

SAIGE 13th Annual National Training Program

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Pre-Training Activities

Sunday, June 5

Time	Remaining Board, Planning Committee, Youth Arrive	Location
8:30-9:30 PM	<i>Student Youth Program Private Reception</i> – Introduction of SAIGE Board, and Sponsors of the Youth Track	Sky Room

Monday, June 6

Time	Topic	Location
8:30 - 12:00	Exhibits Setup	Sequoyah 2/3
8:30 - 5:00	Youth Program Gathering – JoAnn Brant, Youth Program Director, Students	Sequoyah 1
8:30 – 10:00	Planning Committee Meeting	Deer 1
10:00 - 10:30	Registration Volunteers Meeting	Deer 2
10:30 - 11:00	Moderators’ Review Meeting	Deer 2
12:30 - 5:00	Pre-Registered Attendee Bag Pick-up Open	Registration Area
1:00 – 5:00	USDA Pre-Training Forum- Frederick Cheng, USDA Diversity and Inclusion Program Manager	Sequoyah 6
2:30 - 3:30	Coffee Available	Sequoyah 2/3
3:30 - 4:15	Introduction to SAIGE –A Short Informal Session by SAIGE Board members	Deer 2
4:30 - 6:00	On-site Registration - for those who have not registered online	Registration Area
5:00 - 6:30	New Member Table	Sequoyah Foyer
7:00 – 8:30	Cultural Reception - Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women – Traditional Dress presentation (invited)- Demonstration Dancing	Sky Room

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OPENING DAY

Tuesday, June 7

National Training Program – Plenary Session		
Time	Topic	Location
7:30 AM	Smudging Ceremony – all are invited	
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast	Sequoyah 2/3
7:30 AM-5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Sequoyah 2/3
7:30 - 10:00 AM	Registration	Registration Area
8:00 - 8:30 AM	GENERAL PLENARY SESSION: Opening of the 2016 National Training Program Presentation of Colors – Osage Color Guard Veterans Honoring Song – Osage Drum	Sequoyah 4/5
8:30 - 8:45 AM	Opening Remarks – <i>Fredericka Joseph</i> , SAIGE Chair	
8:45 - 9:05 AM	Welcome and Tribal Overview – <i>Principal Chief John Baker</i> , Cherokee Nation	
9:05 - 9:25 AM	Welcome and Tribal Overview - <i>Chief James R. Floyd</i> , Muscogee (Creek) Nation	
9:25 – 9:45 AM	Welcome and Tribal Overview – <i>Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear</i> , Osage Nation	
9:45 – 10:45 AM	Youth Program Introduction of SAIGE Students – <i>JoAnn Brant</i> , SAIGE Youth Program Director, Environmental Protection Agency	
10:45 – 11:00 AM	BREAK	Sequoyah 2/3
11:00- 11:30	<i>Khalilah M. Harris</i> , Senior Advisor in the Office of the Director, Office of Personnel Management	Sequoyah 4/5
12:00 - 1:15 PM	Luncheon: Speaker – <i>La Donna Harris</i> - President, Americans for Indian Opportunity	Sequoyah 4/5

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Concurrent Breakout Sessions		
Time/Track	Topic	Location
1:30 - 2:45 PM		
Indian Country/ Federal Indian Law	Indians 101: Understanding the Basics- <i>Jay Spaan</i> , Senior Analyst, Government Accountability Office	Sequoyah 6
Indigenous Natural Resources/ Culture	Tribal Nurseries and Greenhouses- <i>Cheryle Zwang</i> , Idaho State Director’s Office, Bureau of Land Management; <i>Kenneth Pete</i> , Horticulturist, Shoshone-Pauite Tribe; <i>Susan Filkins</i> , Natural Resource Specialist, Bureau of Land Management	Deer 1
Indigenous Natural Resources/ Culture	Bureau of Indian Affairs Native American Water Corps, Water Resources Technician Training Program – <i>Archie Barnes</i> , Bureau of Indian Affairs, and student panel	Deer 2
Professional Development	Your Career is in Your Hands – <i>Nancy Berryhill</i> ; <i>Jan Foushee</i> , Social Security Administration	Bear
2:45- 3:00 PM	BREAK	Sequoyah 2/3
Time/Track	Topic	Location
3:15 - 4:30 PM		
Indian Country/ Federal Indian Law	Essential Building Blocks for Tribal Economic Development: Tribal Codes and Self-Governance- <i>Stephen Manydeeds</i> , Director, Office of Indian Energy and Economic Development, BIA Division of Energy and Mineral Development; <i>Ken Bellmard</i> , Counsel, Kaw Nation	Sequoyah 6
Indigenous Natural Resources/ Culture	Maintaining Knowledge for Future Generations - <i>Vann Big Horse</i> , Osage Nation Director	Deer 1
Professional Development	Tips for Career Success - Achieving Excellence in Government Operations- <i>Jason Wesaw</i> , Government Manager, Pokagon Band of Potawatomi	Deer 2
EEO & HR	Responsibilities of an American Indian SEPM- <i>Cynthia Dunn</i> , IRS, TE/GE, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	Bear
Evening Event		
7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	Recognition and Awards Reception – SAIGE Achievement Awards and Partnership Recognition – Entertainment provided by <i>Don Chapman</i> and <i>Keith Secola</i>	Sky Room

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Wednesday, June 8

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Time	Topic	Location
7:00 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Sequoyah 2/3
7:30 - 10:00 AM	Registration	Registration Area
7:30 AM -5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Sequoyah 2/3
8:30 - 8:40 AM	GENERAL PLENARY SESSION Prayer Song- <i>Tilford Brown</i> , Dept. of Veterans Affairs Moderator – <i>Wesley Wilson</i> , Indian Health Service	Sequoyah 4/5
8:45 - 9:30 AM	White House Updates/ Serving your Nation: Moving from Tribal Chairwoman to White House Advisor- <i>Karen Diver</i> , Special Assistant to the President for Native American Affairs	
9:30 – 9:45 AM	BREAK	Sequoyah 2/3
9:45 – 10:15 AM	Serving your Nation in the Military - <i>Rita A. Aragon</i> , Major General (retired) – Oklahoma Secretary for Military and Veterans Affairs	
10:15-11:30 AM	Serving Your Nation- Rewards and Challenges: <i>Wallace Coffey</i> , Former Comanche Tribal Chairman; <i>Cara Cowan Watts</i> , Former Cherokee Nation Legislator	
12:00 - 1:15 PM	Luncheon Speaker – <i>Matika Wilbur</i> , acclaimed photographer and social documentarian - <i>Project 562</i> – Positive portrayals of contemporary Native America	Sequoyah 4/5
Wednesday Afternoon – Career Fair		
1:30 – 4:30 PM	Career Fair and Community Outreach – Free and open to the public	Sequoyah 2/3
1:30- 4:30 PM	Mentoring opportunities- <i>Cynthia Dunn</i> (Sign up in the Pre-function area – limited time slots available)	
1:30 – 3:00 PM	Authors’ Book signing event: <i>Stephen Pevar</i>	

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Indian Country/ Federal Indian Law	Jeopardy -- Federal-Tribal Style (Tribal-Federal relationship building)- <i>Chief Geoffrey Standing Bear, Osage Nation; Cheryl Zwang, Bureau of Land Management; Jerry Gidner, Department of the Interior</i>	Sequoyah 6
Indigenous Natural Resources/Culture	Food Security and Tribal Sovereignty - <i>Ross Racine, Executive Director for the Intertribal Agriculture Council;</i> NRCS Seasonal High Tunnel Program with Tribes- <i>Herb Webb, Natural Resource Conservation Service, USDA</i>	Deer 1
Professional Development	Successful Mentoring Strategies- <i>Alex Tremble, National Youth Employment Program Coordinator, National Park Service, Department of the Interior</i>	Deer 2
EEO & HR	Navigating USA Jobs – <i>Karlos Del Toro, Recruitment Policy and Outreach, Office of Personnel Management</i>	Bear
2:45 – 3:15 PM	BREAK	Sequoyah 2/3
Time/Track	Topic	Location
3:15 - 4:30 PM		
Indian Country/ Federal Indian Law	Fascinating Court Decisions Affecting Tribes and Thoughts on a Changing Supreme Court- <i>Stephen Pevar, Senior Counsel, American Civil Liberties Union</i>	Sequoyah 6
Indigenous Natural Resources/Culture	Opportunities and Challenges for Energy Development in Indian Country – <i>Jill Jones, Board Chair, Osage Nation Energy Services, and Member LLC DOE Indian Country Energy & Infrastructure Working Group (ICEIWG)</i>	Deer 1
Professional Development	Cultural Integrity in the Workplace- <i>Dr. James Pete, Guyaushk and Associates; Tribal government consultant</i>	Deer 2
EEO & HR	New IQ (Inclusion Quotient)- <i>Anthony Barnes, Program Manager, Affirmative Employment and Diversity</i>	Bear
Evening Events		Location
6:00- 7:30 PM	Traditional Crafts Demonstrations – Beading and Shawl Fringing; Learn how to bead and fringe, materials provided- <i>Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women</i>	Sequoyah 6
7:30- 9:00 PM	“Red Power Energy” Rocky Mountain Public Broadcasting Service Documentary on Tribal energy development, 2016. Film is one hour; Q & A after with <i>Director Larry Pourier</i>	Sequoyah 4/5

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7:00 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Sequoyah 2/3
8:00 - 9:00 AM	Registration	Registration Area
7:30 AM-5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Sequoyah 2/3
8:30 AM– 2:30 PM	Veterans' Program – See Separate Veterans' Agenda	
Concurrent Breakout Sessions		
Time/Track	Topic	Location
8:30 – 9:45 AM		
Indian Country/ Federal Indian Law	Effects of Mascots on Native Students- <i>Dr. Hugh Foley</i> , Professor, Rogers State	Sequoyah 6
Indigenous Natural Resources/Culture	Cherokee Ethnobotany - Cherokee Nation's Seedbank and Native Plant Site - <i>Pat Gwin</i> , Cherokee Nation Administration Liaison, Natural Resources Division	Deer 1
Professional Development	Rising Up from Technical/Staff to Management-The Next Level- <i>Marcellus Proctor</i> , Acting Assistant Chief, Electrical Engineering Division, NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center (GSFC)	Deer 2
EEO & HR	Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When Stakes Are High - <i>Christina Navarrete-Wasson</i> , Director, Submission Processing, Fresno Internal Revenue Service	Bear
9:45 - 10:00 AM	BREAK	Sequoyah 2/3
Time/Track	Topic	Location
10:00–11:15 AM		
Indian Country/ Federal Indian Law	Congressional Priorities and Updates- <i>Rhonda Harjo</i> , Deputy Chief Counsel, Senate Committee on Indian Affairs	Sequoyah 6
Indigenous Natural Resources/ Culture	Peoria Tribe's Efforts on the Neosho River Watershed - <i>Erin Arnall and Kyle Foster</i> , Environmental Specialists, Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	Deer 1
Professional Development	Leadership and the SES Panel- <i>Alex Tremble</i> , National Park Service; <i>Nancy Berryhill</i> , Social Security Administration; <i>Jerry Gidner</i> , Department of the Interior	Deer 2
EEO & HR	Effective Recruitment Strategies- <i>Karlos Del Toro</i> , Recruitment Policy and Outreach, Office of Personnel Management	Bear
11:30 – 12:00	BREAK	
12:00 - 1:30PM	Lunch on your Own	

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1:30 - 2:45 PM		
Indian Country/ Federal Indian Law	Judicial Updates/ Effects- <i>Michael McBride</i> , Of Counsel Crowe and Dunlevy	Sequoyah 6
Indigenous Natural Resources/ Culture	Significance of Arts & Music to Native Culture- <i>Tim Tate Nevaquaya</i> , Artist/ Musician	Deer 1
Professional Development	Mapping Your Career- <i>Veronica Vasquez</i> , SAIGE Board of Directors; and <i>Cynthia Dunn</i> , IRS, TE/GE, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	Deer 2
2:45 – 3:15 PM	BREAK	Sequoyah 2/3
3:15 – 5:00 PM	Topic	Location
	Plenary Session	Sequoyah 4/5
3:15 – 3:30	Closing Remarks: <i>Fredericka Joseph</i> , SAIGE Chair	
3:30 – 4:30	Youth Presentation: <i>SAIGE Student Youth Program</i>	
4:30 – 4:45	SAIGE 2017 Presentation	
4:45 - 5:00	Closing Prayer- Retreat of Colors: SAIGE Warrior Society	
5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Breakdown	
	Evening Event	
7:00- 9:00 PM	Powwow	Sequoyah 1 & 6

Friday, June 10

7:00 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast on Your Own	Several Onsite Options
8:00 - 9:30 AM	Planning Committee Members Breakfast	Deer I
10:00 AM - 4:30 PM	SAIGE Annual Board Meeting	7 th Floor Board Room

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF SAIGE

Safe Travels - We'll See you in 2017!

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