

Annual AIHEC Student Conference

Honoring Our Traditions, Adapting to Our Future

March 9 - 12, 2024

Minneapolis Convention Center

Minneapolis, MN

SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2024

1:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Registration	Mezzanine Level Lobby
1:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Exhibitors Set-up	101-AB, Lower Level Lobby, L100-F, L100-E, and Mezzanine Lobby
1:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Store Set-up	Mezzanine Level, M100-F
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	AIHEC Host Committee Meeting	Mezzanine Level, M101-C
5:30 pm - 6:30 pm	Coaches Meeting	Lower Level, Exhibit Hall A
6:30 pm - 7:00 pm	T-Shirt Exchange & Pizza Party	Ballroom A
7:00 pm - 10:30 pm	TCJ Student Poetry Slam	Ballroom A
	This ever-popular event showcases three-minute poems from tribal college students who have registered for the slam. There are four rounds to the poetry slam, with one poet being crowned the AIHEC slam poet laureate of the year.	

Staff & Judges Office located in Mezzanine Level M101-C Saturday-Tuesday

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

7:30 am - 8:00 am	Host Committee Meeting	Mezzanine Level, M101-C
8:00 am - 2:00 pm	Registration	Mezzanine Level Lobby
8:00 am - 12:00 pm	Art Show Set-up & Intake	Mezzanine Level, M100-G, M100-H, and M100-I
8:00 am - 8:30 am	Parade of Flags - Line Up	Ballroom A - Hallway
8:30 am - 10:30 am	Opening Ceremony	Ballroom A and B
	MC: Chief Dan King - Red Lake Nation College	
	SPEAKERS: Ricardo RJ Maaingan, Mr. AIHEC 2023 Kenneth Martin, Director, American Indian Environmental Office, Office of International and Tribal Affairs Dennis Olson, Commissioner of Higher Education, State of Minnesota AIHEC Chairman and Little Big Horn College President	
	KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Peggy Flanagan, Lieutenant Governor, State of Minnesota	
10:30 am - 11:00 am	Morning Refreshment Break	Lower Level Lobby and Mezzanine Hallway by M100E
10:30 am - 5:00 pm	Exhibitors Open	101-AB, Lower Level Lobby, L100-F, L100-E, and Mezzanine Lobby
10:30 am - 5:00 pm	Store	Mezzanine Level, M100-F
Student Competitions		
11:00 am - 5:00 pm	Archery	Lower Level, Exhibit Hall A
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Art Show (Public Voting for People's Choice Award)	Mezzanine Level, M100-G, M100-H, and M100-I
11:00 am - 5:00 pm	CIS - Cyber Security	Mezzanine Level, M100-D
11:00 am - 5:00 pm	Chess	Mezzanine Level, M100-J
11:00 am - 5:00 pm	Critical Inquiry	Lower Level, L100-G
11:00 am - 5:00 pm	Film Showings	Mezzanine Level, M100-E
11:00 am - 5:00 pm	Knowledge Bowl	Mezzanine Level, M100-A, M100-B, and M100-C
11:00 am - 5:00 pm	Mr./Ms./Mx. AIHEC and Student Congress	Lower Level, L100-C
11:00 am - 5:00 pm	One Act Play Rehearsal	Lower Level, L100-A and L100-B
11:00 am - 5:00 pm	Science Bowl	Lower Level, L100-H, L100-I, and L100-J
11:00 am - 5:00 pm	Speech	Lower Level, L100-D
7:00 pm - 11:30 pm	Handgames	Lower Level, Exhibit Hall A
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Refreshment Break	Lower Level Lobby and Mezzanine Hallway by M100E
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Honoring Native Scholars: A Celebration for All hosted by American Indian College Fund	Ballroom A and B

MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

7:30 am - 8:00 am	Host Committee Meeting	Mezzanine Level, M101-C
7:30 am - 10:30 am	AIHEC 5K Run	Off Property - Bus will leave from MCC
	7:30am-7:45am Bus arrives at Minneapolis Convention Center	
	7:45am Bus departs Minneapolis Convention Center	
	8:00am Bus arrives at 43 SE Main St, Minneapolis, MN 55414	
	8:15am Race begins	
	9:30am Bus picks up participants and returns to MCC	
8:30 am - 2:00 pm	Registration	Mezzanine Level Lobby
8:30 am - 10:00 am	General Assembly	Ballroom A
	SPEAKER: Kenneth Martin, Director, American Indian Environmental Office, Office of International and Tribal Affairs	
	KEYNOTE SPEAKER: James Vukelich, Kaagegaabaw, Author of Seven Generations and The Seven Grandfather Teachings	
9:00 am - 7:00 pm	Exhibitors	101-AB, Lower Level Lobby, L100-F, L100-E, and Mezzanine Lobby
9:00 am - 7:00 pm	Store	Mezzanine Level, M100-F
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Morning Refreshment Break	Lower Level Lobby
Student Competitions		
10:30 am - 6:00 pm	Archery	Lower Level, Exhibit Hall A
8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Art Show	Mezzanine Level, M100-G, M100-H, and M100-I
	8:00am-12:00pm Judging (closed to public)	
	9:00am-10:00am Photo Session (closed to public)	
	12:00pm-6:00pm Award Viewing (Open to public)	
10:30 am - 6:00 pm	Business Bowl	Lower Level, L100-C
10:30 am - 6:00 pm	Critical Inquiry	Lower Level, L100-G
10:30 am - 6:00 pm	Film Showings	Mezzanine Level, M100-E
10:30 am - 6:00 pm	Knowledge Bowl	Mezzanine Level, M100-A, M100-B, and M100-C
10:30 am - 6:00 pm	One Act Play	Lower Level, L100-A and L100-B
10:30 am - 6:00 pm	Science Poster	Lower Level, Hallway
10:30 am - 6:00 pm	Speech	Lower Level, L100-D
10:30 am - 6:00 pm	Traditional Plants	Mezzanine Level, M100-J
10:30 am - 6:00 pm	International Development Challenge	Mezzanine Level, M100-D
12:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Mr./Ms./Mx. AIHEC and Student Congress	Lower Level, L100-H
7:00 pm - 11:30 pm	Handgames	Ballroom B
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Harnessing the power of the TCU vote	Lower Level, L100-H
	Tribal colleges and universities (TCUs) are rooted in tribal self-determination and carry long legacies of activism and engagement. As the next generation of tribal leaders, TCU students' voices are powerful, and it is important to ensure these voices are represented in elections. In this session, participants will discuss the importance of civic engagement and the climate of political participation on their campus. Participants will walk away with tools to help utilize their voice to make a difference and mobilize their campus to have a positive impact on the broader community.	
11:00 pm - 12:00 pm	Tribal College Press Presents Thomas Davis	Lower Level, L100-I
	Tribal College Press invites you to a poetry reading and book signing for Thomas Davis' recent book, <i>Meditation on Ceremonies of Beginnings: The Tribal College and World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium Poems</i> . Davis, an educator and leader in the Tribal College Movement for over 30 years, recounts the growth and development of the Tribal College Movement and world Indigenous higher education through his unique brand of poetry.	
	Don't miss this special event!	
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Interested in Law School?	Lower Level, L100-I
	This session will break down the law school admissions process and provide information on key preparatory programs to put you in the best position for law school admission. Join current Native law students and staff from the American Indian Law Center's Pre-Law Summer Institute for this interactive session.	
	SPEAKERS: Danielle Ortiz and Rodina Cave Parnall	

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm	AmeriCorps a Gateway to the Life you Choose	Lower Level, L100-I
	Have you ever spent time thinking about your legacy? Do you have a desire and passion to serve communities and people? Do you want to earn money for college? Join us to learn about how AmeriCorps can help you build a lasting legacy of service. During this presentation you will learn about our diverse programs, how they positively impact communities and the benefits of service, including money for college and living stipend. Let's create your legacy together by using your gifts and talents to positively impact future generations. PRESENTERS: Lamar Butler and Brooke Crosby	
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Refreshment Break	Lower Level Lobby
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Native FEWS Alliance Reception	Mezzanine Level, M101-A and M101-B
	The Native FEWS Alliance welcomes all TCU students, staff, and faculty to visit us at our booth and in our meeting room (M101A/B) throughout the conference. Please come to our reception on Monday, March 11, from 3-6pm, where we will offer food and be on hand to discuss opportunities and issues. The Native FEWS Alliance has a goal to significantly broaden the participation of Native American students in FEWS (Food, Energy, and Water Systems) education and careers to address critical challenges facing Native communities. https://nativefewsalliance.org/	
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Pow Wow	Lower Level, Exhibit Hall A

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

8:00 am - 9:00 am	Host Committee Meeting	Mezzanine Level, M101-C
9:00 am - 2:00 pm	Registration	Mezzanine Level Lobby
9:00 am - 10:00 am	General Assembly - N8V Dance Fitness with Michelle Reed!	Ballroom A
	Join us for a morning of N8V Dance Fitness, a workout designed to combine culture, health and wellness. All fitness levels welcome! KEYNOTE FACILITATOR: Michelle Reed, manager and co-founder of the Woodland Sky Native American Dance Company	
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Exhibitors	101-AB, Lower Level Lobby, L100-F, L100-E, and Mezzanine Lobby
9:00 am - 4:00 pm	Store	Mezzanine Level, M100-F
10:00 am - 10:30 am	Morning Refreshment Break	Lower Level Lobby

Student Competitions

10:30 am - 2:00 pm	Art Show	Mezzanine Level, M100-G, M100-H, and M100-I
	2:00pm-4:00pm Artwork Pick Up (closed to public)	
10:30 am - 3:00 pm	Business Bowl	Lower Level, L100-C
10:30 am - 3:00 pm	Critical Inquiry	Lower Level, L100-G
10:30 am - 3:00 pm	Film Showings	Mezzanine Level, M100-E
10:30 am - 3:00 pm	Knowledge Bowl	Mezzanine Level, M100-B and M100-C
10:30 am - 3:00 pm	One Act Play	Lower Level, L100-A and L100-B
10:30 am - 3:00 pm	Science Oral Presentation	Lower Level, L100-H and L100-I
10:30 am - 3:00 pm	International Development Challenge	Mezzanine Level, M100-D
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm	Mr./Ms./Mx. AIHEC and Student Congress	Lower Level, L100-D

10:00 am - 11:30 am	Federal Resources Talking Circle with TCU Faculty, NASA, and Department of Energy	Mezzanine Level, M100-J
	Spend time discussing the needs, wants, and barriers regarding federal opportunities for students and faculty at Tribal Colleges and Universities. Information on federal fellowships, internships, and funding opportunities available from NASA and the U.S. Department of Energy will be shared. COORDINATOR/PRESENTER: Caroline Montgomery, NASA PRESENTERS: Jasmine Anderson, US Department of Energy, Office of Energy Justice and Equity Caleb Woodall, US Department of Energy, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management	
10:30 am - 12:00 pm	Harnessing the power of the TCU vote	Lower Level, L100-D
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10:30 am - 3:00 pm	Indigenous Research by Indigenous Researchers for Indigenous Communities	Mezzanine Level, M100-A
	Sit down with Indigenous researchers from the University of North Dakota in partnership with AIHEC and learn about health research opportunities for TCU students and faculty. Join us at 10:30 am, 12 pm, and 1:30 pm.	
2:00 pm - 2:30 pm	Refreshment Break	Lower Level Lobby
2:30 pm - 4:30 pm	American Indian College Fund Student Focus Group (invitation only)	Mezzanine Level, M100-J
	Invited students will be asked to share their experiences as TCU students and their vision for the future of the tribal college movement. FACILITATORS: Aaron Payment, Kai & Cheryl Crazy Bull, American Indian College Fund	
3:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Red Lake Nation College Minneapolis Sneak Peek Tour	Pick up from MCC 2nd Ave Entrance
	* FREE 15 minute Tours and Open House * Shuttle bus will take people from Convention Center to the RLNC and back. The RLNC is only a few minutes from the Convention Center.	
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Awards Banquet	Ballroom A and B