Conference Agenda

Thursday, February 1st

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

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  
(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)  
*(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  
(Return to assigned rooms)

**1:45 pm**  
Advisor/Chaperone Session 2  
*(Phoenix Ballroom CDE -3rd Floor)*  
*(45 min.)*

**2:45 pm**  
Break  
*(15 min.)*
3 pm  Advocacy in Action- Featuring local Community Advocates
(2 hrs.)  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)

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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 (Yamassee)
  – Clan Activities: Fun & Games Social Night with UNITY Trainers & Executive Committee
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Saturday, February 3rd

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 Loren Ashley 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.)
11:00 am  NUC EC “National UNITY Council Executive Committee”
Business Meeting – Session 2 (additional time if needed)
(Maryvale - 2nd Floor)

12:00 pm  Luncheon & Program (Phoenix Ballroom CDE - 3rd Floor)
(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
(Meet in assigned rooms)
(1 hr. 30 min.)

1:45 pm  Advisor/Chaperone Session 3 (Ahwatukee - 2nd Floor)
(1 hr. 15 min.)

3:15 pm  Break
(15 min.)

3:30 pm  Curriculum Session 4: Lighting the Fire step 10, safe practices
and report out (Return to assigned rooms)
(1 hr. 30 min.)

3:30 pm  Advisor/Chaperone Session 4 (Ahwatukee - 2nd Floor)
(1 hr.)

5:00 pm  Dinner (on your own)
(2 hrs.)

7:00 pm  UNITY Round Dances: Intertribal Round Dance (Open to the Public)
(Phoenix Ballroom CDE - 3rd Floor)
(2 hrs.)

7:30 pm  Meet & Greet: Photos with Keynote Speakers
(3rd Street Foyer - 3rd Floor)

9:00 pm  UNITY Round Dances: O’odham Cu:dk Round Dance (Open to the Public)
(2 hrs.)
Sunday, February 4th

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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PHOENIX BALLROOM

CAVE CREEK

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