



Native Strength in Leadership and Culture

SAIGE 2025 National Training Program

12:00 Noon - 4:30 PM Eastern, Sat., Sep. 27, 2025

AGENDA

Time	Topic
11:45 AM - 12:00 N	<i>SAIGE Slideshow</i>
12:00 PM - 12:10 PM	Opening of the National Training Program Edward Blauvelt, Chair, SAIGE Board of Directors Presentation of Colors: Comanche Indian Veterans Association (<i>recorded</i>)
12:10 PM - 12:20 PM	Welcome: Mikko Maanaatiika Herb Johnson Jr. , 2nd Chief, Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas
12:20 PM - 12:45 PM	Keynote Speaker: Chuck Sams , Director, Yale CEJ Indigenous Programs & 19th Director, U.S. National Park Service
12:45 PM - 1:05 PM	A Message for Government Employees: Your Service, Your Strength: Embracing Resilience in Uncertain Times Alex Tremble , GPS Leadership Solutions
1:05 PM - 1:35 PM	Tribal Self-Governance: Jay Spaan , Executive Director of the Self Governance Communication and Education Tribal Consortium (SGCETC)
1:35 PM - 2:05 PM	SAIGE Student Panel: JoAnn Brant , Director, SAIGE Student Program Former SAIGE Student participants: Brian Barlow (Moderator), Kelly Berry , Rosemary Reano
2:05 PM - 2:15 PM	BREAK - 10 MINUTES
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	U.S. DOT Office of Tribal Government Affairs: James A. Crawford , Assistant Secretary of Tribal Government Affairs (<i>recorded</i>)
2:30 PM - 3:00 PM	SAIGE Warrior Society 2025 Meritorious Service Awards: Nieva Brock , Director, SAIGE Warrior Society The Warrior Spirit is a Woman Too: Mitchelene Big Man , U.S. Army Veteran & Founder, Native American Women Warriors Association (NAWW)
3:00 PM - 4:15 PM	Human Resources Panel - State of the Federal Government Duane Matt , SAIGE Board of Directors (Moderator) Panelists: Traci DiMartini , Human Capital Officer, Senior Executive Service Cynthia Dunn , Retired Division Director, U.S. IRS TEGE
4:15 PM - 4:30 PM	Closing: Edward Blauvelt, Chair, SAIGE Board of Directors Retiring of the Colors - Native American Women Warriors Association (<i>recorded</i>)