

Navajo Nation Education Summit Agenda

Navajo Nation Museum
Window Rock, Arizona

From Cradle to Career: A Navajo Life in Numbers

Track 1 Education Policy Development

Track 2 Education Implementation at the School Site

Track 3 Education Methods and Pedagogical Practices

Track 4 Educational Research

DAY 1 Friday, November 16, 2012

8:00 am - 8:30 pm	Registration-Continental Breakfast- Navajo Nation Museum Lobby
8:15 am - 8:45 am	<p>Master of Ceremonies Mrs. Rebecca Benally, Vice President of Academic Affairs, Diné College</p> <p>Invocation Mr. Jimmy C. Begay, Navajo Nation Board of Education President</p> <p>Opening Song 4th Graders, Diné Bi Olta Immersion School, Fort Defiance, Arizona</p> <p>Welcome Mr. Jonathan Hale, Chair of the Health Education Human Services Committee</p>
9:00 am - 10:15 am	<p>Opening Roundtable: Partnering for the Success of Our Navajo Students</p> <p>Facilitator: Mr. Andrew Tah, Superintendent of Navajo Nation Schools</p> <p>Ms. Debora Norris, Arizona Indian Education Director Dr. Ferlin Clark, New Mexico Assistant Secretary for Indian Education Dr. Chuck Foster, Utah Indian Education Director Dr. Monty Roessel, Area Division Director of Navajo, Bureau of Indian Education</p>
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	<p>Public School Superintendents Roundtable: Working Towards the Advancement of Our Navajo Students</p> <p>Facilitator: Mr. Timothy Benally, Assistant Superintendent of Navajo Nation Schools</p> <p>Arizona Public School Districts Dr. Harold Begay, Tuba City Unified School District Mr. Harry Martin, Kayenta Unified School District Mrs. Mindy Porter, Sanders Unified School District Mr. Larry Wallen, Pinon Unified School District Mr. Williams Allsbrook, Ganado School District Dr. Jesus de la Garza, Chinle Unified School District Dr. Tommy Yazzie, Red Mesa Unified School District Dr. Deborah Jackson-Dennison, Window Rock Unified School District</p> <p>New Mexico Public School Districts Mr. Donald Levinski, Central Consolidated School District Mr. Leonard Haskie, Assistant Superintendent, Gallup McKinley County School District</p> <p>Utah Public School Districts Mr. Douglas Wright, San Jan School District</p>

12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	<p><i>Lunch at Quality Inn – Green Room</i></p> <p>Food Literacy: Food As A Way Thinking and Writing Vice President Rex Lee Jim, Navajo Nation</p>
1:30 pm – 3:00 pm	<p>BREAKOUT SESSIONS: TRACKS 1 to 4</p>
	<p>Track 1: Panel Discussion on Current Navajo Educational Political Initiatives to Improve Educational Access and Opportunities</p> <p>Facilitator Mrs. Rebecca Benally</p> <p>Presenters:</p> <p>“Changes in Navajo Student’s Scholarship Needs” Presented by Rose Graham, Director Navajo Nation Scholarship Office</p> <p>“The Grow Your Own Project” Presented by Dwight Witherspoon, Council Delegate Health Education and Human Services Committee</p> <p>“Navajo Nation Head Start and Reorganization” Presented by Sharon Singer, Navajo Head Start Assistant Superintendent</p>
	<p>Track 2: Panel Discussion on Moving Towards the Common Core Standards and Academic Achievement</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Tammy Benally, Senior Statistical Research Analyst Office of Educational Research and Statistics (OERS)</p> <p>Presenters: Mrs. Pandora Mike, Central Consolidated School District Mrs. Etta Shirley, Little Singer Community School Dr. Leo Johnson, Choosghai School Mrs. Jane Pitts, Tohajiilee School Mrs. Lolita Paddock, Kinlani Dormitory, Flagstaff, Arizona Mr. Cody Workman, Richfield Dormitory, Richfield, Utah</p>
	<p>Track 3: Integrating Navajo Language To Teach Mathematics in the Common Core Standards</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Henry Fowler</p>
	<p>Track 4: Research at the School Site</p> <p>Facilitator: Ms. Wendy Greyeyes, Statistician/Demographer Office of Educational Research and Statistics (OERS)</p> <p>“Native American Education 101: Building Relationships” Dr. Harold Begay, Superintendent, Tuba City Unified School District</p> <p>“Teachers as Leaders to move School Reform” Dr. Tamarah Pfeiffer, Alamo Navajo Community School</p>

3:15 pm - 5:00 pm	BREAKOUT SESSIONS: TRACKS 1 to 4
	<p>Track 1: Panel Discussion on The Future of Department of Diné Education: State Education Agency and the Accountability Workbook</p> <p>Facilitator: Dr. Vincent Werito, Assistant Professor, University of New Mexico</p> <p>Presenters: Mr. Andrew Tah, Department of Diné Education Superintendent Mr. Jimmy C. Begay, Navajo Nation Board of Education President Dr. Kalvin White, Education Administrator, Office of Diné School Improvement Mr. Dwight Witherspoon, Health Education and Human Services Council Delegate</p>
	<p>Track 2: Navajo Education: The Past, Present and Beyond</p> <p>A Presentation by Dr. Monty Roessel, Navajo Area Division Director Bureau of Indian Education</p>
	<p>Track 3: Best Practices at the Remedial Level</p> <p>Facilitator Mr. Daryl Begay, Director of Development, Diné College</p> <p>Presenters: Mrs. Glennita Haskey, Vice President of Student Success, Diné College Mr. Roy Tracy, Data Assessment Director, Navajo Technical College Dr. Neal Mangham, Dean of Academics, University of New Mexico, Gallup Campus Dr. Esequiel Garcia, Director of Student Affairs, University of New Mexico, Gallup Campus</p>
	<p>Track 4: On the Road to School Readiness</p> <p>Presented by: Mr. Lamont Yazzie, Head Start Principal Education Specialist</p>

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DAY 2 Saturday, November 17, 2012

8:00 am - 8:30 am	Registration - Continental Breakfast
8:00 am - 8:30 am	<p>Master of Ceremonies Mr. Allan Blacksheep, Office of Diné School Improvement</p> <p>Invocation Mr. Dwight Witherspoon, Health Education and Human Services Council Delegate</p> <p>Opening Song Puente De Hozho School, Flagstaff, Arizona (invited)</p>
8:30 am - 10:30 am	<p>Current Students and Successful Professionals</p> <p>Facilitator: Mr. Jarvis Williams, Navajo Nation Tribal Council Speaker Assistant</p> <p>Student Panelists: Charles Lawrence, St. Michaels High School Casey Brown and Michelle Yazzie, Tohatchi High School Trevor Farlon and Damon Clark, Navajo Preparatory School</p> <p>Professional Panelists: Brianne Arviso, Construction Engineer Michelle Silver, Fashion Designer Don James, Magazine Photographer Jerome Clark, Communications</p>
10:45 am - 12:00 pm	BREAKOUT SESSIONS: TRACKS 1 to 4
	<p>Track 1: Navajo Nation Board of Education Panel discussing Title 10 Initiatives: Focusing on the Efforts of the Board and the Future of the Board</p> <p>Facilitator: Mr. Dwight Witherspoon, Health Education and Human Services Council Delegate</p> <p>Presenters: Mr. Jimmy C. Begay, Navajo Nation Board of Education President Mrs. Dolly C. Begay, Navajo Nation Board of Education Vice President Mrs. Gloria Johns, Navajo Nation Board of Education Navajo Culture Representative</p>

	<p>Track 2: Navajo Technical College Panel</p> <p>Facilitator Dr. Tim Begaye</p> <p>Vernon Kaye Major: Digital Manufacturing (BAS degree in Information Technology) Dwight Carlston Major: Environmental Science and Natural Resources Kim Mahung-Slim Major: Industrial Engineering (BS degree) Cheryl Wilson Major: Registered Nursing Program (AAS degree)</p>
	<p>Track 3: Panel Discussion on Implementing Best Practice, Method and Strategy for Teaching K-6 Reading and Getting Results for Student Achievement</p> <p>Facilitator: Mrs. Rebecca Benally</p> <p>Presenters: Mrs. Ida Tohonnie, Kindergarten Teacher (20+), Montezuma Creek Elementary Mrs. Inez Burke, 3rd Grade Teacher, Montezuma Creek Elementary Mrs. Rebecca Benally, Vice President of Student Affairs, Diné College Former Principal for Montezuma Creek Elementary</p> <p>Track 4: Research on the Navajo Language Decline: An Overview</p> <p>Presented by: Dr. Ancita Benally, Program Education Manager Office of Standards, Curriculum, and Assessment Development</p> <p>Student Panel: Mr. Dmitri Neezzhoni, Arizona State University Alumni Mr. Joseph O'Daniel, Freshman, Flagstaff High School Ms. Lakeisha Todechine, Senior, Flagstaff High School</p>
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	<p>Family BBQ - Navajo Nation Museum Resource Room Door Prizes Announced!</p>
1:30 pm - 3:00 pm	<p>BREAKOUT SESSIONS: TRACKS 1 to 4</p>
	<p>Track 1: Bureau of Indian Education and Grant School Board Panel: A discussion on the effort to address Adequate Yearly Progress and the Common Core Standards</p> <p>Opening Presentation by Guy Archambeau, Education Consultant The Common Core Institute</p> <p>Mr. Edison Wauneka, Navajo Prep Board President Mrs. Eunice Begay, Tuba City Boarding School President Mr. Ervin Chavez, Dziłth-Na-O'Dith-Hle Community School Board President Mrs. Cornelia Wagoner, Little Singer School Board President (unconf)</p> <p>Track 2: Parent Panel: Raising Up Our Next Generation of Leaders Facilitator: Mr. Patrick Lynch</p> <p>Parents: Mrs. Delphine & Mr. Wally Chief Mrs. Cassandra Allen Mrs. Rhonda Etsitty</p>

Track 3: Constructing “Exemplary” Indigenous Pedagogical Practices with Teachers of Indigenous Youth: Research Implications for Diné Education

**Dr. Vincent Werito, Assistant Professor
University of New Mexico**

Track 4: A Navajo Life in Numbers: Examining the Health, Criminal, Education and Economics of the Navajo Today

**Presented by
Wendy Greyeyes, Tammy Benally and Sethalene Roanhorse
Office of Educational Research and Statistics (OERS)**

3:00 pm - 3:30 pm

End of Education Summit—Afternoon Snacks