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2023 Native American Youth Conference

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Saturday, November 4, 2023
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Satellite Student Union

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Native American Initiative

Welcome, you belong here!

The Native American Youth Conference is hosted under the department of Outreach and Special Programs at Fresno State. This one-day conference target audience is 6th to 12th grade Native American students from all school districts. Our goal is to provide an opportunity for students to explore the pathways towards higher education by participating in workshops about college application admissions, financial aid and scholarships, A-G requirements, student services and resources. The conference will feature a keynote speaker, cultural and higher education workshops and information about on/off campus resources to help students prepare for college excel.



Conference Agenda

9 to 10 a.m. | Check-In

Morning breakfast snacks, student bag pick up, and resource fair.

10 to 10:15 a.m. | Welcome

Opening Prayer: **Nancy Ayala**, Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians

Welcome: **Dr. Kent Willis**, Vice President of Fresno State

10:15 to 10:35 a.m. | American Indian Studies Pipeline and Services

Professor **David Alvarez Jr.**, Pascua Yaqui

10:35 to 11:35 a.m. | Morning Word Spoken Poetry

Shane Lara, Natchitoches Tribes of Louisiana and Caddo Indians and

Christian Sorondo, Mescalero Apache and Ramámuri

11:35 to 11:45 a.m. | Opportunity Drawings

\$1,000 New Bulldog Scholarship for four High School Seniors

- Must be present to win
- Submit an application on Cal State Apply
- Attend Fresno State

Completed Passport for Drawings of Gift Baskets

11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. | Athletic Student Q&A

Victoria Dabney, Tule River Yokut Tribe

12:15 to 12:50 p.m. | Lunch Break

Boxed lunch provided by Apple Spice Catering, Opportunity Drawings, and Resource Fair

12:50 to 1 p.m. | Escort Guests to Workshop Rooms



Continued Conference Agenda

1 to 1:50 p.m. | Breakout Workshops

Science Building Room 139: Central Valley Movement Building: School to Prison Pipeline and Knowing Your Rights

Presenters: **Maria Hernandez**, CEO, Tower of Youth and **Mary Aguirrie**, Field Organizer CVMB

Science Building Room 141: Educational Opportunity Program "I'm the First in My Family" and How to pay for College?

Presenters: **Angelica Robles-Trinh**, Academic Counselor and **Ludwika Lopez**, Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships

Science Building Room 145: Neum Native American Student Association Student Panel

Moderator: **Anthony Lopez**, Manchester-Point Arena Band of Pomo Indians

Panelist: **Cameron D.C Garcia**, Chalon Indian Nation and Zacateco, **Veronica Ramirez**, Coastal Band of Chumash Nation, **Cassie Gaylan**, Shoshone, Apache, and Chumash, and **Lauren Stanger**, Choctaw

Science Building Room 143: OVCDC Creating Healthy Habits through Necklace Making

Presenters: **Rena Picaso**, Choinumni Tribe and **Paula Davila**, Manchester-Point Arena Band of Pomo Indians

Science Building Room 147: Pathways Towards Higher Education (A-G Requirements and Bulldog Bound)

Presenters: **Francisco Morales**, ETS College Counselor and **Jesse Farias**, Senior Recruitment Counselor

Outside SSU: Campus Tour of Fresno State with Outreach Ambassadors

Outside SSU: Physics Outreach Demonstrations and Activities with Professor Donald Williams and Students

2 to 2:30 p.m. | Cultural Performance - Satellite Student Union

Cali Amescua, Norman, **Katherine**, **Jaedyn LeGrant**, **Valentino Nelms**, and **Clay**

Madrigal from Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians, **Hanna Taylor**,

Confederated Tribe of Siletz Indians and Pascua Yaqui, **Alaia Lopez**, Confederated Tribes of Siletz, and **Andres Garnder**, Big Pine Paiute and Assiniboine

2:30 to 2:40 p.m. | Closing Remarks

Amber Esquivel, Picayune Rancheria of the Chukchansi Indians

2:40 to 3 p.m. | Conference T-Shirt Pick Up and Football Tickets

Allow Students to receive their shirts first before additional guests.

