



DRAFT AGENDA

WELCOME TO THE 2025 NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE!

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Please wear your conference badge at all times!

Thursday, June 26 (Pre-Conference Activities)

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Advocacy Pre-Conference Training: Lighting the Fire Curriculum with
- Open to the first 100 Native youth to sign up

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sign Up for Campus Tours
-Open to the first 100 Native youth & chaperones to sign up

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm UNITY Video Filming Earth Ambassadors

4:00 pm Emcee Training: Sign Up to be Emcee for General Sessions with

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
- 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

- Clan Activities! Meet other Native youth from across the country

8:30 pm Executive Committee and Earth Ambassador Debrief with the four UNITY Trainers

Friday, June 27 (Theme: SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT) -

Wear Red in Honor of Every Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives

8:30 a.m. Conference Registration Opens

- Peer Leaders Huddle: Executive Committee & Earth Ambassadors (With Greg Mendoza)

9:00 a.m. UNITY 101 Pre-Conference Training with the NUC EC

- 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

- UNITY Drum, led by
- 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
- UNITY Fire and Spirit Room Purpose - UNITY Trainers
- 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/Potawatomi/Puerto Rican

- 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

- Opening Remarks - UNITY Trainer Chance Rush (MHA)
- Grand Entry: UNITY Parade of Nations (Wear your Regalia!)
- UNITY Drum, led by
- 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 -

- Ice Breaker

2:45 p.m. Special Announcement/Presentation of Earth Ambassadors

- Remarks -
- 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 (Location)
 - Join us at the (UNITY Fire location) for those wearing Red in honor of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives)

7:45 p.m. Welcome Reception -
 - Hosted by the Local Planning Committee
 - Light refreshments provided

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

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

Saturday, June 28 (Theme: MENTAL DEVELOPMENT) -

Wear Orange in Honor of Every Child Matters

7:00 a.m. Wellness Warriors Fitness Optional Activity

7:30 a.m. Peer Leaders Huddle: Executive Committee & Earth Ambassadors (with Greg Mendoza)

8:30 a.m. General Session (Main Ballroom)

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

9:00 a.m. Keynote Presentation -

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 & Earth Ambassador 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)

11:00 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)

Sunday, June 29 (Theme: PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT) - Wellness Warrior Day

7:00 a.m. Wellness Warriors Fitness Optional Activity

7:30 a.m. Peer Leaders Huddle: Executive Committee & Earth Ambassadors (with Greg Mendoza)

8:30 a.m. General Session (Main Ballroom)

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

9:00 a.m. Keynote Presentation

9:45 a.m. Fireside Chat with National Native Youth Leaders (Invited youth representatives from NCAI, NIEA, AISES, CNAY, etc.)

10:15 a.m. Go to your Area Caucus Rooms or Advisor Training at the Convention Center

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. 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
- 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

10:30 a.m - 11:45 a.m. Advisor Training - Session # 3 with Dr. Pearl Yellowman (Room TBA)

12:00 pm Lunch break

Free Afternoon: Explore San Diego

12:30 pm Catch shuttles to 3 on 3 location

1:30 pm UNITY 3-on-3 Tournament

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

7:00 p.m. Talent Night (sign-up required) Main Ballroom

9:00 p.m. Executive Committee & Earth Ambassador 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)

Monday, June 30 (Theme: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT) - Traditional Skirt & Shirt Day

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

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:

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 & Earth Ambassador 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 2025-2026 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

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LoVina Louie, Sheldon Smith, and Hunter Genia

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

Tuesday, July 1 - 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

- 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 San Diego! See the list of suggested sites in the program.

**HAVE A SAFE TRIP HOME! SEE YOU AT THE
2026 NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE AT
OUR 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA!**