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NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH CONFERENCE 2019



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NATIVE AMERICAN YOUTH CONFERENCE 2019

Satellite Student Union

Friday, September 20, 2019

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Native American Youth Conference has been hosted by the Native American Initiative since 2016. The one-day conference is held at CSU, Fresno and takes place in the month of September around California Native American Day with a target audience of 6th-12th grade Native American students from all school districts. The conference will provide an opportunity for students to explore the pathways towards higher education, application admissions information, financial aid, cultural presentations, and campus resources.

9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. CHECK-IN, CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AND RESOURCE FAIR

10:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m. WELCOME

Provost Saul Jimenez-Sandoval

10:10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. OPENING REMARKS

Dr. Frank Lamas, Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Ralph Vigil, Superintendent of West Park School District

11:00 a.m. - 11:50 a.m. BREAKOUT WORKSHOPS

#1 I'm Bulldog Ready (11th - 12th) in Satellite Student Union

#2 Funding Your Future (10th) in Science 2 room 107

#3 I'm the First in My Family! (9th) in Peter's Building room 138

#4 I Want to Be a Future Bulldog (8th) in Peter's Building room 013

#5 Making Money Moves (7th) in Peter's Building room 192

#6 Exploring Fresno State Campus (6th) in front of Satellite Student Union

12:00 p.m. - 12:45 p.m. LUNCH in Satellite Student Union

EXPLORING ACADEMIC PATHWAYS & CULTURAL SHARING

12:50 p.m. - 1:10 p.m. *Cultural Sharing: Erik Escovedo, David Alvarez Jr., and Anthony Utterback*

1:10 p.m. - 1:45 p.m. *American Indian Studies Exploration, Dr. Leece Lee-Oliver
Director of American Indian Studies*

1:45 p.m. - 1:55 p.m. *Native Plant Gardern, Michelle Pipkin*

1:55 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. CLOSING REMARKS

Amber Esquivel, Outreach Counselor Native American Initiative

NATIVE AMERICAN INITIATIVE (NAI)

MISSION: The mission of the Native American Initiative is to partner with tribes and tribal organizations to provide Native American students access to higher education through advocacy, outreach, assistance, and advising.

VISION: The vision of the Native American Initiative is to foster a college going culture for Native American students and their families through providing access and promoting higher education by creating and nurturing relationships with tribes, organizations, and the community.

The Native American Initiative (NAI) has been established to increase exposure, preparation of enrollment and graduating Native American students at Fresno State. The following are essential components of the initiative:

- ▶ Reach out to Native American students through partnerships and collaborations with Rancherias, school districts, and tribal agencies servicing Native American students.
- ▶ Develop and maintain support networks within the university and the Native American community.
- ▶ Promote and support events that bring Native American students and community to the campus.
- ▶ Provide student academic mentoring and advisement that includes an "early warning" system.
- ▶ Connect students with mentors (faculty, staff, and alumni).