

THURSDAY – DECEMBER 14, 2023

CONVENTION CENTER II -----SYLVAN I & II ROOM

8:00-9:00 AM

Coffee and Rolls

Sponsored by Stronghold Education Development

Lakota Nations Education General Session

9:00-11:45 AM

Overview of Conference

Welcome

Spiritual Blessing and song by the NDN school children.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

- Jan Edwards -Founder of “Paving the Way” Foundation



- Cheryl Crazy Bull-President and CEO of the American Indian College Fund



- Miranda O'Bryan- Miss South Dakota-Author-News Anchor



- Dr. Jacob Weasel-Trauma Surgeon for Monument Health, History Making Adventurist, and enrolled member of the CRST



11:45 AM

Honoring Song

12:00

Lunch on your own

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CONVENTION CENTER I -----WASHINGTON ROOM

1:00-2:15 PM

Jan Edwards-Paving the Way

Online Bullying and Exploitation-Ways to Disrupt Its Cycle

It takes less than 17 minutes for a stranger to entice a child to send an explicit photo online. Our youth are dealing with online bullying, exploitation, and trafficking, getting DM's and pictures they didn't ask for daily. Our children are being coerced into harming themselves if they don't comply with threats. Paving the Ways Foundation has educated over 29,000 middle and high school students over the past 7 years on this topic, empowering them to understand what's happening, ways to stop the action and prevent exploitation. We'll share that information with you in a conversation that will have you understand their world, ways to stand shoulder to shoulder, preventing them from becoming a victim of online exploitation.

2:30-3:45 PM

Nakini Mills and Terrance Fields

Building Tribal Education Capacity and Whole Child Initiative

The National Indian Education Association (NIEA) advances comprehensive culture-based educational opportunities for American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians, NIEA will share information regarding our Whole Child and Tribal Education Capacity Initiatives as resources for schools and tribal communities serving Native students. NIEA will share information regarding the recent grant award from OIE our Native Circles for Learning and Leadership (NDLL) Initiative to aid 3 of the 9 tribes in South Dakota in Native American teacher recruitment and retention. The Whole child Initiative focuses on Health Education and creating a comprehensive Social Emotional Climate to support Native Children's mental, emotional, and physical wellbeing. The Tribal Education Capacity aims to empower tribal nations to transform education for Native students in their communities.

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1:00-2:15 PM

Miss South Dakota's Book Program

Miranda O'Bryan

South Dakota State alum Miranda O'Bryan has had a busy year as a full-time TV journalist in the Black Hills and winning the title of Miss South Dakota. Recently, she added children's author to her title after writing her book "Jericho the Journalism Kitty." The book follows O'Bryan's cat around town while he collects news stories to write.

O'Bryan said she felt like this was the right time to write the book because her community service project is rooted in literacy that helps provide access, education, and representation. The book was inspired by her cat and educating people on the concept of journalism. "It was the idea of being able to teach children and the adults who would read with them or purchase the book for them, what journalism is through an approachable lens," O'Bryan said. "Because being a journalist or this concept of journalism is especially important in today's age."

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2:30-3:45 PM

Speaking Lakota Naturally

Edward Starr

Lakota Language expert, Edward Starr, Instructor at Oglala Lakota College will discuss the importance and the methods of speaking the Lakota Language Naturally. He will use a power point describing how the Lakota Language was spoken in past Tiospayes amount the Lakota bands. Humility and other values as were incorporated with the spoken Lakota language were learned and taught primarily from the keepers of the Tipestola in the early stages to age 13 from life experiences.

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1:00-2:15 PM

Language Learning Games

Dakota Language Institute

This presentation will be a fun and interactive session showing how to make learning the language with games a more interesting activity. Come in and get some fun ideas to take back to your classroom or your living room.

2:30-3:45 PM

Lakota Horse Culture in the 21st Century

Kimberly Clifford

While the modernized world continues moving forward, the Lakota people find themselves establishing their footing in an ever-changing world. The reclamation of our traditional identity has guided us back to the long-established acknowledgment of the Lakota Kinship System. While honoring a framework that is centered around balance, we are led to reclaim our natural relationship with the Sunka Wakan Oyate. In this session we will explore the therapeutic alliance between the Lakota Oyate and our relative, Sunka Wakan.

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South Dakota Literacy Framework

This training is designed to provide all districts a picture of effective literacy in South Dakota. Information in this training will help to guide districts in how to align to research and evidence-based practices based on the science of reading and to support the state content standards in reading, writing, speaking and listening. The speaker will provide a walk-through of South Dakota's Literacy Framework speaking and provide explanation on the research behind. In addition, the speaker will provide information on various upcoming training opportunities to help district's implement the framework.

2:30-3:45 PM

Check & Connect, a Mentoring Program to Keep Students in School.

Deb Zebill

Check & Connect (C & C) is an intervention used with K-12 students who show warning signs of disengagement with school and who are at risk of dropping out. C & C works to decrease truancy, tardies, behavior referrals, and dropout rates while increasing attendance, persistence in school, credits accrued, and school completion. This session will be a brief overview of what it takes to implement C & C in your school.

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Using Media Intentionally in the Classroom

Marcy Drew, Ed. D & Danielle Flom

The presenters will discuss some benefits and cautions of using educational media, media literacy, how to choose. Integrating media and technology into the curriculum. Many ideas and recommendations for high-quality, free resources will be provided. Attendees are encouraged to bring tablets or laptops to explore these resources.

2:30-3:45 PM

Primary Source Texts are Vessels of Culture

Gabrielle Seeley

Books by indigenous authors are vessels of knowledge about culture and academic subjects that all students need. The presenter will bring examples of how primary source texts are used successfully in all content areas K-12.

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Bridging the Gaps Between Differences

Dew Bad Warrior-Zuya Sica Consulting

This presentation will highlight the ways in which to bring everyone to the same table. Differences exist between many different people and cultures. Dew will talk about ways to come together with understanding.

2:30-3:45 PM

Developing Visionary and Holistic Leadership Using an Indigenized Corn Pollen Model

Shawn Secatero PhD.

In our interactive workshop, we will discuss the important aspects of visionary and holistic leadership in Native American schools, educational programs, and tribal entities. Participants will use the Indigenous Corn Pollen Model to promote well-being, leadership, and education in their schools and communities. In this session you will develop a mission statement of your own professional development and students. Create their own leadership definition to promote well-being, leadership, and education. Join us!

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Improving Educational Outcomes for Students with Disabilities

Melissa Flor

How can South Dakota improve the educational outcomes of students with disabilities? Participants will provide suggestions and input on different areas of education ranging from early childhood through graduation. SD Department of Education, Office of Special Education Programs, will explain the federal State Performance Plan requirements and get participants perspectives on what is going well and what needs to be changed to help students and school districts improve services and outcomes for students with disabilities.

Audience Will: Participants will understand the SD DOE State Performance Plan and will have provided valuable input on how to improve the educational outcomes for students with disabilities.

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Melissa Flor

Individual Education Plan (IEP) Development Tips

This session will cover key topics related to IEP development in South Dakota. The session is presented from the perspective of South Dakota Department of Education Working with public school districts.

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Disabilities Rights in South Dakota

Heather Pelle

This presentation will discuss the rights of students and people with disabilities in the state of South Dakota. This is valuable information for people who deal work with students' disabilities. Join us to review the most current information on this important topic.

2:30-3:45 PM

Autism

Tisha Daggrosse-LifesScape

Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a neurological and developmental disorder that affects how people interact with others, communicate, learn, and behave. Although autism can be diagnosed at any age, it is described as a “developmental disorder” because symptoms appear in the first 2 years of life. This presentation will highlight some of the areas of this disorder to help you understand how to deal with it.

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CONVENTION CENTER I-----HOSPITALITY ROOM

Located north of Hotel Registration or across from the Lincoln Room

9:00-10:15 AM

Secretarial/Office Manager Training

Katie Urban

This presentation will discuss professionalism in the workplace. Ms. Urban will also discuss the importance of effective communication skills with the public and with co-workers. The rules of confidentiality will be discussed and how important it is to respect the privacy of others, especially children. This is the first piece of a four-part training that will continue throughout the day. A certificate of completion will be given at the end of the day. Stop at the conference registration desk to pick it up at 4:00 PM.

10:30-11:45 AM and 1:00-2:15 PM and 2:30-3:45 PM

Secretarial/Office Manager Training

OLC Voc Ed Dept

Oglala Lakota College Vocational Education Department will supply this training. This training will continue throughout the day. A certificate of completion will be issued at the end of the day. Stop at the conference registration desk to pick it up at 4:00 PM.

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Making An Impact: Oceti Wakan
Faith Holmes

Oceti Wakan is a nonprofit organization on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Their mission is the preservation of Lakota culture, language, and the healing of its people. This presentation will talk about this program.

2:30-3:45 PM

“From the Rez to the Runaway” Role Modeling 101

Kansas Middletent

From the Rez to the Runway: Role “Modeling” 101 is an empowerment workshop designed to focus on leadership development, how to positively navigate Rez life, and to create a plan for your dreams and goals to be achievable.

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We Belong: Healing and Advocacy to Achieve Indigenous Education Equity

Cheryl Crazy Bull

Practices of inclusion and equity that increase Native student’s sense of belonging at all levels of education with a focus on higher education.

2:30-3:45 PM

Staying Safe in Your Environment

Christopher Grant

Christopher Grant will be presenting this session on staying safe in your environment. In this new changing world, we all must learn to be aware of our surroundings and be alert to what is happening around us. Unfortunately, danger can be anywhere in our environment. We must be knowledgeable. Mr. Grant has a lifetime of experience dealing with the dangers that we need to avoid. This session will make you aware.

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CONVENTION CENTER II -----SHERIDAN ROOM

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BIE Meetings with Tribal Education Directors

Meetings will be held by appointment with BIE Dr. Tsosie to discuss any issues you may have.



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School Board Training-Board Members will be brought up to date on matters concerning the education challenges facing tribal schools. Forkenbrock will brief board members on language included in the House Report accompanying the Fiscal Year 2024 Appropriations Bill directing the BIE to examine the disparities in teacher and administrators' salaries as compared to public schools and to brief the Committee on potential solutions to address this situation within 120 days of enactment of this Act.

2:30-3:45 PM

School Board Training-Suspected Child Abuse & Neglect (SCAN)

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Johnson O'Malley Presentation

Spike Big Horn

Mr. Big Horn will give an update and an overview of the Johnson O'Malley Program. It's current funding and rules and regulations as well as the future of Johnson O'Malley.

2:30-3:45 PM

Unlocking the Secrets of Grant Success

Tara Wilcox

An informative workshop designed to empower both new and experienced grant writers with the knowledge and tools to craft compelling grant applications that effectively highlight your work. Learn how to articulate your mission with clarity and passion, demonstrating your ability to be an exemplary steward of grant funds.

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Bus Driver Training-CDL Training

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