



JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE UNITY'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

OKLAHOMA CITY CONVENTION CENTER | OKC, OK

JULY 10 - 14, 2026

National UNITY Conference Agenda

Thursday, July 9 (Pre-Conference Activities & Welcome Event Kick Off)

- 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm | Campus Tours (off-site, transportation on your own, sign-up required)
- 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm | *Video Filming (TBA)*
- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm | Healing Circle Training - Omni meeting room (Open to first 75 who sign up)
- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm | *Dress Rehearsals with Emcees (TBA)*
- 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm | Conference Registration Opens
- 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm | **Native Youth Empowerment Night (upstairs Advisor room)**
- 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm | **Welcome Events presented by Local Host Committee**
- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Gourd Dancing
- 7:00 pm -10:30 pm | Pow-Wow & Stomp Dance begin (indoors)
- 9:00 pm | *Executive Committee & UNITY 25 Under 25 Awardees Debrief*
- 12:00 am | Curfew / Lights Out

Friday, July 10 (Theme: Spiritual Development - Traditional Skirt & Shirt Day)

Wear your favorite regalia, ribbon skirts, or shirts

- 7:30 am | Conference Registration Opens
- 9:00 am | *Peer Leaders Huddle (Executive Committee & UNITY 25 Under 25 Awardees)*
- 9:30 am | **New Attendee Training: UNITY 101-** NUCEC room TBA
- 10:30 am | **Lighting of the UNITY Fire** - outside
Opening Prayer, Cultural Welcome, Land Acknowledgment,
Welcome Remarks, UNITY Fire Purpose
- 11:30 am – 12:30 pm | **Lunch Break** (on your own)
- 12:00 pm | DJ Music Emcee One (Marcus Guinn), Osage/Potawatomi

- 12:00 pm | **Grand Entry Line Up by Region**
- 12:30 pm | **Opening Ceremonies:** General Assembly
Grand Entry - Parade of Nations - UNITY Drum
- 1:00 pm | Welcome Remarks - NUC Co-Presidents: Mazie Countryman (Northern Arapaho, Eastern Shoshone, Shoshone-Bannock, Navajo) and Watson Whitford (Chippewa Cree, Navajo).
UNITY Board of Trustees Chairman - Loretta Tuell, Nez Perce
- 1:10pm | UNITY Honorary Co-Chair Principal Chief Hoskin Jr. - Cherokee Nation of OK
Cherokee Youth Choir
UNITY News Video
- 1:30 pm | **Lindy Waters III, San Antonio Spurs Fireside Chat with Chance Rush,**
(Mandan, Hidatsa/Arikara) (30 mins)
- 2:00 pm | NUC EC - Roll Call of Regions - Get Loud!
UNITY Decade Video
- 2:30 pm | Power Messages from Youth Leaders (NCAI, AISES, NIEA, CNAY etc.) (15 mins)
- 2:45 pm | Ice Breaker Activity
- 3:00 pm | Throwback: Honoring the UNITY Council of Eagles (30 mins)
- 3:30 pm | NUC Caucus Instructions & Announcements
- 3:45 pm | **Go to Area Caucus Rooms & Advisor Training**
- 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm | **Regional Area Caucuses – Session #1**
Great Plains Region (ND, SD, NE) - Room TBA
Midwest Region (MN, WI, IL, IA, IN, MI, MO) - Room TBA
Northeast Region (OH, PA, NY, NJ, MD, DE, CT, NH, VT, RI, MA, ME, DC) - Room TBA
Northwest Region (AK, OR, ID, WA) - Room TBA
Pacific Region (CA, HI) - Room TBA
Rocky Mountain Region (MT, WY) - Room TBA
Southeast Region (AR, LA, MS, AL, TN, KY, NC, SC, FL, GA, WV, VA) - Room TBA
Southern Plains Region (KS, OK, TX) - Room TBA
Southwest Region (NM, CO) - Room TBA
Western Region (AZ, NV, UT) - Room TBA
- 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm | **Advisors Breakout Session** (Room TBA)
- 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm | **Dinner Break** (on your own)
Culture Sharing at the UNITY Fire & Spirit Room (optional evening reflection)

7:30 pm | **Walk the Runway** (Traditional Skirt & Shirt Day) Line Up at the Stage
8:00 pm | **Cultural Exchange Taiwan Special Performance**
9:00 pm - 11:00 pm | **Culture Night (Regions 1–4)**
9:00 pm | Executive Committee & UNITY 25 Under 25 Awardees Debrief
10:30 pm | Spirit Room & UNITY Fire close
12:00 am | Curfew / Lights Out

Saturday, July 11 (Theme: Physical Development – 50th Flashback Night)

Wear clothes, hair & style from your favorite decade at the Talent Night: 70s, 80s, 90s, 00s to WIN Prizes

6:30 am | Wellness Warriors Fitness (optional)
7:30 am | Peer Leaders Huddle (Executive Committee & UNITY 25 Under 25 Awardees)
7:30 am | DJ Music Emcee One (Marcus Guinn), Osage/Potawatomi - Arrive early to find your seats
8:00 am | **General Session Assembly**
Morning Blessing (15 mins)
Welcome Remarks
Evaluation Giveaways & Raffles
UNITY News
8:30 am | **Chef Pyet DeSpain_Indigenous Wellness Fireside Chat (30 mins)**
9:00 am | Kiowa Tribe Healthy Heroes - Special Appearance
UNITY Decade Video
9:15 am | **Special Presentation of UNITY 25 Under 25 Awardees (45 mins)**
10:00 am | Ice Breaker Activity
10:10 am | **Throwback Recognition: UNITY Eagles Basketball - Nike N7 50th Jersey(20 mins)**
10:30 am | NUC Election Procedures & Announcements
10:45 am | **Go to Area Caucus Rooms & Advisor Training – Session #2 (Rooms TBA)**
11:00 am - 12:30 pm | Regional Area Caucuses – Session #1 (Rooms TBA)
11:15 pm – 12:15 pm | Advisors Breakout Session (Room TBA)
12:30 pm | **Free Afternoon to Explore Oklahoma City** (on your own)
1:30 pm | **50th Anniversary Alumni Silent Auction Luncheon (Ticketed event)**
2:00 pm | **UNITY 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament & Volleyball Tournament**
(advance sign-up required)
7:00 pm | **Talent Night**
Culture Sharing at the UNITY Fire & Spirit Room (optional evening reflection)

- 8:30 pm | **Flashback Runway - Costume Contest:** *Winners from each decade win 2027 Conference Registrations for Youth & Advisors!*
- 9:00 pm | Executive Committee & UNITY 25 Under 25 Awardees Debrief
- 10:30 pm | Spirit Room & UNITY Fire close
- 12:00 am | Curfew / Lights Out

Sunday, July 12 (Theme: Mental Wellness – College & Career Day)

Wear Orange in honor of the Every Child Matters movement

- 7:00 am | Wellness Warriors Fitness (optional)
- 8:00 am | Peer Leaders Huddle (Executive Committee & UNITY 25 Under 25 Awardees)
- 8:00 am | DJ Music - Arrive early to find your seats
- 8:30 am | **General Session Assembly**
 Morning Blessing (15 mins)
 College & Career Kickoff Remarks
 Evaluation GiveAways Announcements
 UNITY News
- 9:00 am | **Keynote Speaker - Julian Brave NoiseCat** (30 mins)
- 9:30 am | Ice Breaker Activity
UNITY Decade Video
- 9:45 am | **Boarding School Presentation - TBA** (15 mins)
- 10:00 am | **Throwback Recognition: Life of J.R. Cook vision to fruition** (15 mins)
- 10:45 am | NUC Co-President Speeches
- 10:25 am | Announcements & Group Photo (All those Wearing Orange)
- 10:30 am | **Go to Workshops / Advisor Trainings / NUC Business Meeting**
- 10:45 am | Workshop Session #1
- 11:45 am | Workshop Session #2
- 12:30 pm | **Lunch Break (on your own)**
- 1:45 pm | **College & Career Day- Visit Education Booths** (Bingo Card Activity)
- 2:30 pm | Workshop Session #3
- 3:30 pm | Workshop Session #4
- 4:15 pm | Break – Prepare for Gala
- 5:00 pm | Line Up for the Gala (seats are first come first serve)
- 5:45 pm | Doors Open

- 6:00 pm | **50th Anniversary UNITY Gala Dinner**
 UNITY Fashion Show
 Dinner is Served - *Entertainment*
 Scholarships, Honors, Sponsor Recognition & Special Presentations
 NUC Elections & Oath of Office
- 9:30 pm | **UNITY DJ Dance & Intertribal Social Dancing**
 Culture Sharing at the UNITY Fire & Spirit Room (optional evening reflection)
- 10:30 pm | Spirit Room & UNITY Fire Adjourn
- 12:00 am | Curfew / Lights Out

Monday, July 13 (Theme: Social Development – MMIW/MMIP Awareness)

Wear Red in honor of Missing and Murdered Relatives

- 8:00 am | Peer Leaders Huddle (Executive Committee & UNITY 25 Under 25 Awardees)
- 8:00 am | DJ Music - Arrive early to find your seats
- 8:30 am | **General Session Assembly**
 Morning Blessing (15 mins)
 Welcome Remarks
 Evaluation Give Away Announcements
 UNITY News
- 9:00 am | **Keynote Speakers - Social Justice - (30 mins)**
- 9:30 am | Ice Breaker Activity
UNITY Decade Video
- 9:45 am | **NUC EC National Initiative Presentation - (15 mins)**
- 10:00 am | Ice Breaker Activity
- 10:10 am | **Throwback Recognition: Co-Presidents' Legacy - then and now (15 mins)**
- 10:25 am | Announcements & Group Photo (All those Wearing Red)
- 10:30 am | **Go to Workshops / Advisor Trainings / New Executive Committee Orientation**
- 10:45 am | Workshop Session #1
- 11:45 am | Workshop Session #2
- 12:30 pm | **Lunch Break** (on your own)
- 1:45 pm | **Visit Education Booths** (Bingo Card Activity)
- 2:30 pm | Workshop Session #3
- 3:30 pm | Workshop Session #4
- 4:15 pm | Evaluation Break - Debrief with your Groups

5:00 pm | **Dinner Break (on your own)**
Culture Sharing at the UNITY Fire & Spirit Room (optional evening reflection)

7:00 pm | **I 50th Pin Exchange (swap/trade your buttons with others)**

7:30 pm | **I Culture Night (Regions 5–10)**

9:00 pm | 2 Executive Committees & UNITY 25 Under 25 Awardees Final Debrief

10:30 pm | Spirit Room & UNITY Fire Adjourn

12:00 am | Curfew / Lights Out

Tuesday, July 14 (Closing Ceremony)

8:30 am | DJ Music - Arrive early to find your seats

9:00 am – 11:00 am | **Closing Ceremony** indoors
Morning Blessing (15 mins)
Evaluation GiveAways Announcements
UNITY News
Gadugi Fellows Recognition
Entertainment - TBA
Closing Remarks by UNITY Executive Director Mary Kim Titla

11:00 am - 12:00pm | **Extinguishing the Fire** Outdoors - Friendship Circle

Conference Adjourns – Safe Travels Home! SEE YOU IN ORLANDO, FLORIDA!! SUMMER 2027