



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)

- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm | **OU Campus Tours** (off-site, sign-up required - TBA)
- 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm | *Video Filming of 25 Under 25 (Omni meeting room)*
- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm | **Healing Circle Training - Omni Hotel** (Open to first 100 who register)
- 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm | *Dress Rehearsals with Emcees Omni Hotel*
- 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm | Conference Registration Opens - *Oklahoma City Convention Center Foyer*
- 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm | **Native Youth Empowerment Night - Omni Hotel meeting room**
- 6:00 pm - 10:30 pm | **Welcome Events Oklahoma City Convention Center**
- 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm | Gourd Dancing *OKCCC - Hall C & D*
- 7:00 pm -10:30 pm | Pow-Wow *OKCCC - Hall C & D*
- | Stomp Dance *OKCCC - Fourth Floor Ballroom A*
- 9:00 pm | *Executive Committee & UNITY 25 Under 25 Awardees Debrief - OKCCC 104*
- 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 - *Foyer*
- 9:00 am | *Peer Leaders Huddle (Executive Committee & UNITY 25 Under 25 Awardees) 104*
- 9:30 am | **New Attendee Training: UNITY 101 OKCCC - Fourth Floor Ballroom B**
- 10:30 am | **Lighting of the UNITY Fire - Outdoor Crosswalk - SW 4th Street**
- Opening Prayer
- Cultural Welcome
- Land Acknowledgment

Welcome Remarks

UNITY Fire

11:30 am – 12:30 pm | **Lunch Break** On Your Own (*Options in Hall B & Food Trucks at Sissortail Park*)

12:00 pm | DJ Music Emcee One (Marcus Guinn), Osage/Potawatomi [OKCCC - Hall C & D](#)

12:00 pm | **Grand Entry Line Up by Region** (Look for Regional Signs) - [Foyer](#)

4 Representatives from each Youth Council walk in the Grand Entry with their flags

12:30 pm | **Opening Ceremonies:** General Assembly - [Hall C & D](#)

Grand Entry - Parade of Nations - UNITY Drum [Hall C & D](#)

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) - [2nd floor - Room 207 AB](#)

Midwest Region (MN, WI, IL, IA, IN, MI, MO) - [2nd floor - Room 201](#)

Northeast Region (OH, PA, NY, NJ, MD, DE, CT, NH, VT, RI, MA, ME, DC) [Room 202](#)

Northwest Region (AK, OR, ID, WA) - [2nd floor - Room 209 AB](#)

Pacific Region (CA, HI) - [3rd floor - Room 301 A-D](#)

Rocky Mountain Region (MT, WY) - [2nd floor - Room 203](#)

Southeast Region (AR, LA, MS, AL, TN, KY, NC, SC, FL, GA, WV, VA) [Room 206 AB](#)

Southern Plains Region (KS, OK, TX) - [2nd floor - Room 208 AB](#)

Southwest Region (NM, CO) - [2nd floor - Room 205 AB](#)

Western Region (AZ, NV, UT) - [4th floor - Ballroom A 1/2](#)

4:00 pm – 5:15 pm | **Advisors Breakout Session #1- [Fourth Floor Ballroom B 1/2](#)**

5:30 pm – 7:30 pm | **Dinner Break** (On Your Own) [Options in Hall B & at Sissortail Park](#)

Culture Sharing at the UNITY Fire & Spirit Room [101](#) (optional evening reflection)

7:30 pm | **Walk the Runway** (Traditional Skirt & Shirt Day) Line Up at the Stage [Hall C & D](#)

8:00 pm | **Cultural Exchange Taiwan Special Performance** [Hall C & D](#)

9:00 pm - 11:00 pm | **Culture Night (Regions 1–4)** [Hall C & D](#)

9:00 pm | Executive Committee & UNITY 25 Under 25 Awardees Debrief - [Room 104](#)

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 - [Hall C & D](#)**

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 (Note: Evening Advisor Training Session)**

11:00 am - 12:30 pm | **Regional Area Caucuses – Session #2**

Great Plains Region (ND, SD, NE) - [2nd floor - Room 207 AB](#)

Midwest Region (MN, WI, IL, IA, IN, MI, MO) - [2nd floor - Room 201](#)

Northeast Region (OH, PA, NY, NJ, MD, DE, CT, NH, VT, RI, MA, ME, DC) [Room 202](#)

Northwest Region (AK, OR, ID, WA) - [2nd floor - Room 209 AB](#)

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Western Region (AZ, NV, UT) - [4th floor - Ballroom A 1/2](#)

12:30 pm | **Free Afternoon to Explore Oklahoma City** (on your own)

1:30 pm | **50th Anniversary Alumni Silent Auction Luncheon** - [3rd floor - Room 302 A-D](#)

2:00 pm | **UNITY 3-on-3 Basketball & Volleyball Tournaments** - [The HIVE Sports Complex](#)
(advance sign-up required)

7:00 pm | **Talent Night** [Hall C & D](#)

| Culture Sharing at the UNITY Fire (optional evening reflections)

7:15 pm | **Flashback Runway - Costume Contest: Winners from each decade win 2027**
Conference Registrations for Youth & Advisors!

8:00 pm | **Advisors Session** Boundaries & Balance: Nurturing Your Well-Being [Spirit Room 101](#)

9:00 pm | Executive Committee & UNITY 25 Under 25 Awardees Debrief - [Room 104](#)

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** [Hall C & D](#)

Morning Blessing (15 mins)

College & Career Kickoff Remarks

Evaluation Giveaways Announcements

UNITY News

9:00 am | **Paulina Alexis Fireside Chat on Native youth Mental Health (30 mins)**
Actress, Wāgíyaŋ Čížaŋ or Young Eagle, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation

9:30 am | Ice Breaker Activity
UNITY Decade Video

9:45 am | **Julian Brave NoiseCat- *Boarding School Healing Presentation* (15 mins)**
Author and Filmmaker, Canim Lake Band Tsq'escen

10:00 am | **Throwback Recognition: Life of J.R. Cook vision to fruition (15 mins)**

10:15 am | NUC Co-President Speeches

10:25 am | Announcements & Group Photo (All those Wearing Orange) - *Foyer*

10:30 am | **Go to Workshops / Advisor Training / NUC Business Meeting**

10:45 am | Workshop Session #1

11:45 am | Workshop Session #2

10:45 am - 12:00 pm | **Advisors Breakout Session #3 - *Fourth Floor Ballroom B ½***

10:45 am - 12:00 pm | **National UNITY Council Business Meeting - *Fourth Floor Ballroom A ½***
 2 Representatives from each Youth Council attend the meeting

12:30 pm - 1:30 pm | **Lunch Break (On Your Own) *Options in Hall B & at Sissortail Park***

1:45 pm | **College & Career Day- Visit Education Booths (Bingo Card Activity) *Hall A***

2:30 pm | Workshop Session #3

3:30 pm | Workshop Session #4

2:30 pm - 4:00 pm | **Advisors Breakout Session #4 - *Fourth Floor Ballroom B ½***

4:15 pm | Break – Prepare for Gala

5:00 pm | Line Up for the Gala (seats are first come first serve) - *Foyer*

5:45 pm | Doors Open

6:00 pm | **50th Anniversary UNITY Gala Dinner *Hall C & D***
 UNITY Fashion Show
 Dinner is Served - *Entertainment*
 Scholarships, Honors, Sponsor Recognition & Special Presentations
 NUC Elections & Oath of Office

9:30 pm | **UNITY DJ Dance *Hall C & D***
Intertribal Social Dancing *4th floor - Ballroom A 1/2*
 Culture Sharing at the UNITY Fire & Spirit Room **101** (optional evening reflection)

10:30 pm | Spirit Room & UNITY Fire Adjournal

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** *Hall C & D*
Morning Blessing (15 mins)
Welcome Remarks
Evaluation Give Away Announcements
UNITY News
- 9:00 am | **Dallas Goldtooth - Social Justice in Indian Country** - (30 mins)
Environmental Activist and Performing Artist, Mdewakanton Dakota/Diné
- 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
- 10:45 am - 12:00 pm | **Advisors Breakout Session #5** - *Fourth Floor Ballroom B ½*
- 10:45 am - 12:00 pm | **New Executive Committee Orientation** - *Room 105*
- 12:30 pm - 1:30pm | **Lunch Break** (On Your Own) *Options in Hall B & at Sissortail Park*
- 1:45 pm | **Visit Education Booths** (Bingo Card Activity) *Hall A*
- 2:30 pm | Workshop Session #3
- 3:30 pm | Workshop Session #4
- 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm | **Final Advisors Breakout Session #6** - *Fourth Floor Ballroom B ½*
- 4:15 pm | Evaluation Break - Debrief with your Groups (On Your Own)
- 5:00 pm | **Dinner Break** (On Your Own) *Options in Hall B & at Sissortail Park*
Culture Sharing at the UNITY Fire & Spirit Room *101* (optional evening reflection)
- 7:00 pm | **I 50th Pin Exchange (swap/trade your buttons with others)** *Hall C & D*
- 7:30 pm | **I Culture Night (Regions 5–10)** *Hall C & D*

9:00 pm | 2 Executive Committees & UNITY 25 Under 25 Awardees Final Debrief [Room 104](#)
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** [OKCCC Hall B](#)
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:** Friendship Circle [Outdoor Crosswalk - SW 4th Street](#)

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