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2024 UNITY Midyear Conference

February 2 - 4, 2024

Phoenix, Arizona

Conference Agenda

Thursday, February 1st

Pre-Conference

- 12 pm – 4 pm** **Healing Circle Training with Dr. Pearl Yellowman** (*Maryvale - 2nd Floor*)
- 4 pm – 6 pm** **Welcome Networking Event** – Entertainment and Light Refreshments
(*Valley Overlook - 4th Floor*)
- 5 pm – 7 pm** **Conference Registration** (*Phoenix Ballroom Foyer - 3rd Floor*)
- 6 pm – 8 pm** **Youth Empowerment Night for NUC Reps**
with the NUC Executive Committee (*Maryvale - 2nd Floor*)

Friday, February 2nd

Day 1

- 7 am – 5 pm** **Conference Registration** (*Phoenix Ballroom Foyer - 3rd Floor*)
- 8 am – 5 pm** **Exhibitors & Vendors** (*3rd Street Foyer - 3rd Floor*)
- 8 am** **Morning Music with Shawn Martinez “DJ Tribal Touch”** (Navajo)
(*Phoenix Ballroom CDE - 3rd Floor*)
- 8 am** **Meet & Greet: Photos with Christian Parrish, aka “Supaman”**
(*Phoenix Ballroom Foyer - 3rd Floor*)
- 8:30 am** **Opening General Assembly** (*Phoenix Ballroom CDE - 3rd Floor*)
- NUC EC “National UNITY Council Executive Committee”
Co-President: Kaytlynn Johnston (Bishop Band of Paiute)
 - Blessing
 - Cultural Presentation: Bird Singers, Colorado River Indian Tribes
 - Welcome - UNITY Council of Trustees - Lori Winfree (Lumbee)
 - Roll Call - NUCEC Secretary Jalen Harvey (Acoma Pueblo/Hopi/Navajo)
 - UNITY NEWS videos
- 9:30 am** **Keynote Address and Performance:**
Christian Parrish aka “Supaman” (Apsáalooke)

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10:40 am

Meet your Trainers/Announcements

Trainers:

- Environmental Advocacy with LoVina Louie (Coeur d'Alene / Colville/Nez Perce)
- Wellness Advocacy with Eileen Crocker (White Mountain Apache)
- Cultural Advocacy with J'Shon Lee (White Mountain Apache)
- Mental Health Advocacy with Thomas GhostDog Jr. (Burns Paiute / Oglala Lakota)
- Advisor Training with Dr. Pearl Yellowman (Navajo)

10:50 am

Curriculum Session 1: Lighting the Fire steps 1-3

(1 hr 25 min)

(Break out into assigned rooms by color dot indicated on badge.)

- – **Environmental Advocacy** *(Phoenix Ballroom A - 3rd Floor)*
- – **Wellness Advocacy** *(Phoenix Ballroom B - 3rd Floor)*
- – **Cultural Advocacy** *(Maryvale - 2nd Floor)*
- – **Mental Health Advocacy** *(Camelback - 2nd Floor)*

10:50 am

Advisor/Chaperone Session 1 with Pearl Yellowman (Navajo)

(1 hr. 25 min.)

(Phoenix Ballroom CDE - 3rd Floor)

12:15 pm

Lunch (on your own)

(1 hr. 25 min.)

1:45 pm

Curriculum Session 2: Lighting the Fire steps 4-6

(1 hr.)

(Return to assigned rooms)

1:45 pm

Advisor/Chaperone Session 2 *(Phoenix Ballroom CDE -3rd Floor)*

(45 min.)

2:45 pm

Break

(15 min.)

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3 pm

(2 hrs.)

Advocacy in Action- Featuring local Community Advocates

Attendees and Advisors split into four groups to rotate to each topic:

1. Art as Advocacy with Cahokia Phoenix *(Phoenix Ballroom A - 3rd Floor)*

2. Meeting with Decision Makers with Tribal Leaders Panel

(Phoenix Ballroom B - 3rd Floor)

3. Environmental Advocacy with UNITY Earth Ambassadors

(Maryvale -2nd Floor)

4. Visit Exhibitors! *(3rd Street Foyer - 3rd Floor)*

3 pm

Rotation 1 (25 min. interval)

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3:30 pm

Rotation 2 (25 min. interval)

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4 pm

Rotation 3 (25 min. interval)

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4:30 pm

Rotation 4 (25 min. interval)

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4 pm

NUC EC “National UNITY Council Executive Committee”

(1 hr.)

Business Meeting with NUC Reps – Session 1

(Phoenix Ballroom CDE - 3rd Floor)

5 pm

Dinner (on your own)

(2 hrs.)

7 pm

UNITY Mock Pageant & Evening Session

(3 hrs.)

(Phoenix Ballroom CDE - 3rd Floor)

– 25 Under 25 Special Presentation

– UNITY Flag Presentation to NUC Members in Good Standing

– Instructions for Day One Evaluation - LorenAshley Buford (Yamasee)

– Clan Activities: Fun & Games Social Night with UNITY Trainers
& Executive Committee

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Saturday, February 3rd

Day 2

- 8 am – 3 pm** **Conference Registration** (*Phoenix Ballroom Foyer - 3rd Floor*)
- 8 am – 5 pm** **Exhibitors & Vendors** (*3rd Street Foyer - 3rd Floor*)
- 8 am** **Morning Music with Shawn Martinez “DJ Tribal Touch”** (Navajo)
(*Phoenix Ballroom CDE - 3rd Floor*)
- 8:30 am** **Morning General Assembly** (*Phoenix Ballroom CDE - 3rd Floor*)
- Native Youth Emcees Welcome and Announcement
 - Day One Evaluation with LorenAshley Buford (Yamassee)
 - Giveaways and prizes for your feedback!
 - Blessing: Arizona Tribal Royalty, Amy Reeves-Begaye (Navajo)
 - Cultural Presentation: Chi’ Chino Spirit Dance Group (O’odham)
 - UNITY NEWS videos
- 9:00 am** **Keynote Speaker: Kiowa Gordon Award-winning Actor** (Hualapai)
- 9:45 am** **Instructions for Speed Workshops, NUC and Advisors**
(*Phoenix Ballroom CDE - 3rd Floor*)
See Workshop descriptions on pages 16-29.
- 10:00 am** Speed Workshops Round 1
(25 min.)
- 10:30 am** Speed Workshops Round 2
(25 min.)
- 11:00 am** Speed Workshops Round 3
(25 min.)
- 11:30 am** Speed Workshops Round 4
(25 min.)

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11:00 am	NUC EC “National UNITY Council Executive Committee”
	Business Meeting – Session 2 (additional time if needed) <i>(Maryvale - 2nd Floor)</i>
12:00 pm	Luncheon & Program <i>(Phoenix Ballroom CDE - 3rd Floor)</i>
(1 hr. 30 min.)	– Guest Speaker: Q&A with Charley Hogan (Navajo)
1:30 pm	Break
(15 min.)	
1:45 pm	Curriculum Session 3: Lighting the Fire steps 7-9
(1 hr. 30 min.)	(Meet in assigned rooms)
1:45 pm	Advisor/Chaperone Session 3 <i>(Ahwatukee - 2nd Floor)</i>
(1 hr. 15 min.)	
3:15 pm	Break
(15 min.)	
3:30 pm	Curriculum Session 4: Lighting the Fire step 10, safe practices
(1 hr. 30 min.)	and report out (Return to assigned rooms)
3:30 pm	Advisor/Chaperone Session 4 <i>(Ahwatukee - 2nd Floor)</i>
(1 hr.)	
5:00 pm	Dinner (on your own)
(2 hrs.)	
7:00 pm	UNITY Round Dances: Intertribal Round Dance (Open to the Public)
(2 hrs.)	<i>(Phoenix Ballroom CDE - 3rd Floor)</i>
7:30 pm	Meet & Greet: Photos with Keynote Speakers
	<i>(3rd Street Foyer - 3rd Floor)</i>
9:00 pm	UNITY Round Dances: O’odham Cu:dk Round Dance (Open to the Public)
(2 hrs.)	

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Sunday, February 4th

Day 3

- 8:30 am** Morning Music with Shawn Martinez “DJ Tribal Touch” (Navajo)
(Phoenix Ballroom CDE - 3rd Floor)
- 9:00 am** **Closing General Assembly** *(Phoenix Ballroom CDE - 3rd Floor)*
- Native Youth Emcees - Welcome & Announcements
 - Blessing: Miss Indigenous ASU, Hannah Nockideneh (Navajo)
 - Cultural Sharing: Creek Hymns with our elders
 - UNITY NEWS videos
- 9:30 am** **Reports on Top Four Advocacy Plans**
- 10:30 am** **Day Two Evaluation with LorenAshley Buford** (Yamassee)
- Earn Prizes for your feedback!
- 10:45 am** **Keynote Speaker:**
- Visual Artist Tomas Karmelo Amaya** (A:shiwi/Ralámuli/Yoeme)
- 11:30 am** **NUC Executive Committee Initiative:**
- “Revitalizing Our Roots” Presentation**
- 11:45 am** **Wrap-Up/Closing Friendship Circle**
- 12:00 pm** **2024 UNITY Midyear Conference Concludes**

*Thank you for attending the 2024 UNITY Midyear Conference!
Safe travels, see you in Portland, July 29-July 3, 2024!*



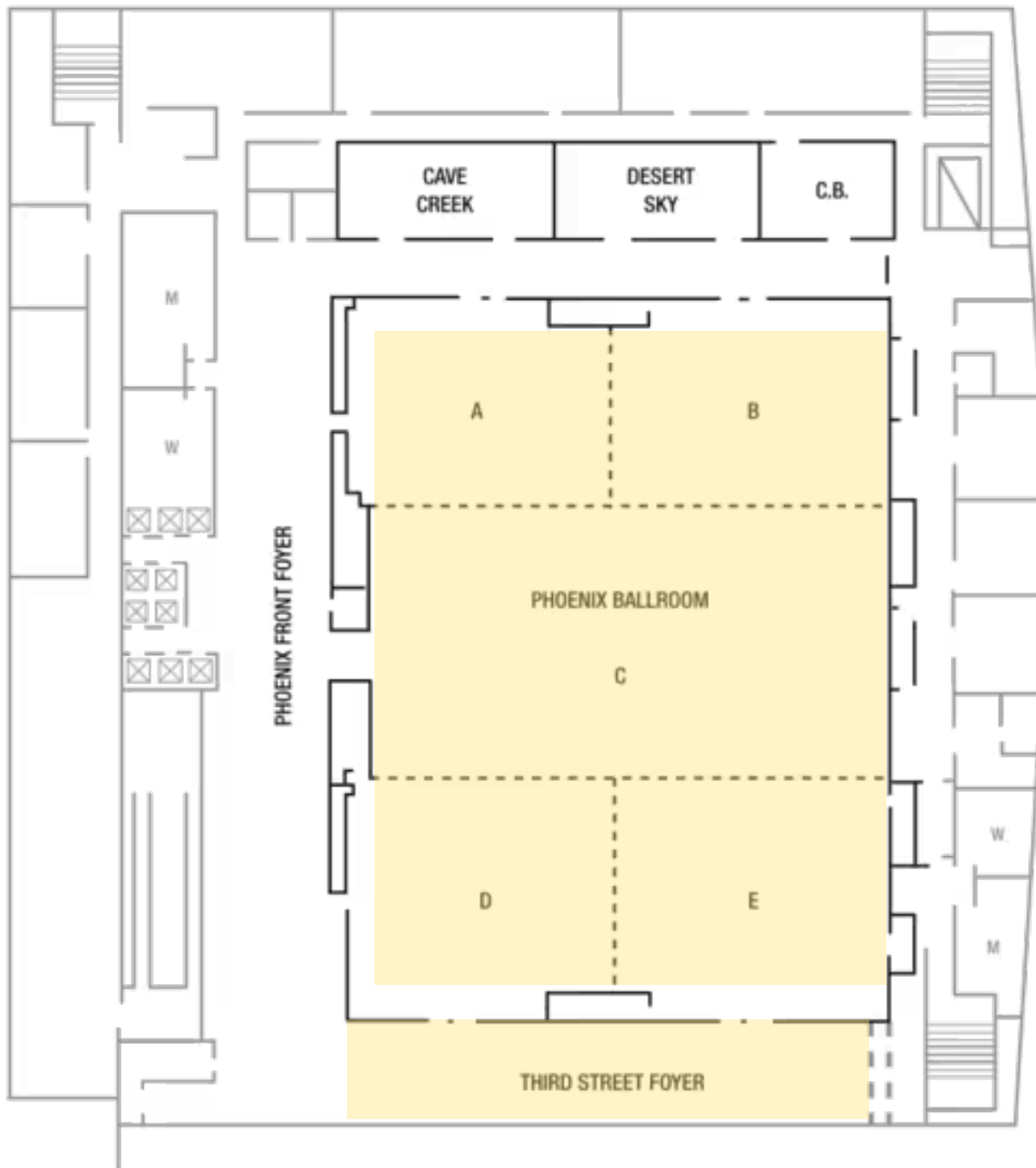
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