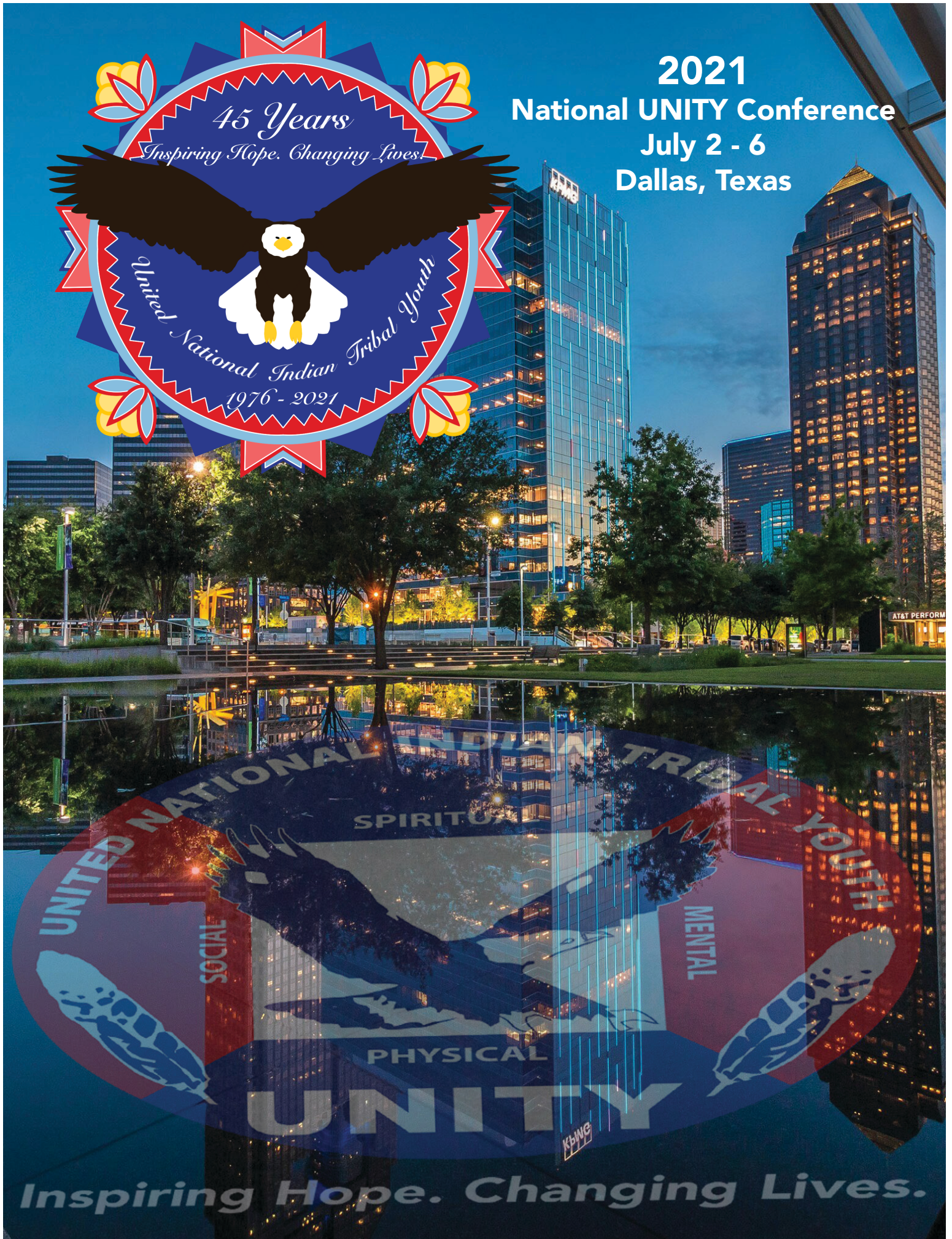




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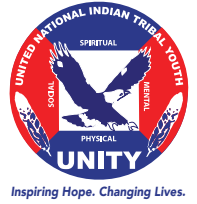


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CONFERENCE AGENDA
Thursday, July 1 | Pre-Conference



TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
5 - 7 PM	Youth Leaders Training & Prep (NUC Male and Female Reps, EC, Earth Ambassadors, Peer Guides, 25 Under 25)	Austin
12:00 AM	Curfew/Lights Out! (Daily)	

CONFERENCE AGENDA
Friday, July 2 | Theme: Spiritual Development

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Conference Registration	Lone Star Ballroom Preconvene
8:30 AM	Youth Leaders Training & Prep - Continued (NUC Male and Female Reps, EC, Earth Ambassadors, Peer Guides, 25 Under 25)	Austin
10:00 AM	UNITY 101 - Learn about UNITY, NUC, Constitution & Bylaws, find out how you can get more involved	Lone Star Ballroom AB
11:00 AM	Lighting of the UNITY Fire -Meaning of the UNITY Fire -Sleeyeye LaFromboise, Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux/Tonawanda Seneca -Channah Walker, Sac & Fox Nation/Absentee Shawnee -Eshtakaba and Elonna LaFromboise, Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate/Tonawanda Seneca/Sac & Fox/Absentee Shawnee -Hunter Genia, Saginaw, Swan Creek, Black River Bands of Chippewa and Grand River Band Ottawa -Sheldon Smith, Navajo -Leon Leader Charge, Rosebud Sioux	Herb Jungle
12:00 PM	Lunch Break	On Your Own
1:00 PM	Ballroom Doors Open -DJ Emcee One (Marcus Guinn), Osage Potawatomi	Lone Star Ballroom AB
1:15 PM	Grand Entry Line Up - Male & Female Reps (Wear your regalia!)	Lone Star Ballroom AB Preconvene
1:30 PM	Opening General Session -Video Welcome -Grand Entry! Parade of Nations by Region -Chance Rush (Hidatsa) -UNITY Drum - Junior Sierra and Michael Killer, Cherokee	Lone Star Ballroom AB
	TIME TO POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA! #UNITY2021	



CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday, July 2 | Continued

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
2:00 PM	Welcome/Call to Order - NUC Co-Presidents -Presentation of the Flags -Alabama-Coushatta Flag Song -Blessing by the Host Tribe, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas -Welcome by Chairwoman Nita Battise -Cultural Presentation by Cultural Committee -UNITY NEWS! -Video Messages -Secretary Deb Haaland Message (invited)	Lone Star Ballroom AB
2:35 PM	Welcome Remarks -Loretta Tuell, Nez Perce, Chairman, UNITY Council of Trustees -Introductions of Council of Trustees	Lone Star Ballroom AB
2:45 PM	-Ice Breaker -Introductions of the National UNITY Council Executive Committee -Introduction of UNITY Trainers!	Lone Star Ballroom AB
2:55 PM	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	Lone Star Ballroom AB
3:10 PM	Keynote Speaker: Lauren Schad, Cheyenne River Sioux Nike N7 Ambassador (Virtual Presentation)	Lone Star Ballroom AB
3:45 PM	UNITY Earth Ambassadors Special Presentation	Lone Star Ballroom AB
4:10 PM	Get on board with the UNITY Wellness Warriors App! -Wyatt Gilmore, Navajo -App Challenge! Win UNITY Swag!	Lone Star Ballroom AB
4:30 PM	UNITY Native American Youth Experience Survey -Healing Indigenous Lives Peer Guides -Take the survey in Caucuses to win prizes	Lone Star Ballroom AB

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Friday, July 2 | Continued



TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
4:45 PM	NUC EC -Purpose of caucuses at 6:30 pm/announce tentative election procedures and input of youth issues	Lone Star Ballroom AB
5:00 PM	Dinner Break	On Your Own
6:30 PM	Area Caucuses - Session #1	
	Great Plains: Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota	Houston Ballroom B
	Midwest: Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin	Austin Ballroom 1
	Northeast: Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont	State Room 1
	Northwest: Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Alaska	Houston Ballroom A
	Pacific: California, Hawaii	Lone Star Ballroom C2
	Rocky Mountains: Montana, Wyoming	State Room 2
	Southeast: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia	State Room 4
	Southern Plains: Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas	Lone Star Ballroom AB
	Southwest: Colorado, New Mexico	State Room 3
	Western: Arizona, Nevada, Utah	Austin Ballroom 3
6:30 PM	Advisor Training	Lone Star Ballroom C1
8:15 PM	Evening General Session -Ice Breakers -Illuminative and UNITY Partnership -"For the Love of our People" Campaign (Video)	Lone Star Ballroom AB
8:30 PM	Jana Schmieding (Virtual Interactive Session), Mniconjou and Sicangu Lakota, Actor, Rutherford Falls, Peacock Comedy Series	Lone Star Ballroom AB
9:00 PM	Clans/Fun and Games!	Lone Star Ballroom AB
9:55 PM	Announcements/Adjourn (EC/Peer Leaders Debrief)	Lone Star Ballroom AB
10:00 PM	UNITY Fire- Storytelling and Cultural Sharing (Optional) (No instruments after 9 pm)	Herb Jungle
12:00 AM	Curfew/Lights Out! (Daily)	



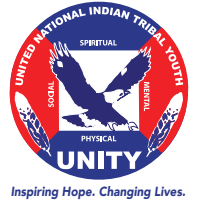
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Saturday, July 3 | Theme: Physical Development

Traditional Skirt/Shirt Day!

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 AM	Wellness Warriors Fitness Activity event - Zumba --- 1 mile walk with UNITY Executive Director Mary Kim Titla! Fun Run with a buddy!	Lone Star Ballroom Preconvene --- Meet at hotel entrance
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Conference Registration	Lone Star Ballroom Preconvene
8:15 AM	UNITY Drum	Lone Star Ballroom AB
8:30 AM	General Session -Blessing and Cultural Presentation - Mitotiliztli Yaoyollohtli (Heart of the Warrior) Aztec Dance Group -Evelio Flores -UNITY NEWS! -App Challenge! Win UNITY Swag!	Lone Star Ballroom AB
9:00 AM	Healing Indigenous Lives Initiative Special Presentation by UNITY Peer Guides	Lone Star Ballroom AB
9:30 AM	Speeches - Candidates for Male and Female Co-President	Lone Star Ballroom AB
9:45 AM	NUC Executive Committee Suicide Prevention Initiative Special Presentation	Lone Star Ballroom AB
10:00 AM	Keynote Speaker: Chance Rush, Hidatsa, Actor/Motivational Speaker	Lone Star Ballroom AB
11:00 AM	Area Caucuses - Session #2	Lone Star Ballroom AB
	Great Plains: Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota	Houston Ballroom B
	Midwest: Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin	Austin Ballroom 1
	Northeast: Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont	State Room 1
	Northwest: Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Alaska	Houston Ballroom A
	Pacific: California, Hawaii	Lone Star Ballroom C2
	Rocky Mountains: Montana, Wyoming	State Room 2
	Southeast: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia	State Room 4
	Southern Plains: Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas	Lone Star Ballroom AB
	Southwest: Colorado, New Mexico	State Room 3
	Western: Arizona, Nevada, Utah	Austin Ballroom 3
11:00 AM	Advisor Training	Lone Star Ballroom C1

CONFERENCE AGENDA
Saturday, July 3 | Continued



TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
12:00 PM	Lunch Break & FREE AFTERNOON!	On Your Own
7:00 PM	Talent Show (sign-up required)	Lone Star Ballroom AB
10:00 PM	UNITY Fire- Storytelling and Cultural Sharing (Optional) (No instruments after 9 pm)	Herb Jungle
12:00 AM	Curfew/Lights Out! (Daily)	

CONFERENCE AGENDA
Sunday, July 4 | Theme: Social Development

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 AM	Wellness Warriors Fitness Activity event - Zumba --- 1 mile walk with UNITY Executive Director Mary Kim Titla! Fun Run with a buddy!	Lone Star Ballroom Preconvene --- Meet at hotel entrance
8:30 AM	Dallas Indian Mission Presentation/Indian Hymns	Lone Star Ballroom AB
9:00 AM	General Session -Blessing and Cultural Presentation (TBA) -UNITY NEWS! -Special Remarks: Charly Edsitty, Navajo, ABC13 Houston -App Challenge! Win UNITY Swag!	Lone Star Ballroom AB
9:25 AM	Keynote Speaker: Tia Wood, Cree/Salish, Singer/Dancer, TikTok star (@tiamiscihk)	Lone Star Ballroom AB
9:55 AM	Break	
10:00 AM	Advisor Training	Lone Star Ballroom C1
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM 1:30 PM - 2:15 PM 2:30 PM - 2:45 PM	WORKSHOPS! There are 4 workshop sessions that are 45-min long with a 15-min break in between each one. If the room is full, please find another workshop that has space! Remember to social distance when possible.	See Listing
12:00 PM	Lunch Break	On Your Own
1:30 PM	National UNITY Council Business Meeting -Mandatory for male and female reps	Austin Ballroom 2



CONFERENCE AGENDA

Sunday, July 4 | Continued

WORKSHOPS		LOCATION
	Watering Seeds (Environmental Awareness)	Austin Ballroom 1
	Changing Lives Through the Transformative Power of Art (College and Career Development)	Austin Ballroom 3
	Southern Plains Songs and Teachings (Cultural Teachings)	Houston Ballroom A
	Black Indigeneity is Beautiful (Community Engagement)	Houston Ballroom B
	Corn is Life (Cultural Teachings)	Houston Ballroom C
	Is a Youth GONA Right for Your Community (Community Engagement)	Live Oak
	Surviving vs Thriving in College (College and Career Development)	Lone Star Ballroom C2
	Let's Talk About Healing our Communities: How to host Difficult Conversations (Community Engagement)	Lone Star Ballroom C4
	Our Community Needs: Regional Comparison of Top Issues Facing Native Youth (Community Engagement)	San Antonio Ballroom A
	Plan On It: Asset Mapping for Change Agents (Community Engagement)	San Antonio Ballroom B
	Going to School During a Pandemic (College and Career Development)	Seminar Theatre
	Drum Beats - UNITY Drum	State Room 1
	Honoring your Mind & Spirit ~Taking care of YOU (Health and Wellness)	State Room 2
	Personal Growth: Cultural teachings to Address Trauma (Health and Wellness)	State Room 3
	Native LGBTQ2S+ and Allies Let Your Voice Be Heard: COVID-19 Impacts Study with Youth and Young Adults (Community Engagement)	State Room 4
	UNITY Fire (Cultural Teachings)	Herb Jungle

CONFERENCE AGENDA
Sunday, July 4 | Continued



TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
3:15 PM	Break - Get Ready for the UNITY Gala	
5:00 PM	Line up for the UNITY Gala	Lone Star Ballroom AB Preconvene
6:00 PM	UNITY Gala & Awards	Lone Star Ballroom AB
8:00 PM	DJ UNITY Dance -Featuring International Indigenous DJ of the Year Emcee One	Lone Star Ballroom AB
10:00 PM	UNITY Fire- Storytelling and Cultural Sharing (Optional) (No instruments after 9 pm)	Herb Jungle
12:00 AM	Curfew/Lights Out! (Daily)	

CONFERENCE AGENDA
Monday, July 5 | Theme: Mental Development

Education & Career Expo - Visit additional booths!

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
7:00 AM	Wellness Warriors Fitness Activity event - Zumba --- 1 mile walk with UNITY Executive Director Mary Kim Titla! Fun Run with a buddy!	Lone Star Ballroom Preconvene --- Meet at hotel entrance
9:00 AM	General Session -Blessing and Cultural Presentation Dallas-Ft. Worth Intertribal Dancers -UNITY NEWS! -App Challenge! Win UNITY Swag!	Lone Star Ballroom AB
9:30 AM	Keynote Speaker: Hud Oberly, Osage/Caddo/Comanche, Urban Native Era	Lone Star Ballroom AB
10:00 AM	Healing Indigenous Lives Initiative presentation by UNITY Peer Guides	Lone Star Ballroom AB
10:30 AM	Clan Activities	Lone Star Ballroom AB
11:30 AM	Lunch Break	On Your Own
1:00 PM - 1:50 PM	WORKSHOPS!	See Listing
2:00 PM - 2:50 PM	There are 3 workshop sessions that are 50-min long with a 10-min break in between each one. If the room is full, please find another workshop that has space! Remember to social distance when possible.	
3:00 PM - 3:50 PM		



CONFERENCE AGENDA

Monday, July 5 | Continued

WORKSHOPS		LOCATION
	On the Road to Healthy Money Habits AND The Connect Effect (College and Career Development)	Austin Ballroom 1
	Tribal Leaders Panel (Community Engagement)	Austin Ballroom 2
	Journey to Law School (College and Career Development)	Austin Ballroom 3
	Understanding the MMIW Crisis and YOUR IMPORTANCE as a RELATIVE (Community Engagement)	Houston Ballroom A
	Digital Natives in a Digital World (Community Engagement)	Houston Ballroom B
	Native Youth Olympics (Health and Wellness)	Houston Ballroom C
	Navigating Self-Talk + Cultivating Self-Love (Health and Wellness)	Live Oak
	Surviving vs Thriving in College (College and Career Development)	Lone Star Ballroom C2
	Beyond Words (Community Engagement)	Lone Star Ballroom C3
	Let's Talk About Healing our Communities: How to host Difficult Conversations (Community Engagement)	Lone Star Ballroom C4
	Our Community Needs: Regional Comparison of Top Issues Facing Native Youth (Community Engagement)	San Antonio Ballroom A
	Plan On It: Asset Mapping for Change Agents (Community Engagement)	San Antonio Ballroom B
	"I Will Live" Initiative (Health and Wellness)	Seminar Theatre
	Honoring your Mind & Spirit ~Taking care of YOU (Health and Wellness)	State Room 2
	Personal Growth: Cultural Teachings to Address Trauma (Health and Wellness)	State Room 3
	Native LGBTQ2S+ and Allies Let Your Voice Be Heard: COVID-19 Impacts Study with Youth and Young Adults (Community Engagement)	State Room 4
	Drum Beats (Cultural Teachings)	Lone Star Ballroom AB
	UNITY Fire (Cultural Teachings)	Herb Jungle

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Monday, July 5 | Continued



TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
4:00 PM	Dinner Break	On Your Own
6:00 PM	Cultural Night -Intertribal Dancing and Cultural Sharing	Lone Star Ballroom AB
10:00 PM	UNITY Fire- Storytelling and Cultural Sharing (Optional) (No instruments after 9 pm)	Herb Jungle
12:00 AM	Curfew/Lights Out! (Daily)	

CONFERENCE AGENDA

Tuesday, July 6 | Theme: Spiritual Development

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
9:00 AM	Closing General Session -Blessing and Cultural Presentation -Message from UNITY Peer Guides -UNITY News -App Challenge! Win UNITY Swag!	Lone Star Ballroom AB
9:30 AM	UNITY Evaluation Team Special Presentation & Give Away	Lone Star Ballroom AB
9:50 AM	Keynote Speaker (TBA)	Lone Star Ballroom AB
10:25 AM	Get ready for 2022 in Minneapolis, MN!	Lone Star Ballroom AB
10:30 AM	Friendship Circle	Lone Star Ballroom AB
10:45 AM	Retrieval of the Flags -Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas	Lone Star Ballroom AB
11:00 AM	Commitment Ceremony at UNITY Fire	Herb Jungle
12:00 PM	Adjourn Optional Activities/Travel Day	On Your Own
	Have a safe trip home! See you at the 2022 National UNITY Conference in Minneapolis, MN!	



WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS (In alphabetical order)

Beyond Words

Presenter: Sheldon Smith (Navajo)

Organization: TSM Rise

Description: As Native People we are powerful beyond words. Our words can be so fragile where, we can move a life. We are powerful where sometimes, we over look our roots, especially in behavior health. In this workshop, participants will be empowered culturally, spiritually and mentally to take action. Participants will be energized to take action to THINK, SPEAK, MOVE, & RISE.

Black Indigeneity is Beautiful

Presenter: Juanita "Moonstar" Toledo (Jemez Pueblo)

Description: Being Native and Black is a beautiful thing, but it's also complex af. Navigating personal identity, awareness of cross-cultural current issues, and understanding our histories are just a few of the intricacies of growing up mixed. Join our talking circle to candidly discuss how you define and celebrate Afro Indigeneity.

Changing Lives Through the Transformative Power of Art

Presenters: Shaliyah Ben (Diné) and William Yarborough

Organization: Idyllwild Arts

Description: For over 50 years Idyllwild Arts has been a hub for creative people all over the world. Since the beginning, Native American Arts have always been at the forefront of celebrating the arts in a global setting. Some of Indian Country's most esteemed artists have taught, performed and learned at Idyllwild Arts. In this workshop we want you to let your creative juices flow and learn about amazing opportunities to grow in the arts in either our summer program or academy! Now more than ever we need the arts to help solve many of today's current issues!

Corn Is Life

Presenter: Nicole Nells (Navajo)

Organization: Winslow Residential Hall, Inc.

Description: Corn has sustained many Indigenous tribes since times of immemorial. Learn the basics to how corn is planted, nourished, harvested, and prepared for traditional foods and cultural practices. Also learn how Winslow Residential Hall uniquely started its first traditional corn field.

Digital Natives in a Digital World

Presenters: Trish Martinez (Mesa Grande BOMI) and Rachel Salinas (Lipan Apache Tribe)

Organization: Inter-Tribal Council of AT&T Employees (ICAE)

Description: Exploitation is real, and it may impact you everyday. Fake profiles can contact you via social media. You may think it is from friends and family. In-person interaction is made in public places such as parks and in front of and in schools. After attending this training, attendees will have acquired the knowledge base to apply to safe and responsible use of technology and their social media. Know the signs of what to watch for. Empower yourself and help keep your friends safe.

Drum Beats

Presenters: Michael Killer (Cherokee Nation) and Junior Sierra (Cherokee Nation)

Organization: UNITY Drum

Description: Come and learn about the history of the Unity drum and all powwow drums. We will be giving instructions on etiquette and we will even learn the UNITY song! All are welcome!

Going to School During a Pandemic

Presenters: Lakota Tech Student Council

Organization: Lakota Tech High School (Pine Ridge, South Dakota)

Description: High School Students from the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation will share their unique perspective of going to school online for most of the year and then returning to in-person school in March. Students will share their challenges and what helped them succeed in the face of many obstacles.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS (In alphabetical order)



Honoring your Mind & Spirit ~Taking care of YOU

Presenter: Eileen Crocker (White Mountain Apache Tribe)

Organization: White Mountain Apache Tribe

Description: Enhancing our Mental & Spiritual Health by honoring our mind and spirit we will discuss ways to embrace our identity by being more cognizant about our thoughts and words. We will discuss the importance of self care through meditation, positive affirmations, dance, prayer, laughter/play.

"I Will Live" Initiative

Presenter: UNITY Executive Committee

Organization: UNITY

Description: Join the UNITY Executive Committee to learn how youth can raise awareness suicide prevention and mental health. The Executive Committee will help guide participants through the steps of creating awareness and to connect youth with community resources. Learning Objectives: 1. Participants will join the Executive Committee to encourage youth to recognize and engage in increasing public awareness.; 2. Participants will gain tools to create safeTALK and effective messaging.; and 3. Participants will learn how to create campaigns to empower their communities to address their challenges and needs.

Is a Youth GONA Right for Your Community

Presenters: Hunter Genia (Ojibwe & Odawa) & Leon Leader Charge (Lakota)

Organization: Tribal Tech, LLC

Description: Gathering of Native Americans (GONA) was first developed in the early 1990's by native wellness leaders and is recognized as an effective cultural Native community prevention engagement tool to help mobilize change in tribal communities. We'll discuss the GONA, provide some activities, pass out information, and answer questions for you to share with your youth leadership and community change agents in your community.

Journey to Law School

Presenter: Joshua Arce (Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation of Kansas)

Organization: PWNA

Description: Presenter will share his experience and journey to law school. He will talk about a pathway to achieving access to law school, considerations to be mindful of, and options when completing this journey.

Let's Talk About Healing our Communities: How to host Difficult Conversations

Presenter: UNITY Peer Guides

Organization: Healing Indigenous Lives Initiative

Description: UNITY Peer Guides will share the results of the Regional Town Halls and discuss how youth can hold their own Town Halls to identify community priorities. Youth Councils will explore ways to host community conversations around difficult topics to create community safety. Learning Objectives: 1. Participants will learn and discuss the suggested solutions Native youth have offered to increase public safety from the virtual Town Halls findings.; 2. Participants will explore ways to host community conversations around difficult topics to increase community safety.; and 3. Participants will engage in peer to peer dialogue regarding community resources that may support Native youth empowerment.



WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS (In alphabetical order)

Native LGBTQ2S+ and Allies Let Your Voice Be Heard: COVID-19 Impacts Study with Youth and Young Adults

Presenter: Elizabeth Taylor-Schiro

Organization: Bowman Performance Consulting

Description: Bowman Performance Consulting (BPC) is partnering with UNITY to share an opportunity for Native straight and LGBTQ2S+ youth to be involved, heard, and seen within a national Native and gender minority study. Come learn about how to let your voice be heard with gift card incentives.

Native Youth Olympics

Presenter: Kyle Wori (Tlingit, Yup'ik, Deg Hit'an)

Organization: Douglas Indian Association

Description: Native Youth Olympics is a sport from Alaska that tests skills of strength, agility, balance, endurance and focus. Join us to learn these games based on hunting and survival skills that allowed the indigenous people of Arctic to thrive in the harshest conditions for millennia.

Navigating Self-Talk + Cultivating Self-Love

Presenters: Juanita "Moonstar" Toledo (Jemez Pueblo) and Brittany McKane (Msvkoke (Creek) Nation)

Description: Have you ever thought about how the things you say to yourself could affect your health? We know that our thoughts and actions constantly influence our behavior and personality, but our thoughts can also influence our views of ourselves. When this perception begins to negatively impact the way we love ourselves, we must consider reframing our thinking to allow in the healing energy our minds, bodies, and spirits need to promote a healthier reality. This workshop will focus on the power we have to cultivate self-love through conscious thought. We will discuss the ability we each have to shift our thinking into full awareness of our overall well-being, and to begin to shape the beautiful present and future that our ancestors hoped to see us live.

On the Road to Healthy Money Habits

Presenter: Monica Evans

Organization: Bank of America - Native American Professional Network

Description: A practical conversation of how to build healthy money habits.

Our Community Needs: Regional Comparison of Top Issues facing Native Youth

Presenter: UNITY Peer Guides

Organization: Healing Indigenous Lives Initiative

Description: This workshop will show how youth can address local needs by identifying the root cause of an issue while encouraging local native youth empowerment. UNITY Peer Guides will share tools for creating localized needs assessments through the 2021 Native American Youth Experience Survey. Learning Objectives: 1. Participants will learn how to identify the root cause of a community challenge to enhance safety.; 2. Participants will discuss regional Comparison of the top Issues facing Native Youth; and 3. Peer Guides will share their plans for the Native American Youth Experience Survey (NAYES) to further gather community input and ensure future youth informed programming.

Personal Growth: Cultural Teachings to Address Trauma

Presenter: UNITY Peer Guides

Organization: Healing Indigenous Lives Initiative

Description: UNITY Peer Guides explore cultural and holistic approaches to building resiliency for Native youth who have experienced trauma. The Peer Guides will explore resources available to help advocates overcome their past traumas in order to better serve the community in the future. Learning Objectives: 1. Peer Guides will share their stories of resilience to empower others.; 2. Participants will explore cultural and holistic approaches to building resiliency for Native youth who have experienced trauma.; and 3. Participants will share resources available to help advocates overcome their past traumas in order to better serve the community in the future.

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS (In alphabetical order)



Plan On It: Asset Mapping for Change Agents

Presenter: UNITY Peer Guides

Organization: Healing Indigenous Lives Initiative

Description: Join UNITY Peer Guides to identify personal strengths and resources to create community safety and support those impacted by crime. Asset mapping is an important tool for any youth who wishes to address community concerns. Webinar Learning Objectives: 1. Participants will gain tools needed to engage in asset mapping to address community concerns.; 2. Participants will identify personal strengths and resources to create community safety and support those impacted by crime.; and 3. Participants will engage in peer to peer dialogue regarding community resources that may support Native youth empowerment.

Southern Plains Songs and Teaching

Presenter: Michael Tongkeamha (Kiowa)

Organization: Soar Beyond Youth Mentor Organization

Description: Come learn about Southern Plain singing. From Kiowa flag song, Kiowa memorial song, youth prayer song, Kiowa 49 war party song, buffalo song, and inter-tribal war dance with Michael Stumbling Bear Tongkeamha. The circle of life continues with traditional Native American song and explanation. This four (4) part workshop will also focus on teaching an easy-to-follow round dance song.

Surviving vs Thriving in College

Presenter: Corey Still (United Keetoowah Band of Cherokees)

Organization: American Indian Graduate Center

Description: For many Native students, college can seem like an entirely different world that we don't always see ourselves fitting into. Often, we struggle just to survive. This presentation provides best practices and strategies to help new and continuing college students thrive and navigate college in ways that will support them through graduation and beyond.

The Connect Effect

Presenter: Monica Evans

Organization: Bank of America - Native American Professional Network

Description: Learn how to build strong personal, professional, and virtual networks.

Understanding the MMIW Crisis and YOUR IMPORTANCE as a RELATIVE

Presenter: Jodi Voice Yellowfish (Mvskoke. Oglala Lakota, Cherokee)

Organization: MMIW Texas Rematriate


Description: In our workshop students will learn about the crisis that is MMIW, what we as an organization do to help families and missing relatives and have a chance to ask questions. As well they will have an activity that pulls the students in to talk and share about themselves in order to understand why they as individuals are important. It is an interactive space discussing self worth, acknowledging things you like about yourself, and understanding that because MMIW deals with silence and disappearances we are not invisible and deserve respect, help, & resources.

Watering Seeds

Presenters: UNITY Earth Ambassadors

Organization: UNITY

Description: How to protect our waterways and our traditional seeds. A seed and a water drop are small, but they are magical as they make the miracle of creating life possible. Join the UNITY Earth Ambassadors as we explore ways to protect our water and traditional seeds.

A young man with short dark hair, wearing a white t-shirt, dark pants, and light blue sneakers, is running on a paved path. The background shows trees and a clear sky. The image is overlaid with a blue geometric pattern at the top and a dark blue geometric pattern on the right side.

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BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

We pride ourselves on helping Native American and tribally-owned businesses obtain financing and gain critical access to federal business development programs and contracts.

ADVOCACY

We serve as the voice for Native business in the Halls of Congress and with federal agencies.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We understand access to capital is one of the biggest challenges Indian Country faces. We help businesses get the financing they need to reach their business dreams by developing networks and training as well as a robust lender referral service.

RESERVATION ECONOMIC SUMMIT

Reservation Economic Summit (RES) is the conference to attend for those looking for high caliber networking, matchmaking opportunities, business development sessions, one-on-one consulting, all centered around American Indian Enterprise.

The event features tribal leaders, members of Congress, federal agency representatives, state and local officials and top CEO's on a national platform. It's just one more example of how the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development is building bridges of opportunity for today's American Indian entrepreneurs.

NATIVE EDGE INSTITUTE

Native Edge Institutes (NEI) are one-day, in-person events that provide both established and aspiring business owners with critical business training. NEIs also connect participants to resources available in their region, along with one-on-one business counseling, coaching, and matchmaking services.

PROCUREMENT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE CENTER

The National Center's Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC) provides professional business consulting services and technical assistance to Native American-owned businesses interested in marketing and selling their products and services to Federal, state, local, and tribal governments. The National Center's PTAC assists business owners in marketing and networking, identifying bid opportunities, Small Business Administration connections, 8(a), HUBZone and other certifications, determining suitability for contract, and more.

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For **over 50 years**, the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development has been helping Indian tribes and businesses gain access to economic opportunity and growth.

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