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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 Yellowman, Sponsored by Cook Native American Ministries (Hyatt 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 (Hyatt Room TBA)

4:00 pm - Emcee Training: Sign Up to be Emcee for General Sessions with Chance Rush and Lovina Louie (Hyatt Room TBA)

3:00 pm - 6:00 pm - Conference Registration Opens

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm - Native Youth Empowerment Night with UNITY EC and UNITY Trainers (Hyatt Room TBA)
- 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
      Introductions of the Council of Trustees - Mary Kim Titla
      Loretta Tuell, Nez Perce - Chairman, UNITY Council of Trustees
   - UNITY Fire and Spirit Room Purpose - UNITY Trainers
      LoVina Louie, Sheldon Smith, and Hunter Genia
   - Water Ceremony - Local Representative

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 pm - Lunch Break (on your own)

12:45 p.m. - DJ Music Emcee One (Marcus Guinn), Osage/Potowatomi/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. - General Session (Main Ballroom)
   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
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 - Dr. Evan Adams (TBA)
- Ice Breaker

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
- NUC Co-Presidents 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 Stick Game 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
- 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 p.m. - Dinner Break (On Your Own)

7:30 p.m. - MMIR Group Photo (Return to the Main Ballroom)
   - Join us at the NE Corner (UNITY Fire location) for those wearing Red in honor of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives)

7:45 p.m. - Welcome Reception - Coastal Jam (Featuring NW tribes - song and dance)
   - Hosted by the Local Planning Committee
   - Light refreshments provided

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

10:00 p.m. - Spirit Room is available for prayers/culture sharing/reflections - Advisor or A chaperone must be present with attendees (optional activities) with UNITY Trainers. LoVina Louie, Sheldon Smith, and Hunter Genia

12:00 a.m. - Curfew/Lights out! (Daily)
Sunday, June 30 (Theme: MENTAL DEVELOPMENT) College and Career Readiness Day

*Wear Orange in Honor of Every Child Matters*

7:00 a.m. Wellness Warriors Fitness Activity (Zumba main stage; 1 Mile Walk with the Executive Director - meet in the Hyatt Lobby)

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

**8:30 a.m.** General Session (Main Ballroom)
   - Blessing/Cultural Presentation
   - UNITY NEWS!
   - Evaluation Giveaway, Raffles & Prizes - UNITY Manager, LorenAshley

9:00 a.m. Keynote Presentation - Marcus Guinn

9:30 a.m. - Fireside Chat with National Native Youth Leaders
   (Invited youth representatives from NCAI, NIEA, AISES, CNAY, etc.)

10:00 am - Go to Workshops or Advisor training rooms

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!

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. - College & Career Expo Raffle - Must be Present to Win Prizes
- Evaluation Giveaway - UNITY Manager, LorenAshley Buford
- Every Child Matters Group Photo on Stage for those wearing Orange

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
A chaperone must be present with attendees (optional activities) with UNITY Trainers
LoVina Louie, Sheldon Smith, and Hunter Genia

12:00 a.m. - Curfew/Lights out! (Daily)
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. - 4:00 p.m. - Nike N7 Day! All activities at Nike World Headquarters

Nike will provide lunch to participants on site.

UNITY 3-on-3 Tournament at Nike World Headquarters

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)

- Great Plains: Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota
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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

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)
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.** - Arrive Early for Traditional Skirt and Shirt Fashion Show Kick-Off On Stage in the  
Main Ballroom  
- Live Streamed

8:15 a.m. - General Session  
- Cultural sharing and blessing  
- UNITY News!  
- Evaluation Giveaway - UNITY Manager, LorenAshley  
- National UNITY Council Co-President Speeches

8:45 a.m. - Special Performance: Taboo, Black Eyed Peas, Hip Hop Artist

9:30 am National UNITY Council’s “Initiative Revitalizing our Roots”  
- Executive Committee Elder Discussion

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!

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 pm - Spirit Room is available for prayers/culture sharing/reflections - Advisor or A chaperone must be present with attendees (optional activities) with UNITY Trainers LoVina Louie, Sheldon Smith, and Hunter Genia

12:00 a.m. Curfew/Lights out! (Daily)
Wednesday, July 3 - Closing UNITY Commitment Ceremony

7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. New Executive Committee Orientation (Mandatory for newly elected Representatives TBA)

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
   - 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!