



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
-Sponsored by Cook Native American Ministries (Room TBA)

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

3:00 pm - Emcee Training: Sign Up to be Emcee for General Sessions with Chance Rush
(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)

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

Saturday, June 29 (Theme: SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT) - Wear Red in Honor of MMIW2S+

8:30 a.m. - Conference Registration Opens

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
- 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: Alaqua Cox (Menominee) Actress, Echo within the Marvel series

3:00 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

3:45 p.m - Introduction of UNITY Trainers

- Conference Reminders and Announcements
- Explain the purpose of the caucus/announce rooms & election procedures

4:30 p.m. Break

5:00 - 7:00 pm - Welcome Reception - Light Refreshments provided

- Conference Blessing
- Opening remarks - Local Planning Committee Chairs
- Coastal Jam

7:00 p.m. - Go to your Area Caucus Rooms

7:15 p.m. - 8:00 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

7:15 - 7:45 p.m - Advisors Meet and Greet “Introductions and Safety Mitigation” (Room TBA)

8:15 p.m. - Evening General Assembly (Return to the Main Ballroom)

- UNITY Group Photo on Stage for those wearing Red MMIW2S+ Resources
- 2024 National UNITY Council Co-President Speeches

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

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

9:00 p.m. - Clans! Group Fun & Games with UNITY Trainers Chance Rush & LoVina Louie

(networking opportunity for Native youth to meet other UNITY Youth)

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

Yellowman (UNITY Staff Office)

9:45 p.m. - 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

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)

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 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)

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

- Blessing/Cultural Presentation
- UNITY NEWS!
- Evaluation Giveaway, Raffles & Prizes - UNITY Manager, LorenAshley

8:30 a.m. - National UNITY Council Executive Committee 2024 Initiative:
"Revitalizing Our Roots" Elders Panel

9:30 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)

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

11:00 a.m. - Advisor Training #2 (45-minute session) (Room TBA)

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. - 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

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

Monday, July 1 (Theme: PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT) - Wellness Warrior Day (Activewear)

8:00 a.m. - Catch the buses to the off-site field day location

Tentative Transportation to Nike World Headquarters

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. - Wellness Warriors Activities (TBA)

Tentative Nike World Headquarters Activities

12:30 pm - Lunch Break (on your own)

Free Time - Youth Councils Explore Portland (See list of suggested sights)

2:00 p.m. - UNITY 3-on-3 Tournament (location TBA)

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

7:00 p.m. - Go to your Area Caucus Rooms

7:15 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Area Caucuses Session #2 (Rooms TBA)

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- Southern Plains: Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas
- Southwest: Colorado, New Mexico
- Western: Arizona, Nevada, Utah

7:15 p.m - 7:45 p.m. Advisor Training - Session # 3 (Room TBA)

8:15 p.m. - Executive Committee & 25 Under 25 Debrief with UNITY Trainer LoVina Louie
(UNITY Staff Office)

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

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. - 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. Break - Go to your workshop or NUC Business Meeting
- 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)
- 10:30 a.m. - Final Advisor Training - Session # 4 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)
- 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

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)

Wednesday, July 3 - 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 list of suggested sites in program

**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME! SEE YOU AT THE
2025 NATIONAL UNITY COENCE IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA!**