



DRAFT AGENDA

WELCOME TO THE 2024 NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE!

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Friday, June 28 (Pre-Conference Activities)

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Advocacy Pre-Conference Training: Lighting the Fire Curriculum with Dr. Pearl Yellowmam, Sponsored by Cook Native American Ministries (Room TBA)
- Open to the first 100 Native youth to sign up

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Sign Up for Campus Tours at Portland State University to meet with Indigenous Staff, programs & explore Native youth support systems available -Open to the first 100 Native youth & chaperones to sign up

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm - UNITY Video Filming 25 U 25 (Room TBA)

3:00 pm - Emcee Training: Sign Up to be Emcee for General Sessions with Chance Rush and Lovina Louie (Room TBA)

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Conference Registration Opens

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Native Youth Empowerment Night with UNITY EC and UNITY Trainers - Learn about the UNITY NUC, Constitution & Bylaws and Voting Status
Find out how you can get more involved
- National UNITY Council Youth Council Representatives Check-In
- Fun and Games with UNITY Trainers (Chance Rush and Lovina Louie)
- Clan Activities! Meet other Native youth from across the country

8:30 pm - Executive Committee and 25 Under 25 Debrief with the four UNITY Trainers (UNITY Staff Room)

Saturday, June 29 (Theme: SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT) - *Wear Red in Honor of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives*

- 8:30 a.m. - Conference Registration Opens
 - Peer Leaders Huddle: Executive Committee & 25 Under 25 (Main Ballroom with Greg Mendoza)
- 9:00 a.m. - UNITY 101 Pre-Conference Training with the NUC EC (Room TBA)
 - Great Session for First Time UNITY Attendees & Advisors!
 - Advisors Check on UNITY Membership Voting Status with NUC EC
 - How to Sign Up for Conference Activities
- 10:00 a.m.** - Opening Ceremony - Lighting of the UNITY Fire (Outdoors)
 UNITY Drum, led by Micheal Killer & Corey Still
 - Welcome/Call to Order by NUC Co-Presidents
 - Cultural Blessing - Prayer from Local Representative
 - Welcome Remarks
 Loretta Tuell, Nez Perce
 Chairman, UNITY Council of Trustees
 Introductions of the Council of Trustees
 - UNITY Fire and Spirit Room Purpose - UNITY Trainer LoVina Louie
 - Water Ceremony - Local Representative
- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm** - Lunch Break (on your own)
- 12:45 a.m. - DJ Music Emcee One (Marcus Guinn), Osage/Potawatomi/Puerto Rican (Main Ballroom)
 - Grand Entry Line Up by Region - (Two Reps from Each Youth Council line up With your NUC EC Regional Representatives, bring your tribal flags or banners)
- 1:00 p.m. - Opening Remarks - UNITY Trainer Chance Rush (MHA)
 - Grand Entry: UNITY Parade of Nations (Wear your Regalia!)
 UNITY Drum, led by Micheal Killer & Corey Still
 TIME TO POST ON SOCIAL MEDIA
- 1:45 p.m. UNITY News! Special Presentation
 -Introductions of the National UNITY Council Executive Committee
 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
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- 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

2:00 p.m. - Keynote Speaker (TBA)

2:45 p.m. Special Announcement/Presentation of UNITY 25 Under 25 Awardees

- Remarks - Loretta Tuell, Chair, Council of Trustees
- UNITY Council of Trustees
- Medallion Presentation (Intro Videos)
- Honor Song UNITY Drum

3:30 p.m. - Introduction of UNITY Trainers

- Conference Reminders and Announcements
- Explain the purpose of the caucus/announce rooms & election procedures - Announcements/Instructions for Youth Sign-Ups:
 - UNITY 3-on-3 Tournament
 - UNITY Talent Night
 - UNITY Culture Night
 - Spirit Room Culture Sharing Sign Up
 - UNITY Fashion Show Models
 - NUC Business Meeting Youth Council Reports

3:45 p.m. - Go to your Area Caucus Rooms

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. 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

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- Southern Plains: Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas
- Southwest: Colorado, New Mexico

- Western: Arizona, Nevada, Utah

4:00 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. - Advisors Meet & Greet with Security teams
"Introductions and Conference Safety & Mitigation" (Room TBA)

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 pm - Dinner Break (on your own)
- Visit the Portland State University campus Salmon Bake to eat Northwest traditional
Foods baked on site.

7:30 p.m. - UNITY Group Photo (Return to the Main Ballroom)
- Join UNITY on Stage for those wearing Red in honor of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives
- MMIR Resources

7:45 pm - Welcome Reception - Coastal Jam
- Hosted by the Local Planning Committee
- Refreshments provided

9:00 p.m. - Executive Committee & 25 Under 25 Debrief with UNITY Trainer Dr. Pearl Yellowman (UNITY Staff Office)

10:00 pm - Spirit Room is available for prayers/culture sharing/reflections - Advisor or A chaperone must be present with attendees (optional activities)

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

7:00 a.m. - Wellness Warriors Fitness Activity events on your own

7:30 a.m. - Visit the Education and Career Exhibit booths - Pick up a raffle ticket to win prizes!

7:30 a.m. - Peer Leaders Huddle: Executive Committee & 25 Under 25 (Main ballroom with Greg Mendoza)

8:00 a.m. - General Session (Main Ballroom)

- Blessing/Cultural Presentation

- UNITY NEWS!

- Evaluation Giveaway, Raffles & Prizes - UNITY Manager, LorenAshley - 2024 National UNITY Council Co-President Speeches

8:30 a.m. - Fireside Chat with National Native Youth Leaders

(Invited youth representatives from NCAI, NIEA, AISES, CNAY, etc.)

9:00 a.m. - National UNITY Council Executive Committee 2024 Initiative: "Revitalizing Our Roots" Elders Panel

9:45 a.m. Career and Education Day Kick-Off Remarks

Henry Lozano, UNITY Trustee

10:00 a.m. Visit Education and Career Exhibit booths - Pick up a raffle ticket to win prizes! 10:15

a.m. - Workshops Session #1 (45 minute workshops)

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 am - Advisor Training #2 with Dr. Pearl Yellowman (Room TBA) 11:00 a.m. -

Break - Go to your next workshop!

11:15 a.m. - Workshops Session #2 (45 minute workshops)

12:00 p.m. - Lunch Break (on your own)

1:45 p.m. - Visit education booths and earn a chance to win raffle prizes! **DRAFT AGENDA AS OF**

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2:30 p.m. - Workshops Session #3 (45 minute workshops)

- Tribal Leader Panel (Room TBA)

3:15 p.m. - Break - Go to your next workshop!

3:30 p.m. - Workshops Session #4 (45 minute workshop)
-Tribal Leader Panel (Room TBA)

4:30 p.m. - Evening General Assembly (Main Ballroom)
- UNITY Group Photo on Stage for those wearing Orange
- Every Child Matters & Boarding School Resources
- College & Career Expo Raffle - Must be Present to Win Prizes
- Evaluation Giveaway - UNITY Manager, LorenAshley Buford

4:30 p.m. - Executive Committee & 25 Under 25 Debrief with UNITY Trainer Chance Rush
(UNITY Staff Office)

5:00 p.m. - Dinner Break (on your own)

7:00 p.m. - UNITY Culture Night (sign-up required)

10:00 pm - Adjourn
- Spirit Room is available for prayers/culture sharing/reflections - Advisor or Chaperone
must be present with attendees (optional activities)

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

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**Monday, July 1 (Theme: PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT) - Wellness Warrior Day (*Activewear,
wear your Nike Tshirts and best Nike gear*)**

7:30 a.m. - Peer Leaders Huddle: Executive Committee & 25 Under 25

(Hotel Lobby with Greg Mendoza)

8:00 a.m. - Catch the buses to the off-site field day location
Transportation to Nike World Headquarters provided

9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Wellness Warriors Activities (TBA)
Nike World Headquarters Activities

12:00 pm - Nike will provide lunch to participants on site.

2:00 p.m. - UNITY 3-on-3 Tournament at Nike World Headquarters

4:00 p.m. Nike Special Performance with Alcohol-Free Happy Hour Refreshments

5:00 p.m. - Dinner Break (On your own) Return to Convention Center

7:00 p.m. Go to your Area Caucus Rooms or Advisor Training at the Convention Center

7:15 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Area Caucuses Session #2 (Rooms TBA)

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7:15 p.m - 8:15 p.m. Advisor Training - Session # 3 with Dr. Pearl Yellowman (Room TBA)

8:30 p.m. - Talent Night (sign-up required) Main Ballroom

9:00 p.m. - Executive Committee & 25 Under 25 Debrief with UNITY Trainer LoVina Louie

10:00 p.m. - Spirit Room is available for prayers/sharing/reflections - advisor must be

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

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Tuesday, July 2 (Theme: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT) - Traditional Skirt & Shirt Day

7:00 a.m. - Wellness Warriors Fitness Activity event optional

7:30 a.m. - DJ Music Emcee One (Marcus Guinn), Osage/Potowatomi/Puerto Rican
(Main Ballroom)

7:30 a.m. - Peer Leaders Huddle: Executive Committee & 25 Under 25 (Main Ballroom)

8:00 a.m. - Traditional Skirt and Shirt Fashion Show Kick-Off On Stage in the Main Ballroom
- Live Streamed

8:30 a.m. - General Session
- Cultural sharing and blessing
- UNITY News!
- Opening Remarks: Evaluation Giveaway - UNITY Manager, LorenAshley

9:00 a.m. - Special Performance: Taboo, Black Eyed Peas, Hip Hop Artist 10:00 a.m.-
Go to your workshop, NUC Business Meeting or Advisor Training 10:15 a.m. -

Workshops Session #1 (45 minute workshops)

10:15 a.m. - National UNITY Council Business Meeting - Mandatory for Youth Council
Reps. (Room TBA)

10:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Final Advisor Training - Session # 4 with Dr. Pearl Yellowman
(Room TBA)

11:00 a.m. - Go to your next workshop!

11:15 a.m. - Workshops Session #2 (45 minute workshops)

12:00 p.m. - Lunch Break (on your own)

1:45 p.m. - Visit education booths and earn a chance to win raffle
prizes! 2:30 p.m. - Workshops Session #3 (45 minute workshops)

3:15 p.m. - Break - Go to your next workshop!

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3:30 p.m. - Workshops Session #4 (45 minute workshop)

3:30 p.m. - Final Executive Committee & 25 Under 25 Debrief with LorenAshley
(UNITY Staff Office)

4:15 p.m. - Break - Get ready for the Gala!

5:30 p.m. - Line up for the UNITY Gala outside of the Main Ballroom

6:00 p.m. - Pre-Gala Fashion Show
- Youth Designer Showcase

7:00 p.m. - UNITY GALA
- UNITY Drum & Spirit Room Trainers Blessing
- Recognitions
- Awards and Scholarships Presentations
- JR Cook Advisor of the Year
- Eddie Wadda Alumni of the Year
- Unity Youth Council of the Year
- Golda Cook Scholarship
- JR Cook Memorial Scholarship
- Honoring the NUCEC 2023-2024
- NUCEC 2024-2025 Election Announcement
- Oath of Office
- Honor Song

9:00 p.m. UNITY DJ Dance

10:00 p.m. Spirit Room is available for prayers/sharing/reflections - advisor must be present - (optional)

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

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Wednesday, July 3 - Closing UNITY Commitment Ceremony

7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. New Executive Committee Orientation (Mandatory for newly elected representatives - held in the UNITY Staff Room)

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Closing Ceremony at UNITY Fire (Outdoor Plaza of Convention Center) -

Prayer/Cultural Sharing

- Special Presentation by Mary Kim Titla
- Honoring Executive Committee & 25 Under 25 Youth Leaders
- Local Planning Committee Recognition
- Commitment Ceremony & UNITY Fire
- Water Blessing
- UNITY Trainers Closing Remarks
- Exciting Announcement of Location of the 2027 National Conference - Final Evaluation
- Giveaway and Prizes - LorenAshley
- UNITY Drum
- Friendship Circle

Half-day to explore Portland! See the list of suggested sites in the program.

**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME! SEE YOU AT THE
2025 NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA! DRAFT AGENDA AS OF**

