

UNITY 2023 Midyear Conference
“Building Advocates to Heal Our Communities”
DRAFT
Event Schedule

Thursday, February 23

10 am - 5 pm Load-in/Storage

12 pm - 5 pm APS Sponsored Healing Circle Training (Room Main Ballroom)

2pm - 10 pm Communications camp (Room TBA)

6 pm - 8pm Youth Empowerment Night for NUC Reps with Chance & Juanita

Registration Opens

Friday, February 24

7 am - 5 pm Registration

8:00 am Morning Music by Emcee One in Main Ballroom

8:30 am Opening General Assembly

Welcome - NUCEC Co-Presidents

Chenoa Scippio, Navajo/Santa Clara Pueblo

Colby Whitethunder, Alabama/Coushatta

Color Guard -

Welcome - Governor Stephen Lewis,

Gila River Indian Community

Blessing/Cultural Presentation - Chi'Chino Spirit O'odham Dance Group

Welcome - Council of Trustees

-Loretta Tuell, Nez Perce

Roll Call - Jonathan Arakawa, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe

UNITY NEWS

9:45 am Keynote Address: James Anderson, Lac Courte Oreilles, Success
Trainer/Author

10:15 am - 10:30 am 2022 Healing Circle Video - LorenAshley, Yamassee

APS Healing Circle Clan Presentations

10:30 am - 10:45 am Meet your Trainers/Announcements/Break

10:45 am - 12:15 pm Curriculum Session 1: *What is a policy? Steps 1 - 4*, (4 breakouts)

Trainers:

Robert Johnston, Muskogee/Choctaw (Room TBA)

Chance Rush, Hidatsa (Room TBA)

Juanita Toledo, Jemez Pueblo (Room TBA)

Audri Mitchel, Colorado River Indian Tribes (Room TBA)

10:45 am - 12:15 pm Advisor/Chaperone Session 1 with Pearl Yellowman, Navajo (Room TBA)

12:15 pm - 1:45 pm Lunch (on your own)

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm Curriculum Session 2 (Step 5) Return to your assigned rooms!
(4 breakouts)

1:45 pm - 3:00 pm Advisor/Chaperone Session 2

3:00 - 5:00 pm Special Event! Arizona Coyotes Fun and Games (Outdoor/Indoor Activities)

3:00 pm - 5:00 pm NUC EC Business Meeting - Session 1

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner (on your own)

7:00 pm - Mr. and Ms. UNITY Mock Pageant

8:00 - 10:00 pm - O'odham Cu:dk (O'odham Social Dancing)

Saturday, February 25

8:00 am Morning Music by Emcee One in Main Ballroom

8:30 am Morning General Assembly

Emcees:

Day One Evaluation - LorenAshley, Yamassee

Invocation/Cultural Presentation - Ft. McDowell Yavapai Nation

9:00 am Special Guests - Producer Jhane Myers (Prey), Comanche; and Actress Amber Midthunder (Prey), Assiniboine; and Casting Director Angelique Midthunder.

9:50 am - 10:00 am Announcements/Break

10:00 am - 10:25 am Speed Workshops 1

10:30 am - 10:55 am Speed Workshops 2

11:00 am - 11:25 am Speed Workshops 3

11:30 am - 11:55 am Speed Workshops 4

11:00 am - 12:00 pm NUC EC Business Meeting - Session 2 (if needed)

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Luncheon & Program 25 Under 25 Updates

Special Presentation: You can be a UNITY Earth Ambassador!

Earth Ambassadors: Watson Whitford, Gabbe Nakai and Steve Harvey

1:30 pm - 1:45 pm Break

1:45 pm - 3:15 pm Curriculum Session 3 (Step 6 and 7) Return to your assigned rooms!
(4 breakouts)

1:45 pm - 3:15 pm Advisor/Chaperone Session 3

3:15 pm - 3:30 pm Break

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Curriculum Session 4 Wrap Up! Reporting out and voting on favorite
Advocacy Plan - Return to your assigned rooms! (4 breakouts)

3:30 pm - 5:00 pm Advisor/Chaperone Session 4

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm Dinner (on your own)

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm UNITY Round Dance

Sunday, February 26

8:30 am Morning Music by Emcee One in Main Ballroom

9:00 am Closing General Assembly

Emcees:

Invocation/Hymns: Muscogee Creek Singers

Day Two Evaluation - LorenAshley, Yamassee

Earn Prizes for your feedback!

9:30 am Special Guest - Apache Skateboards
10:30 am Reports on Top Action Plans
11:00 am Healing Circles Announcements
11:30 am Outdoor Apache Skateboards Demonstration
Wrap Up/Closing Friendship Circle
12:00 pm Lunch (on your own) / Departure