



**Sheraton Downtown Phoenix**

**Thursday, February 6th - Sign Up for Pre-Conference Events**

**9 am - 12 pm:** Indigenous Youth Leadership Cohort Gathering (**Maryvale A -2nd floor**)

**12 pm - 3 pm:** Healing Circle Training (**Maryvale A -2nd floor**)

**12 pm - 2 pm:** Arizona State University Downtown Campus Tours available (*tentative*)

*Sign Up Required*

- ASU Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law

- ASU Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication

**11 am - 4 pm:** Explore the *Arizona Science Center* (*mention UNITY for Free Admission*)

2 pm- 3:30 pm - *Reception Refreshments Provided*

**4 pm - 6 pm:** Conference Registration Opens (**Encanto Foyer - 2nd floor**)

**7 pm - 9 pm:** Meet Up with Other Native Youth from your Regions! (**Valley of the Sun Ballroom - 2nd floor**) Empowerment Night for NUC Reps with the EC

Fun & Games with the UNITY Trainers

**Friday, February 7th - Digital Storytelling Training Day 1**

**7 am - 5 pm** Conference Registration (**Valley of the Sun DE Foyer - 2nd floor**)

**8 am - 5 pm** College & Career Fair Exhibitors & Vendors (**Valley of the Sun ABC Foyer**)

**8:30 am** Emcee One Morning Music (**Valley of the Sun Ballroom - 2nd floor**)

**9:00 am Opening General Assembly** (**Valley of the Sun Ballroom - 2nd floor**)

- NUC EC Co-President Welcome - Watson Whitford & Katy Johnston
- Local Elder - Land Acknowledgement
- Cultural Blessing - *San Carlos Apache Youth Council with Miss Indian Arizona (tentative)*
- Roll Call - NUC EC Secretary Jalen Harvey

### **9:30 am Native Youth Digital Storytellers Panel**

Moderator: Mahiya Ramirez, NUC EC Vice President & Southern Plains Representative

- Mariah Hernandez-Fitch, 25 Under 25 Awardee
- Evelyn Enos, 25 Under 25 Awardee
- Ian Teller, 25 Under 25 Awardee

### **10:00 am Keynote Speaker: Kusem Goodwin, Coeur d'Alene, Actor, Rez Ball (Netflix)**

Moderator: Jalen Harvey, NUC EC Secretary & Western Representative

### **10:45 am Meet your Trainers - Breakout Instructions**

- Rachel Mosley (**Camelback Room - 2nd Floor**)
- LoVina Louie (**Maryvale A Room - 2nd Floor**)
- J'Shon Lee (**Paradise Valley Room - 2nd Floor**)
- Tommy Ghostdog (**Deer Valley Room - 2nd Floor**)
- Advisor Training - Dr. Pearl Yellowman (**Valley of the Sun Ballroom - 2nd Floor**)
- Videographers - Gila River Broadcasting Support Team on Saturday

### **11:00 am Break - Head to your Breakout Rooms (15 mins)**

### **11:15 am Digital Storytelling Curriculum Session 1: (1 hr)**

- Rachel Mosley (**Camelback Room - 2nd Floor**)
- LoVina Louie (**Maryvale A Room - 2nd Floor**)
- J'Shon Lee (**Paradise Valley Room - 2nd Floor**)
- Tommy Ghostdog (**Deer Valley Room - 2nd Floor**)
- Advisor Training - Dr. Pearl Yellowman (**Valley of the Sun Ballroom - 2nd Floor**)

### **12:15 pm Lunch (On your own) (1 hr 45 min)**

- 12:15 pm Meet & Greet Photos with *Nextflix Rezbball Actor* at the UNITY Store (45 mins)

### **2:00 pm Curriculum Session 2 (Return to Assigned Rooms) (1.5 hours)**

- Advisor Training - Dr. Pearl Yellowman (**Valley of the Sun Ballroom - 2nd Floor**) Ends at 3 pm

**3:30 pm Snack Break** (15 min) Visit Exhibitors (**Valley of the Sun ABC Foyer**)

**3:45 pm Curriculum Session 3** (**Return to Assigned Rooms**) (1.5 hours)

**5:15 pm Dinner** (On your Own) (1 hr 45 min)

**7:00 pm - UNITY Intertribal Round Dance** (**Valley of the Sun Ballroom - 2nd floor**)

**8:30 pm**     - *Water break (15 mins)*  
              - *Evaluation Give-away Announcement!*

**8:45 pm** - *Round Dance Resumes*

**10:30 pm** - *Closing*

**12:00 am** - *Curfew hours - Get Some Rest!*

## **Saturday, February 8th - Digital Storytelling Training     **Day 2****

**7:00 am NUC EC Business Meeting Part 1** (**Maryvale B - 2nd Floor**)

- Continental Breakfast - Registration Required
- Youth Council Reports
- Executive Committee Updates & Initiative

**8 am - 3 pm** Conference Registration (**Valley of the Sun DE Foyer**)

**8 am - 5 pm** College & Career Fair Exhibitors & Vendors (**Valley of the Sun ABC Foyer**)

**8 am Emcee One Morning Music** (**Valley of the Sun Ballroom**)

**8:15 am** - Day One Evaluations HOKA Shoe Giveaway - Must be Present to Win  
Special Message from Chris (Live Streaming)

**8:30 am Morning General Assembly** (**Valley of the Sun Ballroom**)

- Overflow Room (**Maryvale B - 2nd floor**)
- Native Youth Emcees Welcome
- Cultural Blessing: *Chi'Chino Spirit O'odham Dance Group*

**8:45 am Indigenous Stories of Hope Panel Discussion** (45 mins)

International Indigenous Youth Leadership Cohort

**9:30 am Keynote Address: Storytelling through Music & Language - Cory Still, Cherokee, UNITY Alumni, UNITY Drum**

**10:00 am** Instructions for Speed Workshops, Advisors Visit Exhibitors

**10:15 am Break** (15 min) **College & Career Fair** - Visit Exhibitors

**10:30 am Speed Workshops** (**Return to Valley of the Sun Ballroom - 2nd floor**)

- **10:30 am** Speed Workshop 1 (25 mins)
- **11:00 am** Speed Workshop 2 (25 mins)
- **11:30 am** Speed Workshop 3 (25 mins)
- **12:00 pm** Speed Workshop 4 (25 mins)

**12:30 pm Luncheon & UNITY Mock Pageant** (**Valley of the Sun Ballroom**) (1 hr)  
Overflow Room (**Maryvale B - 2nd floor**)

- 12:30 pm Lunch is served
- 12:45 pm UNITY Mock Pageant (Win a Free 2026 Midyear Registration)

**1:30 pm Break** (15 min) Head to your Breakout Rooms

**1:45 pm Curriculum Session 4** (**Return to Assigned Rooms**) (1 hr 30 mins)

- Rachel Mosley (**Camelback Room**)
- LoVina Louie (**Maryvale A Room**)
- J'Shon Lee (**Paradise Valley Room**)
- Tommy Ghostdog (**Deer Valley Room**)
- Advisor Training - Dr. Pearl Yellowman (**Valley of the Sun Ballroom**)

**3:15 pm Snack Break** (15 min) Visit Exhibitors (**Valley of the Sun ABC Foyer**)

**3:30 pm Curriculum Session 5** (**Return to Assigned Rooms**) (1 hr 45 mins)

**5:15 pm Dinner Break** (On your Own) (1 hr 45 min)

**7:00 pm UNITY O'odham Cu:dk (Social Dancing)** (**Valley of the Sun Ballroom**)

**8:30 pm Chicken Scratch Dance** featuring Group Passion, Tohono O'odham Nation

**10:30 pm - Closing 12:00 am - Curfew hours - Get Some Rest!**

**Sunday, February 9th - Digital Storytelling Presentations Day 3**

**7:00 am NUC EC Business Meeting Part 1 (Maryvale B - 2nd Floor)**

- Continental Breakfast - Registration Required
- Youth Council Reports
- Executive Committee Updates & Initiative

**8:30 am - 12 pm College & Career Fair Exhibitors & Vendors (Valley of the Sun Foyer)**

**8:30 am Emcee One Morning Music (Valley of the Sun Ballroom - 2nd floor)**

**9:00 am General Assembly**

- Cultural Blessing: (tentative)
- Day Two Evaluations Announcements & Giveaways

**9:30 am Highlighting Top Team Projects: Each of the Top 10 Issues**

- UNITY News Youtube videos
- PSA Graphics
- Reels short videos

**10:15 am Keynote Speaker - Colton Shone, *Good Morning Arizona* Anchor  
and Mary Kim Titla, UNITY Executive Director**

**11:00 am - UNITY Earth Ambassador & Healing Circle Presentation**

- Save the Dates for regional trainings
- Apply to be an Earth Ambassador

**11:15 am - UNITY Trainers Reflections, Next Steps & Ice-breakers**

- Rachel Mosley & LoVina Louie
- JShon Lee & Tommy Ghostdog
- Dr. Pearl Yellowman

**11:30 am - Message from UNITY Executive Director Mary Kim Titla**

**11:45 am - Closing Prayers and Friendship Circle**

See you In San Diego!