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**June 29 - July 3, 2024**  
**Portland, Oregon**



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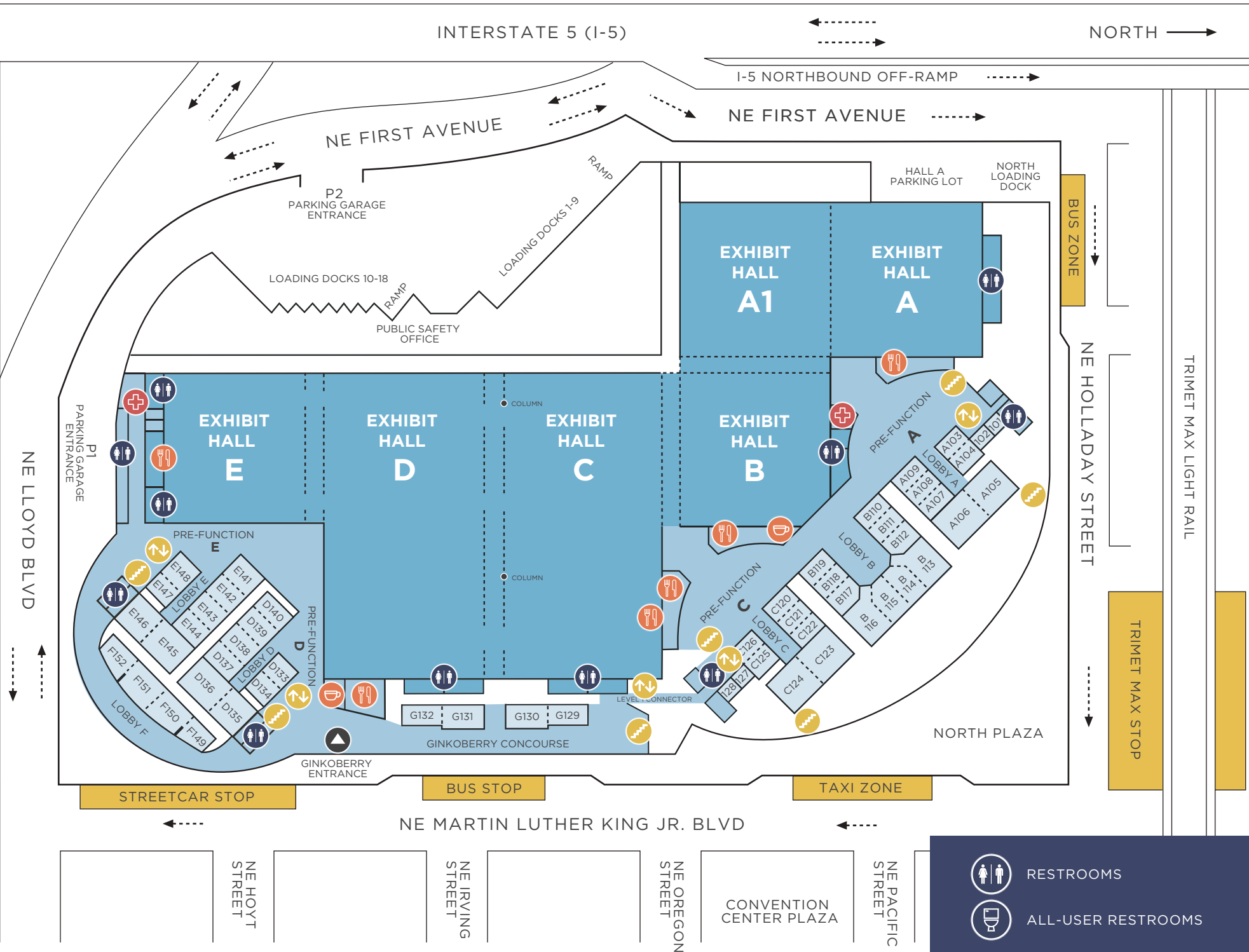
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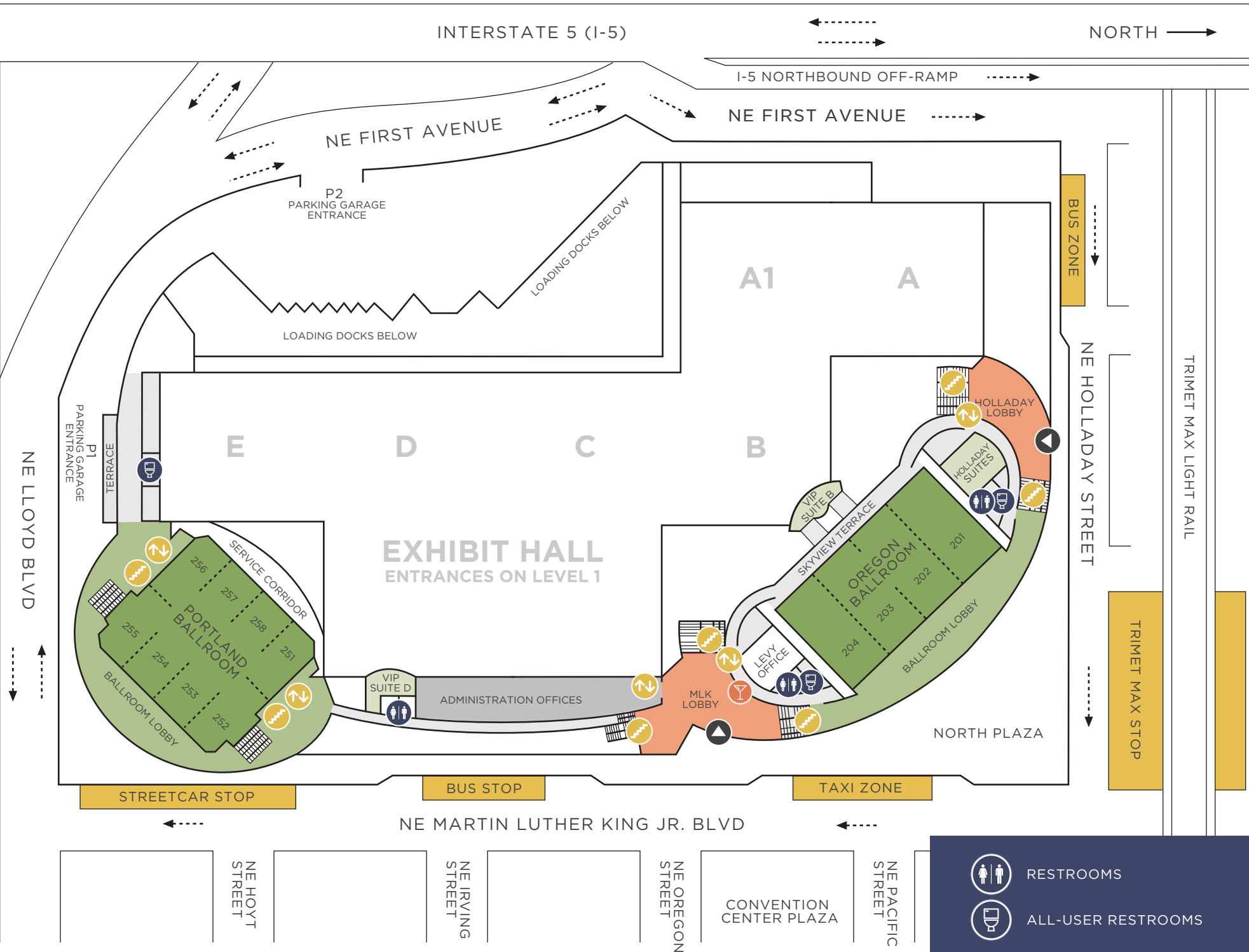
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Indigenous tribes and bands have been with the lands that we inhabit today throughout Oregon and the Northwest since time immemorial and continue to be a vibrant part of the region today. We would like to express our respect to the First Peoples of this land. It is important that we recognize and honor the ongoing legal and spiritual relationship between the land, plants, animals, and people indigenous to this region we now call the Pacific Northwest. The interconnectedness of the people, the land, and the natural environment cannot be overstated; the health of one is necessary for the health of all. We recognize the pre-existing and continued sovereignty of the federally recognized tribes who have ties to this region and thank them for continuing to share their traditional ecological knowledge and perspective on how we might care for one another and the land, so it can take care of us.

**Thank you so much to the local planning committee  
who made this event possible!**

2024 NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE

# UNITY

## COASTAL JAM

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**JUNE 29TH 2024**  
OREGON CONVENTION CENTER  
**PORTLAND, OREGON**  
7:30 PM

Logos: City of Portland, trailblazer, Multnomah County, Yakama Nation Fisheries, Metro, 125 Years, Confederated Tribes, Waka Family Center, and others.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE EVENT  
\*SAFE SPACE FOR NATIVE YOUTH & COMMUNITY\*  
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# Conference Agenda

## WELCOME TO THE 2024 NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE!

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Please wear your conference badge at all times!

### Friday, June 28 (Pre-Conference Activities - Hyatt Regency)

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|--------------------------|---|
| <b>1:00 pm - 4:00 pm</b> | - Advocacy Pre-Conference Training: Lighting the Fire Curriculum with Dr. Pearl Yellowman, Sponsored by Cook Native American Ministries (Hyatt Room)<br><i>Open to the first 100 Native youth to sign up</i>              |
| <b>1:00 pm - 4:00 pm</b> | - Sign Up for Campus Tours at Portland State University to meet with Indigenous Staff, programs & explore Native youth support systems available<br><i>Open to the first 100 Native youth &amp; chaperones to sign up</i> |
| <b>2:30 pm - 4:30 pm</b> | - UNITY Video Filming 25 U 25 (Hyatt Room)  |
| <b>4:00 pm</b>           | - Emcee Training: Sign Up to be Emcee for General Sessions with Chance Rush and Lovina Louie (Hyatt Room)   |
| <b>3:00 pm - 6:00 pm</b> | - Conference Registration Opens   |
| <b>6:00 pm - 8:00 pm</b> | - Native Youth Empowerment Night with UNITY EC and UNITY Trainers (Hyatt Room): 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)  |
|                          | - Clan Activities! Meet other Native youth from across the country  |
| <b>8:30 pm</b>           | - Executive Committee and 25 Under 25 Debrief with the four UNITY Trainers (UNITY Staff Room)   |

# Conference Agenda

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*Saturday, June 29*

**(Theme: SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT) - Wear Red in Honor of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives**

- 8:30 am** - Conference Registration Opens ([Pre-Function Lobby A](#))
- Peer Leaders Huddle: Executive Committee & 25 Under 25 ([Main Ball room with Greg Mendoza](#))
- 9:00 am** - UNITY 101 Pre-Conference Training with the NUC EC ([Exhibit Hall A-1/B](#))
- 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 am** - Opening Ceremony - Lighting of the UNITY Fire ([North Plaza](#))  
UNITY Drum, led by Micheal Killer & Corey Still
- Welcome/Call to Order by NUC Co-Presidents
  - Cultural Blessing - Chairwoman Cheryle Kennedy, Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde (Angey Rideout primary POC)
  - Welcome Remarks  
Mary Kim Titla, San Carlos Apache, Executive Director  
Deborah Parker, Tulalip Tribes, Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition
  - UNITY Fire and Spirit Room Purpose - UNITY Trainers LoVina Louie, Sheldon Smith, and Hunter Genia
  - Water Ceremony - Local Representative
- 11:00 am - 1:00 pm** - Lunch Break (on your own) Interact and feed therapy llamas/alpacas!
- 12:45 pm** - DJ Music Emcee One (Marcus Guinn), Osage/Potowatomi/Puerto Rican ([Exhibit Hall A-1/B](#))
- 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)

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*Saturday, June 29*

- 1:00 pm** - General Session ([Exhibit Hall A-1/B](#))  
Opening Remarks - UNITY Trainer Chance Rush  
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 pm** - 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 pm** - Keynote Speaker - Dr. Evan Adams, Coast Salish from the Sliammon First Nation, Indigenous Canadian actor, playwright, and physician.  
- Ice Breaker
- 2:45 pm** - 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
- 3:30 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



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*Saturday, June 29*

- Spirit Room Stick Game Sign Up
- UNITY Fashion Show Models
- NUC Business Meeting Youth Council Reports

**3:45 pm** Go to your Area Caucus Rooms

**4:00 pm - 5:30 pm** Area Caucuses Session #1  
Great Plains: Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota (E142)  
Midwest: Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin (E146)  
Northeast: Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont (D135)  
Northwest: Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Alaska (B113, 114, and 115)  
Pacific: California, Hawaii (A105 and A106)  
Rocky Mountains: Montana, Wyoming (E143)  
Southeast: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia (D136)  
Southern Plains: Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas (C124)  
Southwest: Colorado, New Mexico (C123)  
Western: Arizona, Nevada, Utah (Oregon Ballroom 202)

**4:00 pm - 5:15 pm** - Advisors Meet & Greet with Security teams  
"Introductions and Conference Safety & Mitigation" (Oregon Ballroom 203 and 204)

**5:30 pm - 7:30 pm** - Dinner Break (On Your Own)

**7:30 pm** - MMIR Group Photo (Return to the Main Ballroom)

- Join us at the NE Corner (North Plaza) for those wearing Red in honor of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives)

**7:45 pm** - Welcome Reception - Coastal Jam (Featuring NW tribes - song and dance)  
- Hosted by the Local Planning Committee  
- Light refreshments provided (Exhibit Hall A-1/B)

**9:30 pm** - Executive Committee & 25 Under 25 Debrief with UNITY Trainer Dr. Pearl Yellowman (UNITY Staff Office)

**10:00 pm** - Spirit Room is available for prayers/culture sharing/reflections - Advisor or chaperone must be present with attendees (optional activities) with UNITY Trainers. LoVina Louie, Sheldon Smith, and Hunter Genia (Oregon Ballroom 201)

**12:00 am** - Curfew/Lights out! (Daily)

# Conference Agenda

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*Sunday, June 30*

**(Theme: MENTAL DEVELOPMENT) - College and Career Readiness Day.**

**Wear Orange in Honor of Every Child Matters**

- 7:00 am** - Wellness Warriors Fitness Activity (Both activities at the Hyatt: **Zumba with Eileen!** 2nd floor room: [Willamette 4](#); **Mile Walk with the UNITY Executive Director, Mary Kim!** Meet in the Hyatt Lobby.)
- 7:30 am** - Peer Leaders Huddle: Executive Committee & 25 Under 25  
([Main ballroom with Greg Mendoza](#))
- 8:30 am** - General Session ([Exhibit Hall A-1/B](#))  
Blessing/Cultural Presentation: Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation Youth Council (Modesta Minthorn primary POC)  
UNITY NEWS!  
Evaluation Giveaway, Raffles & Prizes - UNITY Manager, LorenAshley
- 9:00 am** - Keynote Presentation - Marcus Guinn, Osage/Potawatomi/Delaware & Puerto Rican, official DJ for The Oklahoma City Thunder (NBA) & Nike N7
- 9:30 am** - Fireside Chat with National Native Youth Leaders  
(Invited youth representatives from NCAI, NIEA, AISES, CNAY, etc.)
- 10:00 am** - Go to Workshops or Advisor training rooms
- 10:15 am** - Workshops Session #1 (45 minute workshops)
- 10:30 am - 11:45 am** - Advisor Training #2 with Dr. Pearl Yellowman ([Oregon Ballroom 203 & 204](#))
- 11:00 am** - Break - Go to your next workshop!
- 11:15 am** - Workshops Session #2 (45 minute workshops)
- 12:00 pm** - Lunch Break (on your own)
- 1:45 pm** - Visit education booths and earn a chance to win raffle prizes! ([Exhibit Hall A](#))
- 2:30 pm** - Workshops Session #3 (45 minute workshops)  
- Tribal Leader Panel ([Oregon Ballroom 203 & 204](#))
- 3:15 pm** - Break - Go to your next workshop!
- 3:30 pm** - Workshops Session #4 (45 minute workshop)  
- Tribal Leader Panel ([Oregon Ballroom 203 & 204](#))

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## Sunday, June 30

- 4:30 pm** - 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 pm** - Executive Committee & 25 Under 25 Debrief with UNITY Trainer Chance Rush  
(UNITY Staff Office)
- 5:00 pm** - Dinner Break (on your own)
- 7:00 pm** - UNITY Culture Night (sign-up required) (Exhibit Hall A-1/B)
- 10:00 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 (Oregon Ballroom 201)
- 12:00 am** - Curfew/Lights out! (Daily)

## Monday, July 1

**(Theme: PHYSICAL DEVELOPMENT) - Wellness Warrior Day**  
**Activewear, wear your Nike Tshirts and best Nike gear.**

- 7:30 am** - Peer Leaders Huddle: Executive Committee & 25 Under 25  
(Hotel Lobby with Greg Mendoza)
- 8:30 am** - Catch the buses to the off-site field day location  
Transportation to Nike World Headquarters provided
- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm** - Nike N7 Day! All activities at Nike World Headquarters  
*Nike will provide lunch to Youth participants on site, food is available for purchase for all adults.*  
  
UNITY 3-on-3 Tournament at Nike World Headquarters  
  
Nike Special Performance with Alcohol-Free Happy Hour Refreshments
- 5:00 pm** - Dinner Break (On your own) Return to Convention Center
- 7:00 pm** - Go to your Area Caucus Rooms or Advisor Training at the Convention Center

# Nike World Headquarters Map





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## Monday, July 1

**7:00 pm - 8:15 pm**

-Area Caucuses Session #2

Great Plains: Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota (E142)

Midwest: Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Wisconsin (E146)

Northeast: Connecticut, Delaware, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont (D135)

Northwest: Idaho, Oregon, Washington, Alaska (B113, 114, and 115)

Pacific: California, Hawaii (A105 and A106)

Rocky Mountains: Montana, Wyoming (E143)

Southeast: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, West Virginia (D136)

Southern Plains: Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas (C124)

Southwest: Colorado, New Mexico (C123)

Western: Arizona, Nevada, Utah (Oregon Ballroom 202)

**7:00 pm - 8:15 pm**

-Advisor Training - Session # 3 with Dr. Pearl Yellowman (Oregon Ballroom 203 & 204)

**8:30 pm**

-Talent Night (sign-up required) (Exhibit Hall A-1/B)

**9:30 pm**

- Executive Committee & 25 Under 25 Debrief with UNITY Trainer LoVina Louie

**10:00 pm**

- Spirit Room is available for prayers/sharing/reflections - advisor must be present.

**12:00 am**

- Curfew/Lights out! (Daily)

## Tuesday, July 2

**(Theme: SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT) - Traditional Skirt & Shirt Day**

**7:00 am**

-Wellness Warriors Fitness Activity (Both activities at the Hyatt: **Zumba with Eileen!** 2nd floor room: **Willamette 4**; **Mile Walk with the UNITY Executive Director, Mary Kim!** Meet in the Hyatt Lobby.

**7:30 am**

- DJ Music Emcee One (Marcus Guinn), Osage/Potawatomi/Puerto Rican (Pre-Function Lobby A)

**7:30 am**

- Peer Leaders Huddle: Executive Committee & 25 Under 25 (Pre-Function Lobby A) - Arrive Early for Traditional Skirt and Shirt Fashion Show Kick-Off On Stage

**8:00 am**

- Traditional Skirt and Shirt Fashion Show Kick-Off On Stage  
- Live Streamed

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## Tuesday, July 2

- 8:30 am** -General Session ([Exhibit Hall A-1/B](#))  
-Cultural sharing and blessing: Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Reservation Youth Council (Modesta Minthorn primary POC)  
-UNITY NEWS!  
-Evaluation Giveaway - UNITY Manager, LorenAshley  
-National UNITY Council Co-President Speeches
- 9:00 am** - Special Performance: Taboo, Black Eyed Peas, Hip Hop Artist
- 9:45 am** National UNITY Council's "Initiative Revitalizing our Roots"  
-Executive Committee Elder Discussion
- 10:15 am** - Go to your workshop, NUC Business Meeting or Advisor Training
- 10:15 am** - National UNITY Council Business Meeting - Mandatory for Youth Council Reps. ([Oregon Ballroom 202](#))
- 10:15 am - 11:45 am** - Final Advisor Training - Session # 4 with Dr. Pearl Yellowman ([Oregon Ballroom 203 & 204](#))
- 10:30 am** - Workshops Session #1 (45 minute workshops)
- 11:15 am** - Go to your next workshop!
- 11:30 am** - Workshops Session #2 (45 minute workshops)
- 12:15 pm** - Lunch Break (on your own)
- 1:45 pm** - Visit education booths and earn a chance to win raffle prizes! ([Exhibit Hall A](#))
- 2:30 pm** - Workshops Session #3 (45 minute workshops)
- 3:15 pm** - Break - Go to your next workshop!
- 3:30 pm** - Workshops Session #4 (45 minute workshop)  
- Final Executive Committee & 25 Under 25 Debrief with LorenAshley
- 4:15 pm** - Break - Get ready for the Gala!
- 5:30 pm** - Line up for the UNITY Gala ([Pre Function Lobby A](#))

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## Tuesday, July 2

- 6:00 pm** - Pre-Gala Fashion Show, presented by Norma Baker-Flying Horse "Red Berry Woman"  
- Youth Designer Showcase
- 7:00 pm** - UNITY GALA ([Exhibit Hall A-1/B](#))  
- UNITY Drum & Spirit Room Trainers Blessing  
-UNITY NEWS!  
- Recognitions - Tyler English-Rush, Muscogee Creek, UNITY Trustee & Mary Kim Titla, San Carlos Apache, Executive Director  
- 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  
- Sponsorships  
- Local Planning Committee  
- Honoring the NUCEC 2023-2024  
- NUCEC 2024-2025 Election Announcement  
- Oath of Office  
- Honor Song, UNITY Drum  
-Exciting Announcement of Location of the 2027 National Conference
- 9:00 pm** - UNITY DJ Dance ([Exhibit Hall A-1/B](#))
- 10:00 pm** - 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 am** - Curfew/Lights out! (Daily)

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## Wednesday, July 3 Closing UNITY Commitment Ceremony

- 7:00 am - 8:45 am** -New Executive Committee Orientation (Mandatory for newly elected Representatives)
- 9:00 am - 11:00 am**
- Closing Ceremony at UNITY Fire (North Plaza) (Exhibit Hall A-1/B)
  - Prayer/Cultural Sharing: Vice-Chairman Christopher Wallahee, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation (Katie McD. primary POC)
  - Special Presentation by Mary Kim Titla
  - Commitment Ceremony & UNITY Fire
  - Water Blessing: Portland All Nations Canoe Family youth water song (Renea Perry primary POC)
  - UNITY Trainers Closing Remarks
  - Final Evaluation Giveaway and Prizes - LorenAshley
  - UNITY Drum
  - Friendship Circle

**Half-day to explore Portland! See the list of suggested sites in the program.**



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2025 NATIONAL UNITY CONFERENCE IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA!**



Efficient public transit, miles of bike lanes and short, pedestrian-friendly city blocks make navigating Portland a breeze. The MAX Light Rail system runs directly from Portland International Airport to downtown and the convention center. Add in a modern streetcar, accessible bike-share and walkable bridges, and you'll find you don't need a car when visiting Portland.



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## outdoors

With a sprawling urban forest, dozens of public parks, gorgeous gardens and a sparkling river running through the middle of the city, you'll never run out of ways to enjoy the outdoors in Portland. Whether you're a fan of flowers, an avid hiker or just looking to get some fresh air, Portland has something for every kind of outdoor enthusiast.



## food & drink



From food carts to year-round farmers' markets and award-winning restaurants, Portland is a culinary haven for foodies of all flavors. Chefs make the most of the fertile farmland that surrounds the city, often letting the week's market hauls dictate their menus. That dedication to local ingredients also prevails at Portland's 70 microbreweries, as well as our urban wineries, distilleries and coffee roasters.

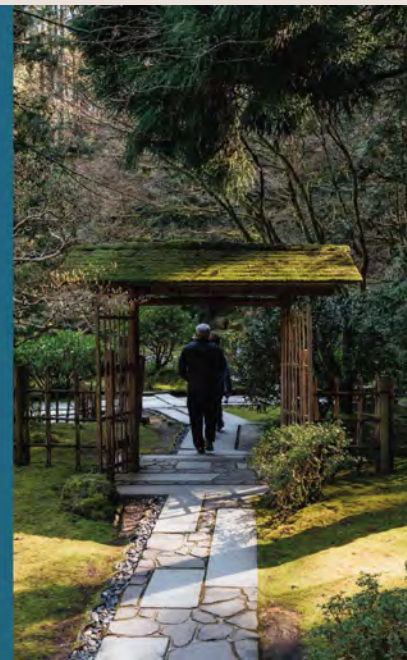
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## neighbor- hoods



Many of Portland's best places to eat, drink, shop and hang out like locals are found beyond the central-city scope of this map. For a true Portland experience, get out into the neighborhoods! Some favorites include Mississippi, Williams and St. Johns (North Portland); Alberta Arts District, Hollywood and Cully (Northeast); and Hawthorne, Division/Clinton and the Jade District (Southeast).

## the region



Portland is the perfect launchpad for adventure, with the rugged Oregon Coast, snow-capped Mount Hood, lush wine country and waterfall-filled Columbia River Gorge all within easy driving distance.

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## shopping & makers



With no sales tax in sight, Portland is a shopper's paradise. Explore the city's vibrant maker scene and take home a made-in-Portland souvenir, go treasure hunting at one of our many thrift stores or vintage clothing shops, or spruce up your style with iconic Portland-based brands like Nike, Columbia, Pendleton and Danner.

## PORTLAND GUIDE & MAP





# central city



## 1. Japanese American Museum of Oregon

This institution focuses on preserving and sharing the history and culture of the Japanese American community in Portland's Old Town neighborhood. 411 NW Flanders St.

## 2. Lan Su Chinese Garden

This authentic Ming Dynasty style garden offers a peaceful escape, filling an entire block in the historic Chinatown district with art, architecture, design and nature. 239 NW Everett St.

## 3. Oregon Jewish Museum

This museum on the North Park Blocks interprets the Oregon Jewish experience, explores the lessons of the Holocaust and fosters intercultural conversations. 724 NW Davis St.

## 4. Powell's City of Books

Occupying an entire city block, the world's largest new and used bookstore offers over 1 million books, frequent author events and a coffee shop. 1005 W Burnside St.

## 5. Portland Chinatown Museum

Opened in 2018, Oregon's first museum to celebrate Chinese American history, art and culture tells the stories of Portland's historic Old Town Chinatown. 127 NW Taylor St.

## 6. Portland Saturday Market

The nation's largest arts-and-crafts fair has been a beloved Portland tradition since 1974, operating on the riverfront from March–December. 2 SW Naito Pkwy.

## 7. Portland Art Museum

The Pacific Northwest's oldest museum includes an outdoor sculpture court; permanent galleries with Native American, Asian, European and American art; and special exhibitions. 1219 SW Park Ave.

## 8. Portland's Center for the Arts

This arts venue collective offers more than 1,000 music, theater, dance and lecture performances each year. Its venues include the historic Arlene Schnitzer Concert Hall, Keller Auditorium and the Newmark Theatre. portland5.com

## 9. Oregon Historical Society

This museum features original and traveling exhibitions telling stories of the people, places and events that have shaped Oregon and American history. 1200 SW Park Ave.

## 10. OMSI

Hundreds of interactive exhibits and displays, plus a planetarium and a submarine bring science to life at the family-friendly Oregon Museum of Science and Industry (OMSI). 1945 SE Water Ave.

## Portland Visitor Center

Staffed by knowledgeable locals, our center offers trip advice, free Wi-Fi and stations to charge cell phones and fill water bottles. 1132 SW Harvey Milk St., Suite 104.

## MAP KEY

- MAX Blue Line (Willamette/Gresham)
- MAX Green Line (Clackamas/PSU)
- MAX Red Line (Airport/Sewashee)
- MAX Orange Line (Portland/Milwaukie)
- MAX Yellow Line (Expo Center/PSU)
- Portland Streetcar NS Line
- Portland Streetcar A Loop
- Portland Streetcar B Loop
- Ford cars
- Portland Visitor Center

## Washington Park

Located 15 minutes from downtown by bus or light rail, 400-acre Washington Park features the International Rose Test Garden, Portland Japanese Garden, Oregon Zoo and Hoyt Arboretum. A free shuttle runs daily year-round, looping the park and stopping at all the major attractions. explorewashingtonpark.org





# *Restaurants*

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**SPECIAL OPENING HOURS AT  
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**6/23- 7/6: OPEN FOR LUNCH 11:30AM-2PM**

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# Featured Speakers

## Norma Baker-Flying Horse

As a featured guest presenter at UNITY's Annual Gala Fashion Show for over three years, we celebrate this Grammy award-winning Hidatsa, Dakota Sioux, and Assiniboiné Woman.

"Norma joins the ranks among some of Indian Country's most renowned artists. Her work is high in demand from many of Indian Country's dignitaries regularly making appearances on the red carpet or at some of the most prestigious events celebrating Native people." said Native Max Magazine. Learn more about the Red Berry Woman Designs and her journey to the runway. (photo by @pharaoh171photography) UNITY looks forward to working with Norma in the Future!



## EMCEE ONE

I am an EMCEE, DJ, Youth Advocate, & National Speaker. I am currently an official DJ for Nike N7, International DJ/Tour Support for Taboo (The Black Eyed Peas), MTV Video Music Award Winner, a member of newly formed group #Mag7, CEO of One Innertainment Inc. & Co Founder of an outreach program called One Chance Leadership.



## Taboo

### Member of the Grammy Award-winning music group Black Eyed Peas

Taboo, also known as Jimmy Gomez, is a member of the Grammy Award-winning Black Eyed Peas. Of Shoshone and Mexican descent, he learned about his Shoshone heritage from his grandmother in Jerome, Arizona, who inspired his early performing career. In 2004, he overcame stage 2 testicular cancer, documented in his single "The Fight," which raised funds for the American Cancer Society. An advocate for Indigenous rights, Taboo opposed the Dakota Access Pipeline with his 2016 song "Stand Up/Stand N Rock #NoDAPL." He also supports disadvantaged youth, visiting schools to motivate them to pursue their dreams.



# Featured Speakers

## *Evan Adams*

### **Physician and Actor**

Evan Tlesla II Adams is a Coast Salish physician and actor from the Tla'amin Nation near Powell River, BC, Canada. A full-scholarship alumnus of St. Michaels University School and Lester B. Pearson College, he starred in the Emmy-winning TV-movie "Lost in the Barrens" and its sequel, as well as "Smoke Signals," which won awards at Sundance in 1998. His acting accolades include Best Actor awards from the American Indian Film Festival and a 1999 Independent Spirit Award.

In addition to his acting career, Dr. Adams holds a Medical Doctorate from the University of Calgary, a Masters of Public Health from Johns Hopkins University, and completed his residency at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver. He has served in various significant public health roles, including Deputy Provincial Health Officer for BC, and Deputy Chief Medical Officer of Public Health for the First Nations & Inuit Health Branch. Currently, he is the Deputy Chief Medical Officer of the First Nations Health Authority of BC and will be the Canadian Harkness Fellow for 2024/25 at the John A. Burns School of Medicine in Honolulu.



## *Governor Stephen Roe Lewis*

### **Gila River Indian Community**

Stephen Roe Lewis, raised in Sacaton on the Gila River Indian Community, is serving his fourth term as Governor. He holds a Bachelor's of Science from Arizona State University and pursued graduate studies at Harvard's Kennedy School. Before his current role, he served on the boards of the Gila River Healthcare Corporation, the Gila River Gaming Commission, and Gila River Telecommunications, Inc. As Governor, he oversees the Community's historic 2004 Water Settlement and advocates for green technologies inspired by O'odham agricultural traditions.

Governor Lewis has implemented innovative projects like the Management Aquifer Recharge sites to restore the Community's riparian areas and has revolutionized infrastructure through the Section 105(I) program. He established the first Veterans and Family Services Department and advocates for the Indian Child Welfare Act. He also serves as President of the ASU American Indian Policy Institute Board of Directors, on the Executive Board for the National Indian Gaming Association, and on the Board of Trustees for the Heard Museum of Phoenix.





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Laguna Pueblo/Navajo, NM



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O'odham, AZ



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Tohono O'odham, AZ



**FAITH LUKES**  
Tulalip Tribes, WA



**GABRIEL JURADO**  
Confederated Tribes of Siletz



**GABRIELLA NAKAI**  
Choctaw/Navajo, AZ



**GEORGIA HARJO**  
Muscogee (creek), OK



**RAQUEL JEAN  
OLIVER-BRITTON**  
Round Valley Indian Tribes,  
CA



**JORI COWLEY**  
Cherokee/Shawnee, OK



**KIARA  
TANTA-QUIDGEON**  
Mohegan Tribe, CT



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**SOPHIA  
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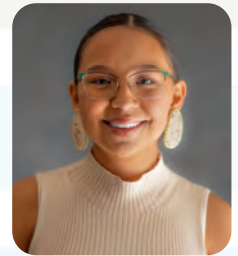
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# Workshops

Sunday, June 30

10:15 am - 12:00 pm

## **EILEEN CROCKER**

White Mountain Apache Tribe Johnson O'Malley Program

**Category:** Health

### **Restoring our Roots by remembering who we are and who we can become. (A103)**

Participants will learn the importance of personal identity and self worth remembering and honoring their innate royal blood-line by learning to highlight personal gifts and talents that they have within. Young leaders will also learn the importance of honoring our roots but cultivating and learning new ways to help guide them day by day, honoring time, respecting others, self care and self love and building a strong foundation of self motivation

## **JALEN HARVEY**

National UNITY Council Executive Committee

**Category:** Mental Health & Social

### **Beading New Beginnings (A106)**

WELCOME! Indigenous youth play a vital role in our communities, but it's easy to overlook their social, physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. This workshop highlights the importance of balancing these four pillars to enhance youth leaders' daily lives. Remember, mental health matters, and self-care is essential. Participants will receive mental health resources and a list of self-care activities. Let's start a UNITY tradition with friendship bracelets! Think of it as a scavenger hunt—complete activities at the conference to earn beads for your bracelet. Aim for a full bracelet of beads and create lasting memories!

## **SHIROD YOUNKER**

ATNI Changing Currents

**Category:** Environment

### **"Water is Love" Zine Workshop. (A107)**

The "Water is Love" Zine Workshop will go over the history of zines, zine dissemination, zine types, and genres. Through this workshop we will cover the importance of DIY and self-publication in zine history, especially as it relates to topics around natural resources. Guidelines and zine prompts will be provided for participants to create a self-made mini zine that will be printed at the end of the workshop.

## **ROCHELLE REDBONE**

MMIW

**Category:** All

### **Voices of Prevention : Grassroots and growing. (A109)**

"Voices of Prevention's presentation is about how the Youth in the community can help advocate for MMIW families communities and focus on the prevention strategies to target youth to prevent the crisis of MMIW MMIP.

# Workshops

*Sunday, June 30*

*10:15 am - 12:00 pm*

## **CARMELLA BEAR**

*Penobscot Nation Youth Council*

**Category:** Culture

### **Wabanaki People's Relationship with Sweetgrass (B110)**

I would give a presentation covering the specific cultural significance and meaning of the medicine to my tribe and the journey of harvesting the grass with my youth council. After the presentation, I would hand out pieces of sweetgrass for the participants to braid.

## **GABRIEL JURADO**

*Siletz Tribal Youth Council*

**Category:** Career

### **Creating Space and Networking as a native youth in higher education (B111)**

I'll demonstrate creating space and discuss networking's significance in higher education. We'll start with a bingo activity featuring descriptions like "someone who has traveled out of state" or "someone currently in college" to facilitate youth interaction. Then, I'll explain networking and its importance, sharing my personal experiences and opportunities it has provided. Additionally, I'll discuss strategies for indigenous students to carve out their space in college settings that may lack dedicated support for native youth.

## **RAQUEL BRITTON**

*Round valley tribal youth council*

**Category:** Culture

### **Culture is prevention (B112)**

Teaching of culture through music and dance. Embracing movement and having a sense of self while learning local Northern California traditional dance.

## **ELISE LAMAS**

*F.I.N.A.L Youth Council*

**Category:** Health

### **Breaking the Generational Curse of Silence (B113)**

This workshop aims to educate the Native youth on sexual assault and harassment, especially on how they can break the generational curse of silence in their community. When talking about the subject of sexual assault and harassment, it is often treated as a taboo in our community and is often swept under the rug. This workshop is a safe space filled with educating and sharing resources that the youth can implement in their communities.

# Workshops

*Sunday, June 30*

*10:15 am - 12:00 pm*

**TIFFANY STUART**

*Siletz Valley School*

**Category:** Culture

## **Create a Drum Class at your School (B114)**

Native youth from high school and middle school drum class will share their experiences and songs with UNITY participants. This daily class is held as an elective class at a charter school in Oregon. Attendees will be able to ask the youth and adults involved in the class questions throughout the workshop. Bring your hand drums!!!

**ANGELA NOAH**

*Sapsik'atá (Teacher) Education Program - University of Oregon*

**Category:** College

## **Sapsik'atá (Teacher) Education Program UO (B115)**

Are you ready to reimagine the future of education through the powerful lens of Indigenous wisdom and storytelling? Join us for an engaging workshop exploring how Indigenous knowledge and practices can transform our educational landscape. Through an interactive storytelling session, we hope to connect and empower you to tell your story and hear from the Sapsik'atá (Teacher) Education Program's Grow Your Own, a mentorship program at the University of Oregon!

**EDISON RED NEST**

*Native Futures*

**Category:** Culture

## **Creator's Game/Lacrosse to College (B116)**

We'll explore the Creator's Game, its origins, and how to play, with sticks available for youth to try and the possibility of playing outdoors if conditions allow. Since 2015, Alliance Lacrosse has introduced this traditional sport to the Panhandle of Nebraska, pioneering the sport in our region. We educate our youth and local schools about the cultural aspects of lacrosse. Our mission with Alliance Lacrosse is to break the "School to Prison Pipeline" stigma, especially for youth in poverty. We'll discuss the program's successes, including our "lacrosse to college" initiative, which has already led to scholarship offers and partnerships with a Division II college program. Join us as we highlight the benefits of playing lacrosse.

**MAHIYA RAMIREZ**

*UNITY Executive Committee ( Northwest and Southern Plains Representatives)*

**Category:** Belonging

## **Living in Two Worlds: A discussion on Multicultural Identity (B117)**

We invite all Native youth who are interested / relate to join us as we discuss our experiences as multicultural indigenous people in modern-day societies.

# Workshops

Sunday, June 30

10:15 am - 12:00 pm

**SUZANNE ESTES**

Portland State University

**Category:** Career

## **Indigenous Traditional Ecological & Cultural Knowledge at Portland State University (B118)**

This workshop will share information about Portland State University's Indigenous traditional ecological and cultural (ITECK) programming, including our ITECK certificate designed for any learner (high school entry to working professional). We will also share about associated projects, partnerships, internship opportunities, and spaces including our new ITECK Center and the Vernier Science Center, which has a First Foods Kitchen and Indigenous Library. I would co-present with at least one ITECK certificate student.

**JANYSE SALINAS**

Young River People's Council

**Category:** Education

## **Voting+ Voice = Power- Get out the Vote 2024 (B119)**

To educate about the importance of the History of Native Vote and Get out the Vote 2024. Why its important as an indigenous youth to get involved with civic engagement.

**KATHERINE LACY**

AmeriCorps

**Category:** Education

## **United through Service - Your Journey from Passion to Service to Career with AmeriCorps (C120)**

To educate about the importance of the History of Native Vote and Get out the Vote 2024. Why its important as an indigenous youth to get involved with civic engagement.

**LUHUI WHITEBEAR**

OSU

**Category:** Career

## **Oregon State University Opportunitites (C123)**

Learn More about the opportunities available for Native youth at Oregon State University. The University is dedicated to ensuring Native students receive the help they need to be the empowered leaders of their nations. Join OSU to learn more about resources available to them



# Workshops

Sunday, June 30

10:15 am - 12:00 pm

## **SOSHINA HARVEY**

Whitehorse High School UNITY

**Category:** Career

### **Develop Your Resume, Letter of Interest & Elevator Pitch Presented by Whitehorse High School UNITY (C121)**

Hi, I'm Soshina Harvey. In 2023, I was honored with the J.R. Cook Adviser of the Year award. This year, I'm excited to collaborate with other youth tribal leaders on a workshop. My session will focus on guiding youth leaders through resume preparation and writing effective letters of interest. These skills are crucial for their future success. Many young leaders may benefit from hands-on guidance and feedback to enhance their writing. Mastering resume writing is essential for advancing careers and securing opportunities. Likewise, crafting compelling letters of interest can help youth leaders distinguish themselves in competitive environments and secure coveted opportunities. As a high school English teacher, I'm prepared to provide writing frameworks, examples, and brainstorming tools to support youth in developing their resumes and letters of interest. Thank you.

## **MARTY CHANDLER**

Yale Office of Undergraduate Admissions & Yale Native American Cultural Center

**Category:** Education

### **"Yes And" Admissions: Creativity & Improv in College Application Preparation (C126)**

Join Marty Chandler, Yale '21 admissions officer, and Dean Matthew Makomenaw, Ph.D., Assistant Dean of Yale College and Director of the Native American Cultural Center, for a fun college prep workshop! Using the improv philosophy of "yes and," we'll play games to explore finding your college fit, standing out as an applicant, essay tips, and more. We'll also touch on Yale's Native community, including our improv group, Indigipro. All are welcome—no improv experience necessary, just come ready to learn and play! Applying to college can be less stressful than you think with the right approach!

## **DEVELYNN HALL**

Miss Shoshone-Bannock

**Category:** Career

### **Woman Warriors (D133)**

Join us to have an opportunity to meet with Native American female service members! Ask questions and get know the ladies who serve our country from the viewpoint of an indigenous woman. We will share stories about military life, basic training, and the different branches.

# Workshops

Sunday, June 30

10:15 am - 12:00 pm

## STANFORD LAKE

Hooghan LLC

**Category:** Career

### Supporting The Next Generation of STEM Students Presented by Hooghan LLC (C125)

Exploring STEM Careers: Engineering, Science, and Technology

Education Pathways: Master's and Doctorate Degrees

Career Development: Opportunities and Advancement

Financial Planning: Salary Growth and Compensation

Apprenticeships and Impactful Volunteering

Community Engagement: Local and National Initiatives

Leadership Roles: Board Service for Cities and Tribes

Embracing Diversity: Valuing Unique Experiences

Student Projects and Civic Engagement

Supporting Tribal Communities

Mentorship and Empowering Future Generations

New Avenues: Podcasting in 2024

Social Media for Professional Growth

Guest Contributions and Overcoming Challenges

Celebrating Diversity in Career Paths

## SHELLEY MCKOSATO HAUPT

Shelley's Online Fitness Class

**Category:** Health

### Choose Happy & Healthy (D134)

Fitness. Food. Strengthening. Flexibility. Mobility. Breath work. Joy.

## LAYHA SPOONHUNTER

Pretty Elk consulting

**Category:** Culture

### LGBTQ and Two Spirit Safe Space Presented by Pretty Elk consulting (D137)

"Workshop to provide a safe space for LGBTQIA2s Youth. Roundtable discussion on gender identity, sexual orientation and how to build inclusion in tribal communities. Talking circles that will be open to LGBTQIA and Two spirit youth and their allies"

# Workshops

Sunday, June 30

10:15 am - 12:00 pm

## **TOMMY GHOST DOG**

Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board

**Category:** Health

### **We R Native: Ask Your Relative – You’ve Got Questions, We’ve Got Answers (D136)**

Join us for Ask Your Relatives, an anonymous online service for Native youth to ask sensitive questions about mind, body, or spirit. We cover a range of topics and provide thoughtful answers, acknowledging how identity, culture, and community impact our lives and health. Guest relatives like Dallas Goldtooth and Quinn Christopherson have also contributed.

This session offers chances to win prizes like We R Native apparel! We R Native is a multimedia health resource tailored for Native youth, offering interactive platforms such as a website, Q&A service, text messaging (text NATIVE to 94449), YouTube, and social media (Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Twitter). Gain insights into your peers’ health-seeking behaviors and discover resources to support your well-being!

## **JOVI WILLIAMS**

N/A

**Category:** Culture

### **“Glowing Together, Strengthening our Cultural Resiliency” (D138)**

This workshop will touch on the importance of preserving Traditional, Cultural, and Ancestral Knowledge that embraces the values and principles of Indigenous Peoples of the past, present, and future. Attendees will be able to showcase their experiences and knowledge on how they preserve their Cultural Identity through creative neon drawings under LED light displays. Let’s Indigenize the Glowing World Together!

## **KELLY VALLO**

Inter Tribal Council of Arizona

**Category:** Culture

### **“How Are You a Good Relative?” (D140)**

Being a good relative means being a relative to everyone. Our Indigenous Youth are reaching an age where creating relationships is difficult to navigate. Our workshop will touch base in this area in regard to how they can support one another in identifying the barriers to positive communication in their community. Our workshop relates to community and cultural environment. Utilizing and enhancing these skills will assist preventative efforts towards STI, suicide and teen pregnancy.

## **KAITLAN LYONS**

AISES

**Category:** Career

### **Getting to know AISES and Student Opportunities (E145)**

This session will give you basic information about AISES and student opportunities.

# Workshops

*Sunday, June 30*

*10:15 am - 12:00 pm*

## **MARLA MESARINA**

*Marla & Myron*

**Category:** Youth Leadership & Inclusion

### **Youth Leadership & Inclusion (E141)**

Marla and Myron will share their personal stories and discuss the importance of being an advocate for yourself and others. They will also provide practical tools for youth and youth councils to use in their efforts to include everyone and share accessible team-building activities that support inclusion. Additionally, this session will highlight the vital role of inclusion in celebrating culture. Join us to learn how to champion inclusion and make a positive impact in your community.

Myron and Marla met in 2022 when Myron came to Bemidji to MC and help lead an event where neurodiverse youth came together to celebrate inclusion through Indigenous Games. Since then they have become friends and work to make sure people of all abilities are included in their communities.

## **ANTHONY TAMEZ**

*Center for Native American Youth at The Aspen Institute*

**Category:** Civic Engagement, Funding Opportunity

### **Democracy is Indigenous Presented by Center for Native American Youth at The Aspen Institute (E142)**

This workshop seeks to empower young Indigenous leaders between the ages of 11 and 24 around the country to actively participate in their communities, in civic activities like voter engagement. Participants will acquire essential knowledge and understanding of the fundamental ideas and methods of incorporating Indigenous perspectives into democracy. CNAY can offer a national platform and micro-grant funding to facilitate the advancement of Community Action Projects. These initiatives, led by young activists, act as catalysts for promoting civic participation within their communities. By engaging in these interactive sessions and discussions, attendees will acquire practical techniques, tools, and inspiration to initiate their own initiatives as catalysts for democracy and positive social transformation within Indigenous communities.

## **CHEYENNEMESHELL**

*Coeur d'Alene Tribal Youth Council*

**Category:** Culture

### **Empower your community Presented by Coeur d'Alene tribal youth council (E143)**

As a UNITY alum and co-founder of our youth council almost 20 years ago, we have done many things over the years that made a positive change in our community. We've networked with other neighboring youth councils and put on a free youth conference in our community for those to come together and have fun. This conference ran for 7 years with almost 300 in attendance and furthest attendees traveling from Nevada to Idaho, we made a music video in the last year that won 2 awards at music festivals that year, I also sing with an all women's drum group and teach other girls our history and teach kids to sing at the big drum. I teach cultural and leadership classes in my community and encourage youth to enrich their communities using their leadership and community involvement.

# Workshops

*Sunday, June 30*

*10:15 am - 12:00 pm*

**KIARA TANTA-QUIDGEON**

*25 Under 25*

**Category:** Health

## **Culture is Medicine: Fostering Healing Through Cultural Connectedness (D135)**

Culture is a key social determinant of physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and community health for Indigenous Peoples.

This workshop aims to educate and empower Indigenous youth by highlighting the significance of cultural engagement and revitalization in maintaining and promoting health and well-being. Participating youth will be introduced to the historical and contemporary relationship between cultural connectedness and health and provided with practical strategies for engaging with and revitalizing their cultural traditions and practices to foster personal, family, and community healing.

**JALALI MICHELLE**

*National Museum of the American Indian*

**Category:** Health

## **Portland Trail Blazers (A108)**

Meet with the Portland Trail Blazers during this workshop. Explore how supporting youth development on and off the court results in a better community and helps youth succeed. Learn more about careers in basketball and how they impact our community

**JOE NAYQUONABE**

*Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures*

**Category:** Motivational

## **Learning from Influential Leaders (E146)**

Influential leaders are like titans, artists, coaches, and icons—recognized annually by Time magazine for their impact. Whom would you choose to fill your roster? Who inspires you to grow as a person, student, or community member? Joe Nayquonabe highlights today's powerful leaders, showing how they shape history and global impact. Discover their advice for making your own mark in today's workforce. This dynamic program unveils a rotating roster of influencers, ensuring each session brings fresh insights and inspiration.



# Workshops

*Sunday, June 30*

*10:15 am - 12:00 pm*

**KRISHNA ANIEL**

*National Museum of the American Indian*

**Category:** Career

## **Internship Opportunities at the National Museum of the American Indian (E147)**

Learn more about various opportunities to intern at the National Museum of the American Indian's (NMAI) two museums (Washington DC, New York City) and Cultural Resources Center in Suitland, Maryland. NMAI offers paid, 9-10 week internships over the spring, summer and fall terms and provides opportunities for participants to learn about the museum collections, exhibitions, programs and methodologies from professionals in the museum field. Details about the application process will be covered including qualifications; how to create a strong application; and tips in how to apply to NMAI and other Smithsonian internship programs.

**KATHERINE LACY**

*AmeriCorps*

**Category:** Education

## **United through Service - Your Journey from Passion to Service to Career with AmeriCorps (C120)**

Join us for interactive trivia and games to test your AmeriCorps knowledge and explore the benefits of service, including scholarships and career pathways. Discover the diverse service options available to match your passions and hear from AmeriCorps alumni about their experiences. Learn how community service through AmeriCorps can kickstart your career and personal growth journey!

**LILIA IOKEPA-GUERRERO**

*Papahana Aloha 'Āina Hawai'i*

**Category:** Youth voice, education

## **Indigenous Youth Declaration on Education - Let our Voices be Heard (C122)**

The Indigenous Youth Declaration on Education was created in 2014 with the voices of Indigenous youth from around the world. To assure the declaration is representative of the views of today's youth and an actionable, living document, we are currently relooking at the Declaration and gathering the thoughts of youth today. Come and learn more about and provide input on the current document.

# Workshops

Sunday, June 30

2:30 pm - 4:15 pm

**SHELDON SMITH**  
T.S.M.RISE

**Category:** Career

## **I got this! (A104)**

Sometimes in leadership, we must tell ourselves, "I got this" when we come to situations of doubt, hesitation, and fear. In this session we will be focusing on breaking barriers, and taking chances that will help build character to step out of comfort zone. We will focus on building confidence so we can break through limits by building healthy choices to think, speak, and to move.

**MARIAH HERNANDEZ-FITCH**  
25 Under 25

**Category:** Culture

## **Carrying Stories to the Screen (B110)**

Participants will gain a concise overview of filmmaking basics, from storytelling fundamentals to post-production essentials. Through collaborative exercises and guidance on story structures, attendees will refine their skills and develop a clear vision for their potential cinematic creations. We'll also explore how cinema has a unique ability to reflect our identities and serve as a cultural vessel, allowing for deeper connections and understanding within our communities.

**JALALI MICHELLE**  
National Museum of the American Indian

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**NIZHONI DESCHENE**  
D.C. Maryland Virginia (DMV) UNITY

**Category:** Career

## **Youth Investing (B113)**

This workshop will give a brief description of what investing is and the different types available. It will give a basic understanding of the stock market and create an action plan for listeners to start their own investing journey. The presentation will have adequate warnings and pros/cons, and will highlight risks involved with investing along with the benefits.

# Workshops

*Sunday, June 30*

*2:30 pm - 4:15 pm*

**JORI COWLEY**

*Leadership Tulsa*

**Category:** Career

## **Level Up Your Leadership! (B111)**

Join us for a workshop featuring games and activities to uncover your leadership style and abilities. We'll include the compass leadership points assessment, perfect for youth, along with fun games like "Desert Island" and silent ordering by birthday/age. By the end, youth will gain insights into their personal values and motivations for leadership success, and learn strategies to enhance these skills in group settings.

**TRENA LYNN BIZARDI**

*Northern Arizona University*

**Category:** Career

## **Let's get fin lit with Seven Generation Money Management (B112)**

Welcome to the Seven Generation Money Management (7GMM) game! It's not just any financial literacy event – it's a hands-on, action-packed experience! Get ready to dive into the world of money management with your very own salary card, tribal ID, and ledger. Track your finances and watch out for those unexpected "life happens" cards! You'll learn all about:

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But don't forget – taxes are a must, and missing them means penalties! All this fun and knowledge packed into just one hour. Plus, grab all the free tokens at each booth! There's nothing more valuable than getting financially lit. Let's make money management fun and unforgettable!

**TIFFANY STUART**

*University of Arizona*

**Category:** Culture

## **Using the Indigenous 4Rs in Your UNITY Council - Presented by the University of Arizona (B114)**

Native youth will be able to learn how to use talking circles and restorative methods in their UNITY council. This Critical Indigenous Research Methodologies methods of the 4 Rs (respect, reciprocity, relationality, responsibility) are utilized throughout Indigenous communities and can be impactful to your UNITY council. These methods go back to our ancestral roots to utilize to heal, connect, and build up our youth.

# Workshops

*Sunday, June 30*

*2:30 pm - 4:15 pm*

**NATALIE BATTIEST**

25 Under 25

**Category:**

## **Prepare for College Applications (B115)**

Get a head start on the important tasks ahead with this College Application Workshop. Learn more on application strategies with 25 Under 25 Awardee who is an alumni of University of Southern California.

*Tuesday, July 2*

*10:15 am - 12:00 pm*

**EILEEN CROCKER**

White Mountain Apache Tribe Johnson O'Malley Program

**Category:** Health

## **Restoring our Roots by remembering who we are and who we can become. (A103)**

Participants will learn the importance of personal identity and self worth remembering and honoring there innate royal blood-line by learning to highlight personal gifts and talents that they have within. Young leaders will also learn the importance of honoring our roots but cultivating and learning new ways to help guide them day by day, honoring time, respecting others, self care and self love and building a strong foundation of self motivation

**SHELDON SMITH**

T.S.M.RISE

**Category:** Health

## **I am the Voice (A105)**

I am The Voice. I can Think, Speak, Move and RISE. I am a tool that can shape the path in all directions. I am Positive Self-Talk. In this session, we will work on self-care development and healing. We will be able to inspire one another by engaging one another in different exercises, as well as sharing stories to build motivation and energize ourselves to continue the work in our communities.

**FAITH LUKES**

LaBoLemot Foundation.

**Category:** Career

## **Intro to podcasting and vlogging (B111)**

We will teach you how to record your own podcast and let you vlog your time with us and show you the steps to interviews and vlogging



# Workshops

Tuesday, July 2

10:15 am - 12:00 pm

**STEPHANIE TABIBIAN**

Metro Regional Government

**Category:** Environment

## **Let's talk about vision for Land Back - Presented by Metro Regional Government (A106)**

Come share your ideas, visions for, and experiences related to the Land Back Movement and contribute to a collaborative art piece with fellow workshop participants. The Land Back movement advocates for a transfer of decision-making power over land to Indigenous communities. Land Back also focuses on dismantling systematic barriers that have been used to weaken Indigenous connections to land. Sometimes Land Back can be a transfer of land to Native people, or collaborative co-managed agreements for people to access and steward their homelands. This workshop is an opportunity for UNITY participants to vision for future generations on ways to connect more to Land!

**MICHAEL MANUELITO**

Tribal Ready

**Category:** Career

## **Internet and Energy Connectivity with Tribal Youth, what's missing? (A108)**

Internet and energy connectivity or lack of and how it affects tribal youth. What steps can we take to change that? How can you make changes in your community? Presented by Michael "Manny" Manuelito of the Pueblo of Laguna, the Tribal Ready Director of Project Management for Broadband and Energy.

**ROCHELLE REDBONE**

MMIW

**Category:** All

## **Voices of Prevention : Grassroots and growing. (A109)**

"Voices of Prevention's presentation is about how the Youth in the community can help advocate for MMIW families communities and focus on the prevention strategies to target youth to prevent the crisis of MMIW MMIP.

**KEITH VASQUEZ**

NativeYouthFoundation

**Category:** Health

## **Dare To Be Great (B115)**

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**GEORGIA ADELINE HARJO**

2024 Class of UNITY's 25 Under 25 Youth Leadership

**Category:** Culture

## **Reviving our Traditions (B110)**

Following the theme of the Conference, "Revitalizing our Roots" We must heed back and acknowledge our traditions. As youth it is our mission to revive these traditions and acknowledge our role as upcoming leaders, by taking the opportunity to learn these practices so we may teach it to the next generations. Using storytelling, cultural knowledge, and modern practices and ideas, we will learn about the art, history and importance of Corn Husk Doll making, as well as corn in general to the South-eastern Tribes of the U.S. You'll have the opportunity to bring your own doll, cultural resources, and knowledge back to your community through a creative activity!

**EVELYN ENOS**

25 Under 25

**Category:** Career

## **Songs of the River: Zine making and Poetry writing through an indigenous lens (B112)**

A creative writing workshop focused on highlighting indigenous issues through poetry and zine making. Students can work individually or with their friends to create a piece. At the end of the workshop participants can share their work and vote for which they liked the most to win a prize!

**KEITH VASQUEZ**

NativeYouthFoundation

**Category:** Health

## **Reviving Roots: Empowering Native Youth Through the Medicine Game - Presented by the Pacific Northwest Native Lacrosse (B116)**

Join us for "Reviving Roots: Empowering Native Youth Through the Medicine Game," presented by the Pacific Northwest Native Lacrosse Club. This workshop delves into lacrosse's pivotal role in the spiritual, mental, physical, and social development of Native youth, reconnecting them with their heritage. Explore its origins as a sacred gift from Creator, its cultural significance, and its capacity to teach life skills, promote health, and strengthen community bonds. Learn about our efforts to reintroduce lacrosse into Native communities through youth camps, clinics, and competitive teams, emphasizing cultural pride and self-reliance. Through interactive activities and discussions, discover how lacrosse serves as a powerful tool for cultural preservation and youth empowerment. This session is ideal for anyone interested in youth development, cultural education, or community building.

# Workshops

Tuesday, July 2

10:15 am - 12:00 pm

**ABRAHAM BRONCHEAU**

N/A

**Category:** Culture

## **Disconnect (from screentime) to Reconnect to Culture and Nature (B117)**

Youth today face pervasive negative influences from social media, leading to sedentary lifestyles that harm their physical, mental, and social well-being, impacting sleep, school attendance, and grades. Our ancestors thrived through movement and strong community bonds, rooted in traditions and values that forged resilience. Programs like the Nez Perce Tribe Students for Success and NAHOVA youth board offer healthier alternatives by reconnecting youth with nature and culture. Outdoor activities such as hiking, backpacking, traditional fishing, archery, and gathering traditional foods provide opportunities to unplug, enjoy nature, and embrace their heritage without the distractions of technology. These activities foster resilience and strengthen community ties among participants.

**DINA VELARDE**

AIAI

**Category:** Wellness

## **Art Rush (B119)**

Earrings can carry meaning and can be a visible expression of identity. Art is a great way to express who we are. The workshop will allow that expression in the painting of buckskin earrings.

**ANNA ALLEN**

CRITFC

**Category:**

## **The Lost Fish: A Fight to Protect First Foods and Honor Treaty Rights (E143)**

This workshop will include a film viewing and panel discussion about the intersection of First Foods preservation and treaty rights with staff from the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission (CRITFC). Asum (Pacific lamprey) is an important First Food for the tribes of the Columbia River basin, served alongside salmon at tribal feasts and celebrations. As the numbers of returning lamprey and salmon have declined in the region, the few places where lamprey remained abundant have become even more precious—most notably at Willamette Falls in Oregon City, Oregon.

The tribes have been the species' primary advocates, calling for protecting and restoring the Pacific lamprey. To address the declining numbers, the Columbia River treaty tribes created the Tribal Pacific Lamprey Restoration Plan, the most comprehensive restoration plan for the Pacific lamprey that the Columbia Basin has seen. Lamprey research, restoration projects, hydropower facility modifications, and policy creation are being performed by the Yakama, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Nez Perce tribes and CRITFC. In 2013, CRITFC partnered with Freshwaters Illustrated to produce the film *The Lost Fish*, which described lamprey's cultural and ecological importance and the significant science-based effort they were leading to protect and restore these ancient fish.



# Workshops

Tuesday, July 2

10:15 am - 12:00 pm

**KATHERINE LACY**

AmeriCorps

**Category:** Education

## **United through Service - Your Journey from Passion to Service to Career with AmeriCorps (C120)**

Today's youth face significant challenges from social media's negative influences, fostering sedentary lifestyles that harm their physical, mental, and social well-being, impacting sleep, school attendance, and grades. Our ancestors thrived through active lifestyles and close community ties, grounded in enduring traditions and values that fostered resilience. Initiatives like the Nez Perce Tribe Students for Success and NAHOVA youth board offer vital alternatives by reconnecting youth with nature and cultural heritage. Outdoor activities such as hiking, backpacking, traditional fishing, archery, and gathering native foods provide opportunities to unplug from technology, embrace ancestral roots, and strengthen community bonds, fostering resilience and cultural appreciation.

**JOSEPH BULL**

Portland State University

**Category:** Career

## **Engineering and Science Pathways for Natives (C121)**

Although science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) are often taught from a European perspective, Indigenous values and approaches are significant assets in STEM. This workshop will explore career paths in engineering, including ways that engineering can positively impact our communities and people. We will also highlight some examples of Native genius in STEM.

**LILIA IOKEPA-GUERRERO**

Papahāna Aloha 'Āina Hawai'i

**Category:** Youth voice, education

## **Indigenous Youth Declaration on Education - Let our Voices be Heard (C122)**

The Indigenous Youth Declaration on Education was created in 2014 with the voices of Indigenous youth from around the world. To assure the declaration is representative of the views of today's youth and an actionable, living document, we are currently relooking at the Declaration and gathering the thoughts of youth today. Come and learn more about and provide input on the current document.

# Workshops

Tuesday, July 2

10:15 am - 12:00 pm

## KAREN GUISE

Red Lake Nation Youth Council

**Category:** Health

### You are Designed to Grow (C123)

This workshop aims to empower young individuals by drawing parallels between personal growth and plant development. Exploring the philosophy of plants, we'll demonstrate how they thrive with support and time, mirroring each participant's potential. Financial resources will be likened to sunlight, emphasizing their increasing importance as participants mature. Water will symbolize emotional support, highlighting the varying levels of nourishment needed in different environments. We'll discuss the importance of weeding out negative influences that hinder growth and explore how education, tutoring, and therapy act as nutrients for personal development. Through open discussions, participants will reflect on their journey, appreciating their potential and the support systems available to them.

## MELISSA ISAAC

Edukwe Consulting LLC

**Category:** Career

### From Rez House to White House (C124)

Melissa Isaac will share the story of how she grew up humbly in a home without electricity or running water to a current doctoral candidate who gained recognition from the First Lady of the United States, Dr. Jill Biden and U.S. Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy for her work toward Indigenous youth mental health awareness. The recognition of Melissa's leadership did result in an invitation to the 2022 Presidential State of the Union Address. She was honored again by the Biden/Harris administration with an invitation to the first Native American Heritage Month Celebration at the White House.

## MYRON SWIMMER

Myron Swimmer

**Category:** Culture

### Finding your voice (C125)

Myron will talk about the importance of Mental Health, the importance of being positive and sharing his tribal music. He wants to let others know that even with a disability you can do anything and not to give up.

# Workshops

Tuesday, July 2

10:15 am - 12:00 pm

**MICHAEL LERMA**

*Diné Policy Institute*

**Category:** Culture

## **Linking Arms Together - we are all related (C126)**

As a father, educator, and advocate, my spouse and I emphasize the sacred importance of Indigenous youth, who embody resilience through our language, history, homeland, and ceremonies—an enduring defiance against attempted genocide. In our workshop, participants will explore and share stories about the essence of peoplehood: ceremony, language, history, and land. We aim for attendees to leave understanding that our peoplehood sustains us across generations, even in distant places, and each word holds a profound connection to our past, ceremonies, and homelands.

**DEVELYNN HALL**

*Miss Shoshone-Bannock*

**Category:** Career

## **Woman Warriors (D133)**

Join us to have an opportunity to meet with Native American female service members! Ask questions and get know the ladies who serve our country from the viewpoint of an indigenous woman. We will share stories about military life, basic training, and the different branches.

**LUKE WALL**

*Only7Seconds*

**Category:** Health

## **No More Lonely Youth: It's Time for a Connection Revolution. (D134)**

In this workshop, learn how small actions can lead to profound differences. We will cover what is loneliness & social health, what you can do if you are lonely and how to be the change maker in the world to make it a more connected place.

**JOE NAYQUONABE**

*Mille Lacs Corporate Ventures*

**Category:** Motivational

## **Learning from Influential Leaders (E146)**

Time magazine annually highlights influential figures across various fields. Who inspires you in your personal and professional life? Joe Nayquonabe's program explores impactful leaders who have shaped history and continue to influence today's world. Discover their stories and gain insights on making your own impact.



# Workshops

Tuesday, July 2

10:15 am - 12:00 pm

## EDISON RED NEST III

*Native Futures*

**Category:** Health

### Alcohol- the mind killer (D135)

We'll explore Alcohol's impact on our People, starting with Prohibition's history in America and its repeal in 1933, which prompted Indian Prohibition. Lasting 20 years, it was later repealed, leading to widespread alcohol use in our communities. We'll discuss genetic differences in alcohol processing, and the mental, social, and economic impacts of alcohol legalization. Exploring the emotional side, we'll focus on feelings and inhibitions associated with drinking. Finally, we'll showcase the achievements of Alliance, Nebraska's youth, proving that sober-minded individuals can achieve greatness together.

## MICHELLE SINGER

*Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board Healthy Native Youth Project*

**Category:** Health

### Healthy Native Youth: Culturally Relevant Adolescent Health Curricula, Tools, Resources for Youth, Parents and Communities (D136)

AI/AN youth, facing the highest teen birth rate among racial/ethnic groups, benefit from the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board's collaboration with regional partners to provide holistic, culturally relevant sexual health education and cultural resilience. HealthyNativeYouth.org offers educators and parents training, tools, and 19 culturally tailored curricula and lesson plans. The workshop includes a community mapping exercise to assess health resources and brainstorm solutions for Native youth, along with resources for Parents and Caring Adults to facilitate conversations on sensitive topics and support mental health skills development.

## LAYHA SPOONHUNTER

*Pretty Elk consulting*

**Category:** Culture

### LGBTQ and Two Spirit Safe Space Presented by Pretty Elk consulting (D137)

"Workshop to provide a safe space for LGBTQIA2s Youth. Roundtable discussion on gender identity, sexual orientation and how to build inclusion in tribal communities. Talking circles that will be open to LGBTQIA and Two spirit youth and their allies"

# Workshops

Tuesday, July 2

10:15 am - 12:00 pm

**JOHN OBERLY**

*Doya Natsu Healing Center*

**Category:** Health

## **Suicide Prevention: How to Safely Help (D139)**

I will present some information on how to recognize suicidal ideation and talk about how to effectively intervene and help a friend or relative experiencing this mental health crisis.

**KELLY VALLO**

*Bah'Hane Consulting LLC*

**Category:** Culture

## **Healing through Reconnection (D140)**

Sacred Rage and Sacred Revenge: throughout our youth we have been taught the negativity of these two terms: Rage and Revenge. This workshop will focus on healing through cultural teachings, storytelling and Indigenous art. The main objective of the workshop is creating a sense of empowerment, confidence and self-identity. To create a sense of belonging through the Four Rs: Respect, Relationship, Responsibility and Reciprocity. It also implements the Gathering of Native Americans Framework. Through these frameworks, we create Healing through Reconnection.

**BRENDA ATENCIO**

*Native American Budget and Policy Institute at the University of New Mexico (UNM-NABPI)*

**Category:** Health

## **Music As Medicine - Creative Writing & Dance (E145)**

The Native American Budget and Policy Institute at the University of New Mexico (UNM-NABPI) presents a session on the transformative power of music and dance in health promotion. Led by award-winning recording artist G-Precious (Ohkay Owingeh), this session fosters resilience through meditative writing, listening, breathing exercises, and dance. It reflects NABPI's commitment to community outreach rooted in the TEWA Life Way model of health and social justice. Participants will explore how music and dance profoundly impact holistic wellness, aligning with Indigenous Social and Cultural Determinants of Health. This session showcases NABPI's integration of these practices to enhance individual and communal well-being, emphasizing their role in strengthening community vitality.

# Workshops

Tuesday, July 2

10:15 am - 12:00 pm

## **ANTHONY TAMEZ**

Center for Native American Youth at The Aspen Institute

**Category:** Civic Engagement, Funding Opportunity

### **Democracy is Indigenous Presented by Center for Native American Youth at The Aspen Institute (E142)**

This workshop aims to empower young Indigenous leaders aged 11 to 24 across the nation to engage actively in their communities, particularly in civic activities like voter engagement. Participants will gain essential knowledge on integrating Indigenous perspectives into democracy. CNAY provides a national platform and micro-grant funding to support Community Action Projects led by young activists, fostering civic participation within their communities. Through interactive sessions and discussions, attendees will learn practical techniques and tools to initiate initiatives that catalyze democracy and positive social change within Indigenous communities.

## **CHEYENNE MESHELL**

Coeur d'Alene tribal youth council

**Category:** Culture

### **Empower your community (E143)**

As a Unity alum and co-founder of our youth council nearly two decades ago, we've made significant strides in our community. We've collaborated with neighboring youth councils, organized a successful free youth conference for seven years, drawing nearly 300 attendees from as far as Nevada and Idaho. In our final year, we produced an award-winning music video recognized at multiple festivals. Additionally, I sing with an all-women's drum group, where I teach our cultural heritage and mentor children in drumming. Through cultural and leadership classes, I inspire youth to engage actively in their communities, fostering leadership and civic participation.



# Workshops

Tuesday, July 2

2:30 pm - 4:15 pm

**ISABELLA NEWMAN**

Miss San Carlos Apache

**Category:** Education

## **Restoring Your Roots: Navigating Education and Identity (A108)**

In my workshop, "Restoring Your Roots: Navigating Education and Identity," I'll share insights from my journey as an Indigenous woman navigating higher education at an Ivy League school and studying abroad in East Asia. I'll provide practical tips, resources, and journaling prompts to help students explore their values and goals. The goal is for participants to compile their personal aspirations in a way that supports and motivates them throughout their educational pursuits. Breakout sessions will allow students to exchange ideas and learn from one another.

**JENNA MAKES GOOD**

25 under 25

**Category:** Environment

## **Indigenous Sustainability (B110)**

This workshop will go over different aspects of sustainability and how native people navigate this traditional practice in the modern world.

**KIARA TANTA-QUIDGEON**

25 Under 25

**Category:** Health

## **Culture is Medicine: Fostering Healing Through Cultural Connectedness (B111)**

Culture is a key social determinant of physical, mental, emotional, spiritual, and community health for Indigenous Peoples. This workshop aims to educate and empower Indigenous youth by highlighting the significance of cultural engagement and revitalization in maintaining and promoting health and well-being. Participating youth will be introduced to the historical and contemporary relationship between cultural connectedness and health and provided with practical strategies for engaging with and revitalizing their cultural traditions and practices to foster personal, family, and community healing.

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NativeYouthFoundation

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**TRENA LYNN BIZARDI**

Northern Arizona University

**Category:** Career

## **Let's get fin lit with Seven Generation Money Management (B112)**

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**TIFFANY STUART**

University of Arizona

**Category:** Career, Culture

## **You Like Sports? Join this Indigenous Athletes Workshop (B114)**

Youth will be able to have fun and interact with other attendees in this workshop. With engaging games and interaction with parts of a Tribal Athletes book. Youth will learn about famous athletes and not so famous athletes. Youth can learn how to research in their tribal communities and make their own stories about their tribal athletes that can inspire youth to strive for greatness. The workshop is led by an Indigenous doctoral student, researcher, and cultural educator.

**SHEILA MARTINEZ**

Institute of American Indian Arts

**Category:** Higher Education Recruitment for IAIA

## **IAIA - Empower your Creativity (B119)**

Overview of IAIA; Mission statement, degree and certificates offered, campus facilities, Tuition & Fees, and application requirements.

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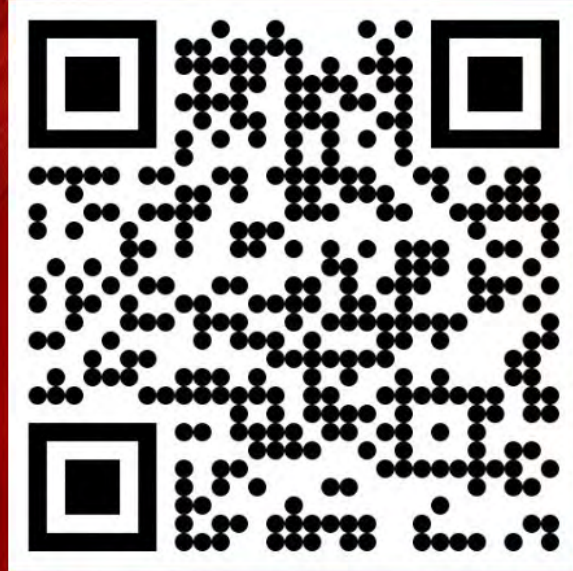


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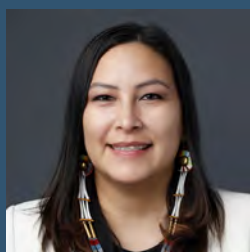


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