



DRAFT AGENDA

Voices of H.O.P.E.: Empowering Youth, Transforming Communities through Heartfelt Conversations, Open Dialogue, Promoting Resources, and Encouraging Change.

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Thursday, June 26 (Pre-Conference Activities)

1:00 pm - 4:00 pm Sign Up for Campus Tours at [San Diego State University](#)

-Open to the first 100 Native youth & chaperones to sign up
([transportation on your own](#))

2:30 pm - 4:30 pm UNITY Video Filming Earth Ambassadors - [California Room 4](#)

4:00 pm Emcee Training: Sign Up to be Emcee for General Sessions - [California Room 2](#)

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Conference Registration Opens - [Town and Country Foyer](#)

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Native Youth Empowerment Night with UNITY EC - [Golden State Ballroom](#)

- Learn about the UNITY NUC, Constitution & Bylaws, and Voting Status

- Find out how you can get more involved throughout the year

- National UNITY Council Youth Council Representatives Check-In

- Fun and Games, Clan Activities! Meet other Native youth from across the country

7:30 pm Executive Committee and Earth Ambassador Debrief with the four UNITY Trainers

- [California Room 3](#)

Friday, June 27 (Theme: SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT)

7:00 a.m. Conference Registration Opens - [Golden State Ballroom](#)

- Peer Leaders Huddle: Executive Committee & Earth Ambassadors
(with Greg Mendoza and Tristan Joe) - [Golden State Ballroom](#)

9:00 a.m. UNITY 101 Pre-Conference Training with the NUC EC - [Golden State Ballroom](#)

- 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. Lighting of the UNITY Fire - [Martini Lawn](#)

- UNITY Drum
- Welcome/Call to Order by NUC Co-Presidents:
Watson Whitford and Kaytlynn Johnston
- Opening Prayer: invited - [Miss Indian World](#), Dania Wahwasuck, Prairie Band
Potawatomi Nation/Pyramid Lake Paiute
- Cultural Welcome & Land Acknowledgment from [Local Representatives](#)
- Welcome Remarks:
 - Introductions of the Council of Trustees - Mary Kim Titla
- UNITY Fire and Spirit Room Purpose - UNITY Trainers

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

12:45 p.m. DJ Music Emcee One (Marcus Guinn), Osage/Potawatomi - [Golden State Ballroom](#)

- Grand Entry Line Up by Region - [Golden State Foyer](#)
(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 Ceremonies: General Assembly - [Golden State Ballroom](#)

- Opening Remarks - UNITY Emcee Chance Rush (MHA)
- Friday Emcees: [Marla Mesarina and Kaylee Evans](#), NUC EC Reps
- Grand Entry: UNITY Parade of Nations (Wear your Regalia!)
- UNITY Drum

- 1:30 p.m.** - Welcome Remarks: Council of Trustees, Loretta Tuell
- UNITY News! Special Presentation
 - Introductions of the National UNITY Council Executive Committee
 - Roll Call of Regions - [NUC Secretary Jalen Harvey](#)
 - 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

1:45 p.m. Keynote Speaker Olympic Gold Medalist Billy Mills: FOOTPRINTS

2:30 p.m. Announcements - Ice Breaker - Movement is Medicine

2:40 p.m. Special Announcement: Presentation of 2025 Earth Ambassadors

- Open Remarks
- Introduction Video & Medallion Presentation - UNITY Council of Trustees
- Honor Song - UNITY Drum

3:25 p.m. Introduction of UNITY Trainers & UNITY Safety Team

- Conference Reminders and Safety Announcements

3:35 p.m. NUC Co-Presidents explain the purpose of the caucus & election procedures

- Announcements & Instructions for Youth Sign-Ups:
 - UNITY 3-on-3 Tournament
 - UNITY Talent Night
 - UNITY Culture Night
 - 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. Regional 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

4:15 p.m. - 5:15 p.m. Advisors Meet & Greet with Security teams - [Pacific Ballroom A](#)
 “Introductions and Conference Safety & Mitigation”

5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - [Dinner Break \(On Your Own\)](#)

7:30 p.m. Welcome Reception - [Golden State Ballroom](#)
 - Hosted by the Local Planning Committee
 - Guest Speaker- Chairman Cody Martinez
 - Bird Singing [by local representatives](#)
 - Light refreshments provided

9:00 p.m. Executive Committee & Earth Ambassador Debrief with UNITY Trainer Dr. Pearl Yellowman (UNITY Staff Office) - [California Room 3](#)

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

Saturday, June 28 (Theme: MENTAL DEVELOPMENT) - College & Career Day

Wear Orange in Honor of Every Child Matters Movement

6:30 a.m. Wellness Warriors Fitness Optional Activity (Zumba or Mary Kim's 1 Mile Walk)

7:30 a.m. - Peer Leaders Huddle: Executive Committee & Earth Ambassadors
(with Greg Mendoza and Tristan Joe) - [Golden State Ballroom](#)

8:00 a.m. General Session Assembly (Main Ballroom)
Friday Emcees: [Liliana Mars](#) and [Mazie Countryman](#), NUC EC Reps

- Blessing/Cultural Presentation
- UNITY NEWS!
- Evaluation Giveaway, Raffles & Prizes - [LorenAshley Buford](#)
- Review Workshops Digital Program
- College and Career Videos

8:30 a.m. College & Career Day Kick Off - Dr. Joely Proudfit and Jeanine Gaines

8:40 a.m. NUC EC Subcommittee Boarding School Presentation - Jalen Harvey

- Group Activity: Sicangu Youth Council
- National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition

9:05 a.m. Announcements - Ice Breaker - Movement is Medicine

9:15 a.m. **Keynote Presentation** - Jacob Tobey, Mashpee Wampanoag, Spurs broadcaster

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 to fill out your passport 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)

4:30 p.m. Executive Committee & Earth Ambassador Debrief with UNITY Trainer Chance Rush
(UNITY Staff Office)

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 pm Dinner Break (on your own)

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

College & Career Passport Raffle: Must be Present to Win Prizes

- Evaluation Giveaway - UNITY Manager, LorenAshley Buford - [Golden State Ballroom](#)

10:30 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

Wear your Traditional Shirt or Skirt Day

6:30 a.m. Wellness Warriors Fitness Optional Activity (Zumba or Mary Kim's 1 Mile Walk)

7:30 a.m. - Peer Leaders Huddle: Executive Committee & Earth Ambassadors
(with Greg Mendoza and Tristan Joe) - Golden State Ballroom

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

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

Sunday Emcees:

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

9:00 a.m. Keynote Presentation tentative (Quannah Chasinghorse, Hän Gwich'in & Sicangu Oglala Lakota land defender and international supermodel)

9:30 a.m. Ice Breaker - Movement is Medicine

9:40 a.m. Fireside Chat with National Native Youth Leaders -

Moderated by NUC Co-Presidents: Watson Whitford and Kaytlynn Johnston
(Invited youth representatives from NCAI, AISES, and CNAY)

10:10 am. Announcements

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. Regional Area Caucuses Session #2 (Rooms TBA)

- Great Plains: Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota
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- 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

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

12:00 pm Lunch break (On your own)

Free Afternoon: Explore San Diego (return at 7 pm)

2:00 pm UNITY 3-on-3 Tournament (advance sign up required) - San Diego State University
Transportation on your own

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

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

9:00 p.m. Executive Committee & Earth Ambassador Debrief with UNITY Trainer LoVina Louie

10:30 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) - Wear Red in Honor of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives

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

7:30 a.m. - Peer Leaders Huddle: Executive Committee & Earth Ambassadors
(with Greg Mendoza and Tristan Joe) - Golden State Ballroom

8:00 a.m. General Session - Golden State Ballroom

Monday Emcees

- Cultural sharing and blessing
- UNITY News!
- Evaluation Giveaway - UNITY Manager, LorenAshley

8:30 a.m. Welcome Remarks: Gila River Indian Community Governor Stephen Roe Lewis

8:35 a.m. National UNITY Council Co-President Speeches

8:50 a.m. Video Message from Secretary Deb Haaland

8:55 a.m. NUC EC Subcommittee MMIP Presentation - Jalen Harvey

- Group Activity
- Dr. Aaron Payment, Tribal Fellow, National Center for Missing and Exploited Children

9:20 a.m. Ice Breaker - Movement is Medicine

9:25 a.m. National UNITY Council's National Initiative Call to Action!

- Executive Committee

9:45 a.m. Announcements - Instructions for the NUC Business Meeting - Jalen Harvey, NUC Secretary

10:00 a.m. 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.
-Pacific Ballroom A

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 - Town and Country Ballroom A](#)

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)

4:00 p.m. Final Executive Committee & Earth Ambassador Debrief with LorenAshley

4:15 p.m. [Break - Get ready for the Award Show!](#)

6:00 p.m. Under The Sky Soiree - Food stations served on [Outdoor Lawns](#)

- Enjoy food, music, and photo booths
- VIP lounge for Sponsors

7:00 p.m. Doors Open for Awards Show - [Golden State Ballroom](#)

7:15 p.m. UNITY Awards Show - [Golden State Ballroom](#)

- Special Performance

7:30 p.m. - UNITY Fashion Show featuring: Norma Flying Horse - Red Berry Woman Designs

8:00 p.m. - UNITY Awards and Scholarships Presentation

- 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
- Norman DesRosiers Scholarship - DesRosier Family
- CA Local Planning Committee
- Sponsor Appreciation
- Honoring the NUC EC 2024-2025
- Special Presentation UNITY 50th Anniversary
- NUC EC 2025-2026 Election Announcement

- Oath of Office - Tribal Leader
- Honor Song - UNITY Drum

9:00 p.m. Break

9:15 p.m. UNITY DJ Dance - [Golden State Ballroom](#)

9:15 p.m. UNITY Intertribal Social Dancing hosted by the UNITY Drum
- [Town and Country Ballroom D](#)

11:00 p.m. Adjourn

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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 Breakfast/Orientation (Mandatory for newly elected Representatives)

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Closing Ceremony at UNITY Fire - [Outdoor at Martini Lawn](#)

- Prayer/Cultural Sharing
- Tribal Leader Remarks
- Commitment Ceremony & UNITY Fire
 - UNITY Trainers Closing Remarks
- Exciting Announcement of Location of the 2027 National Conference
- Final Evaluation Giveaway and Prizes - LorenAshley
- Special Presentation by Mary Kim Titla
- 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!**