

SAIGE 8th Annual National Training Conference
 Hard Rock Hotel, Tulsa, OK
 June 13 – June 17, 2011

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES

Sunday, June 12

11:00am registration, 1:30pm tee-off **First SAIGE Golf Tournament** **Cherokee Hills Golf Club**
 7:00 – 9:00 pm **Youth Track Reception (Students only)** **Deer Room**

Monday June 13

| Time | Subject | Location |
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| 8:30 – 12:00 | Exhibits Setup | Sequoyah III and IV and Corridors |
| 8:00 – 5:00 | Youth Track Gathering – JoAnn Brant, Youth Coordinator; Students (food service all day) | Augusta room/Clubhouse St. Andrews |
| 8:00 – 5:00 | Federal Indian Law Immersion Course – Walter Echo Hawk, Stephan Pevar, Jack Trope (<i>Separate Course, not included in SAIGE registration</i>) | Sky Room, 18 th Floor |
| 9:00 -10:00 | Planning Committee Meeting | 7 th Floor Boardroom |
| 10:00 -11:00 | Registration Volunteers Meeting | 7 th Floor Boardroom |
| Pre-Conference Forums: | | |
| 8:30 – 11:30 | National Guard Bureau | Sequoyah I |
| 9:45 – 10:15 | Break | |
| 1:00 – 5:00 | Department of Defense | Sequoyah II |
| | Department of Interior – USGS Host | Sequoyah V |
| 2:30 -3:30 | Break | Sequoyah Pre-function |
| 5:30 -6:00 | <i>Introduction to SAIGE</i> – SAIGE officers / Board -short session for newbies | Wolf Room |
| 4:30 – 7:00 | Registration Open | Registration Office |
| 6:30 – 8:30 | Cultural Reception and Networking – Welcome: COL Michael J. Teague, USACE; music by Jessica Hunt, Bartlesville Indian Women's Club Indian Regalia Style show, Whitecloud Dance Group | Sky Room, 18 th Floor |

“Service, Honor, Respect: Strengthening Our Cultures and Communities”

Society of American Indian Government Employees

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AGENDA

Tracks:

Culture & Diversity, EEO & HR, Indian Country, Natural Resources, Professional Development, and Wellness

Tuesday Morning June 14

Opening Ceremonies

| Time | Subject | Location |
|---|---|--------------------------------|
| 7:00 – 8:00 | Breakfast | Sequoyah III & IV |
| 7:30 - 10:00 | Registration | Registration Desk |
| 7:30 – 5:00 | Exhibit Hall Open | Sequoyah III & IV/Corridors |
| 8:00 – 5:00 | Federal Indian Law Immersion Course II – Walter Echo Hawk, Stephan Pevar, Jack Trope (<i>Separate Course, not included in SAIGE registration</i>) | Sky Room |
| 8:00 – 8:20 | Opening Ceremonies <i>Presentations of Colors</i> – Osage Color Guard <i>Opening Prayer</i> - John Red Eagle, Osage Tribe <i>Veterans Honoring Song</i> | The Joint |
| 8:20 – 8:30 | General Plenary Session <i>Introductions</i> - Danny Garceau, SAIGE Chairman | |
| 8:30 – 8:45 | <i>Welcome</i> – Chad Smith, Cherokee Nation | |
| 8:45 – 9:00 | <i>Honoring Chief Mankiller</i> | |
| 9:00 – 9:15 | <i>Welcome</i> – John Red Eagle, Osage Nation | |
| 9:15 – 9:30 | <i>Welcome</i> – Kevin Dellinger, Muscogee Creek Nation | |
| 9:30 – 9:35 | <i>Opening Remarks</i> ; SAIGE update – Danny Garceau | |
| 9:35 – 9:50 | <i>Welcome</i> – General Craig R. McKinley, USAF, Chief NGB | |
| 9:50 - 10:20 | Speaker – John Berry, Director, Office of Personnel Management | |
| 10:20 - 10:30 | Break – 10 minutes | The Joint |
| 10:30 -11:15 | Panel - <i>National Coalition for Equity in Public Service Panel</i> : BIG, FAPAC, FEW, Image, SAIGE | The Joint |
| 11:15 – 11:30 | Youth Track Introduction – JoAnn Brant, Youth Coordinator, Environmental Protection Agency, and College students | |
| 11:45 – 1:00 | Luncheon | Sequoyah I,II,V & VI |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | <i>Musical presentation</i> -United Keetoowah Band Youth Choir | |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | Speaker : Lt. Cmdr. Ken Vargas, Navy, Civil Engineer Corps | |
| 12:30 – 1:00 | Speaker John M. Taylor, Director, Human Capital Management Division, Office of Human Resources, Environmental Protection Agency | |
| 11:45 – 1:00 | <i>NCEPS Luncheon/ Meeting</i> (by invitation) | Amber Private Dining Room |
| 8:00 – 5:00 | <i>Concurrent Affinity Meeting</i> – National Guard Bureau | Augusta/St. Andrews Club House |
| June 14 CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS | | |
| Time/Track | Subject | Location |
| 1:30 – 2:45 | | Sequoyah I |
| Culture & Diversity | <i>Osage Cultural presentation</i> - Vann Big Horse | |
| Professional Development | <i>Following your Passion in your Profession</i> – Don Chapman, Sr. Advisor Native American Affairs, Office of the Secretary, US Department of Commerce | Sequoyah II |
| Indian Country | <i>Indians 101</i> – Shana Barehand, Senior Tribal Liaison, Washington State Department of Revenue, and Luke Jones, Sr. Policy Advisor, American Indian Environmental Office, EPA | Sequoyah V |
| Indian Country | <i>Treaty Rights & Federal Indian Trust Responsibility</i> – Stephen Pevar, Senior Staff Counsel, American Civil Liberties Union | Sequoyah VI |

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| EEO & HR | <i>Rights and Obligations for Religious Accommodation in the Workplace – Lenard Angevine, Assistant Director, Field Operations and Diversity and Inclusion Programs, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Office of Diversity and Civil Rights</i> | Deer Room |
| Culture & Diversity | <i>White House Tribal College Initiative: What your Agency can do – William Mendoza, Acting Director, White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities; John Gritts, Department of Education, TCU Lead</i> | Wolf Room |
| Break | 30 minutes | Sequoyah III & IV |
| 3:15 – 4:30 Indian Country | <i>The Doctrine of Discovery and UN Declaration on Indigenous Rights – Steven Newcomb, Indigenous Law Institute</i> | Sequoyah I |
| Wellness | <i>Breaking the Cycle: Healing from the Residential School Experience, Part I - Sade Ali, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health</i> | Sequoyah II |
| Culture & Diversity | <i>Comanche Cultural Presentation – Wallace Coffey, Bernard Kahrahr, Native Cultural Sovereignty and Religious Freedom</i> | Sequoyah V |
| Culture & Diversity | <i>Indians! In The Post Office : American Indians in WPA-Era Murals – Sandra Starr, Sr. Researcher, National Museum of the American Indian</i> | Sequoyah VI |
| Professional Development | <i>Leadership Issues for Native American Women “Developing Authentic Leaders Through Mentoring and Coaching”- Mary Anna Weber, FEW – an Intergenerational conversation on leadership challenges – panel: SES, student, mid-career</i> | Deer Room |
| Professional Development | <i>Advancing Your Career in a Provincial Reconstruction Team - Patrick Broyles, USDA Soil & Water Ministry Advisor, US Embassy, Baghdad, Iraq</i> | Wolf Room |

Tuesday Evening Activities (Optional)

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| 5:30 | SAIGE Let's Move! Evening Fitness Walk/Run | Meet at Hotel Front Desk |
| 6:00 – 7:30 | Boarding School Class Gathering, Talking Circle – (for those attending the Healing from Boarding School class) | Wolf Room |
| 7:30 – 10:00 | Sponsors Recognition Reception – Special Musical Guests, Don Chapman; Jessica V Sponsors Recognition SAIGE Awards presentation Danny Garceau/CFR Chapter Chris Carusona, Denver, 2012 Book Signing – Larry Keown | Friction |

Wednesday Morning June 15

| Time | Subject | Location |
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| 7:00 – 8:00 | Breakfast | Sequoyah III & IV |
| 7:30 - 10:00 | Registration | |
| 7:30 – 5:00 | Exhibit Hall Open | Sequoyah III & IV |
| 8:00 – 5:00 | <i>Concurrent Affinity Meeting – National Guard Bureau</i> | Augusta/St. Andrews Club House |
| 8:00 – 8:30 | General Plenary Session Speaker – Michael Kelley, DOI GLOBE (invited) | The Joint |
| 8:30 – 9:00 | National Guard Bureau Special Recognition & MOU Signing | |
| 9:00 – 9:45 | Panel – Agencies' Response to the President's Directive on Tribal Consultation: Don Chapman, Commerce; Janie Hipp, USDA; Dorothy FireCloud, DOI NPS, Luke Jones, EPA; Susan Johnson, Tribal Relations Program Manager, US Forest Service, Moderator | |
| 9:45 -10:00 | Speaker – RADM Samuel Cox, Navy | |
| 10:00– 10:15 | Break – 15 minutes | The Joint |
| 10:15 – 10:45 | Speaker- Kevin Jennings, Department of Education, Assistant Deputy Secretary for Safe and Drug-Free Schools | The Joint |
| 10:45 – 11:30 | Panel – Religious Freedom and Sacred Sites on Public Land- Walter Echo-Hawk, Jr.; Jack Trope, Assn. on American Indian Affairs; Janie Hipp, USDA; | |

Susan Johnson, Moderator

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| 11:45 – 1:00 | Luncheon | Sequoyah I,II,V & VI |
| 12:00 – 12:15 | <i>Introduction of Jorgensen Scholarship Winner-</i> Luke Jones, EPA | |
| 12:15 – 12:30 | Chad Smith, Principal Chief, Cherokee Nation | |
| 12:30 – 1:00 | Speaker -Larry Echo Hawk, Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior | |

Wednesday afternoon – Career Fair

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| 1:30 - 2:45 | Sponsor presentations: Speakers: Navy, NOAA, NGB, DOD, EPA | Wolf Room |
| 1:30 – 4:30 | Career Fair/Exhibit Hall Open – Public welcome | Sequoyah III & IV |

Wednesday afternoon – June 15 Concurrent Sessions

| June 15 CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS | | |
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| Time/Track | Subject | Location |
| 1:30 – 2:45 | | |
| Culture & Diversity | <i>Alaska Natives 101 - Historical Timeline from an Alaska Native viewpoint</i> – Brenda Takes Horse, Native Liaison, Bureau of Land Management | Sequoyah I |
| Indian Country | <i>In the Courts of the Conquerors-</i> Walter Echo-Hawk, Jr., Attorney, Crowe & Dunlevy | Sequoyah II |
| Wellness | <i>Breaking the Cycle: Healing from the Residential School Experience, Part II-</i> Sade Ali, Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health | Sequoyah V |
| Professional Development | <i>Speed Mentoring</i> – Nancy Berryhill, Chicago Regional Commissioner, Social Security Administration, Kimberly Yellow Robe, American Indian Public Affairs, Social Security Administration, San Francisco Region | Sequoyah VI |
| Natural Resources | <i>Getting Conservation on the Ground for Indian Country in Oklahoma</i> - Carol Crouch, Ron Hilliard, NRCS; Butch Garner and Trent Holland, Cherokee Nation | Deer Room |
| Indian Country | <i>Working In Indian Country: Building Successful Business Relationships with Tribal Governments (2 back-to-back sessions) Part I</i> -Larry Keown, LDK Associates | Sky Room |
| Break | 30 minutes | Sequoyah III & IV |
| 3:15 – 4:30 | | |
| Indian Country | <i>Shadow Wolves: Drug Trafficking on the Border</i> – Kevin Carlos, Carol Yazzie; Department of Homeland Security, Homeland Security Investigations | Sequoyah I |
| Professional Development | <i>Making your Resume Stand Out</i> – Doris Brown, AVUE Technologies | Sequoyah II |
| Natural Resources | <i>New Indian Energy: Beyond a Neo-Colonial Model</i> – David Lester, Executive Director, Council of Energy Resource Tribes | Sequoyah V |
| Culture & Diversity | <i>Inclusive Workplace Strategy: How to Make Your Agency a Model of Diversity</i> – John Burden, Chief Diversity Officer, Department of the Interior | Sequoyah VI |
| Natural Resources | <i>Effective Conservation Partnerships in Indian Country-</i> Carol Crouch, Ron Hilliard, NRCS; Jack Hicks and Doyle Bacon, Choctaw Nation | Deer Room |
| Indian Country | <i>Working In Indian Country: Building Successful Business Relationships with Tribal Governments (2 back-to-back sessions) Part II-</i> Larry Keown, LDK Associates | Sky Room |
| Indian Country | <i>Update on Forest Service Sacred Sites Policy – Informal Open House</i> – Susan Johnson, Tribal Relations Program Manager, US Forest Service | Bear Room |

Wednesday Evening Activities

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| 5:30 | SAIGE Let's Move! Evening Fitness Walk/Run | Meet at Hotel Front Desk |
| 5:30 – 7:00 | <i>Department of Defense Military Awards Reception</i> – all are welcome | Sequoyah II |
| 6:00 – 7:30 | <i>Boarding School Class Gathering, Talking Circle</i> – (for those attending the <i>Healing from Boarding School</i> class) | Wolf Room |
| 7:30 – 9:30 | <i>Native Socializing and Music</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Round Dance Songs, Beading, Hand game demonstration <i>Youth Track Presentation</i> | The Joint |

Book signing – Walter Echo Hawk
Announcement of Silent Auction Winners

Thursday Morning – June 16

| Time | Subject | Location |
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| 7:00 – 8:00 | Breakfast | Sequoyah III & IV |
| 8:00 - 10:00 | Registration | |
| 7:30 – 5:00 | Exhibit Hall Open | Sequoyah III & IV |
| 9:00 – 11:30 | Concurrent Youth Track Session | Wolf Room |
| 8:00 – 4:00 | Concurrent Veterans' Track – See separate Agenda | Sky Room |

June 16

MORNING CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

| Time/Track | Subject | Location |
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| 8:15 – 9:30 Wellness | <i>Decolonizing Diet Project</i> – Martin Reinhart, Assistant Professor of Native American Studies, Northern Michigan University | Sequoyah I |
| Culture & Diversity | <i>Cherokee Cultural Presentation</i> – Joseph Erb – Cherokee Nation Language Preservation Program, Cherokee language app on the I-phone | Sequoyah II |
| Indian Country | <i>Let's Move! In Indian Country</i> – Brandi Sweet, Bureau of Indian Education, Department of the Interior | Sequoyah V |
| EEO & HR | <i>Leadership in MD-715</i> – Veronica Vasquez, OEO, Dept. of the Navy | Sequoyah VI |
| Natural Resources | <i>Working with Tribes in Land Management</i> - Cheryle Zwang, BLM, Deputy State Director, Communications, Idaho State Office | Deer Room |
| 9:30 - 9:45 | Break – 15 Minutes | Sequoyah III & IV |

| Time/Track | Subject | Location |
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| 9:45 -11:00 Culture & Diversity | Mvskoke History, Culture & Tradition: Ever Changing, Ever the Same– Edwin Marshall | Sequoyah I |
| Indian Country | <i>Working Government to Government: Going Beyond Consultation</i> - Hankie Ortiz, IHS; Deb Gee, Chickasaw Deputy General Counsel; Melanie Knight, Cherokee Nation Enterprises (invited) – Karen Wilde, NPS, Becky Lewis, IRS, Shana Barehand, Moderator, Senior Tribal Liaison, Washington State Department of Revenue | Sequoyah II |
| Professional Development | <i>Wisdom Keepers Mentoring Roundtable: Senior & New Native Managers</i> – Cheryle Zwang, BLM, Deputy State Director, Communications, Idaho State Office; Fredericka Joseph, BIA, Youth Program Coordinator; Noller Herbert, Director, Conservation Engineering, USDA NRCS | Sequoyah V |
| Professional Development | <i>Look for the Native Label: Contracting with Native Owned Businesses</i> – Dee St. Cyr, Director of Business Development, and Karen Young, Government Sales Manager, CADDO Solutions | Sequoyah VI |
| Professional Development | <i>Networking – Working the Room</i> - Carla Grantham, Congressional Liaison for Recruitment Strategies Coast Guard | Deer Room |
| 11:00 – 1:00 | Lunch and Networking – On your own SAIGE Planning Committee Luncheon | Starlight Private Dining Room |

June 16

AFTERNOON CONCURRENT BREAKOUT SESSIONS

| Time/Track | Subject | Location |
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| 1:30 – 2:45 Culture & Diversity | <i>USACE Cultural Immersion Programs</i> - Eugene Goff, USACE, Operations Project Manager; Osage Immersion Course | Sequoyah I |
| EEO & HR | <i>Disability Etiquette</i> – Becky Lewis, EEO, IRS | Sequoyah II |

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| EEO & HR | <i>Building Relationships with Native Communities to Increase STEM Exposure-</i> Steve Grey, LLL, DOE; Dr. Suzanne Van Cooten, Meteorologist, NOAA: Maria Montour, USGS; Georgia Madrid, NOAA, OAR, Moderator | Sequoyah V |
| Professional Development | <i>Senior Executive Service Panel</i> – Hankie Ortiz, Indian Health Service; Noller Herbert, USDA; Nancy Berryhill, SSA | Sequoyah VI |
| Culture & Diversity | <i>Starting a SAIGE Chapter</i> , Veronica Vasquez, Dept. of the Navy | Deer Room |
| Break | 30 minutes | Sequoyah III & IV |
| Professional Development | <i>Grant Writing</i> – Administration on Native Americans (invited) | Wolf Room |
| Thursday June 16 | <i>Concurrent Veterans' Track – Agenda: See next page</i> | <i>Sky Room</i> |

Thursday Evening Activities

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| 5:30 | SAIGE Let's Move! Evening Fitness Walk/Run | Meet at Hotel Front Desk |
| 4:30 | Community Feed | Sequoyah I,IV & VI |
| 5:00 – 7:00 | Hiring Heroes Expo | Sequoyah III & IV |
| 5:00 | "Honoring Our Veterans Pow Wow" | Sequoyah I,IV & VI |
| | Gourd Dance | |
| 7:00 | Grand Entry | |
| 10:00 | End | |

Friday June 17

| Time | Subject | Location |
|--------------|---|---------------------------------|
| 7:00 – 8:30 | Breakfast | Sequoyah III & IV |
| 9:00 – 12:00 | Exhibit Hall breakdown (Native Vendors may stay until 2:00 pm) | Sequoyah III & IV |
| 8:30 – 11:00 | Closeout General Session Speaker - Cara Cowan Watts – Deputy Speaker, Cherokee Nation Tribal Council, Elected Representative, District 7 Will Rogers Speaker – Shana Barehand, Senior Tribal Liaison, Washington State Department of Revenue Wrap-up - Danny Garceau Closing Prayer | Sequoyah I,II,V & VI |
| Noon | Lunch on your own | |
| 12:00 – 1:30 | <i>SAIGE Board Luncheon</i> | Amber Private Dining Room |
| 2:00 - 4:30 | <i>SAIGE Board Meeting</i> | 7 th Floor Boardroom |
| All Day | Local Tours (self service) | |

*Thank you for making our 8th Annual Training Conference our best ever.
Please travel home safely, and we will see you next year
in Denver for the SAIGE 10th Anniversary Celebration.*