



27th Annual Tribal Leaders Summit



CONFERENCE AGENDA

Tuesday – September 3, 2024

12:00 PM - 5:00 PM	SET UP	HALL A
1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	EARLY REGISTRATION	MAIN LOBBY
5:45 PM - 7:15 PM	LEWIS & CLARK RIVERBOAT CRUISE	1700 RIVER ROAD

Wednesday – September 4, 2024

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	BREAKFAST	HALL D
8:30 AM - 9:50 AM	OPENING PLENARY SESSION	HALL A

Emcee: *Rusty Gillette*, Mandan Hidatsa Arikara (MHA) Nation

Posting of the Colors: United Tribes Technical College Color Guard
Red Iron Lake Singers, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

Invocation:..... *Melvin Miner III*, UTTC Campus Planner
Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

Welcome:.....*Dr. Leander R. McDonald*, UTTC President, Spirit Lake Nation

Opening Remarks:..... *UTTC Board of Directors* representing Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate, Spirit Lake Nation, MHA Nation, and Standing Rock Sioux Tribe;
Jerilyn Church, President/CEO, Great Plains Tribal Leaders Health Board,
Cheryl Crazy Bull, President & CEO, American Indian College Fund

Dignitaries Recognition/Remarks: *Sally Johnson*, Regional Director representing Senator John Hoeven
Michael Kelsch, Staff representative for Senator Kevin Cramer
Mike Schmitz, Mayor of Bismarck
Brenda Nagel, President & CEO, Bismarck Mandan Chamber EDC

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM	TRADESHOW OPENING	HALL B
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11:00 AM – 11:50 AM PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

We Ride For Her Short Film Review and Discussion..... **Prairie Rose 101**
Presenter: Prairie Rose Seminole, Ruth Buffalo, Sheriff J.R. Kerzmann

Description - We Ride For Her chronicles an annual motorcycle journey, including a stop at the Crazy Horse Memorial, where the riders meet Heather Taken Alive, a member of their community who continues to search for her sister Susan Chief Eagle (Lakota), who has been missing since May 2021. The specific case study is the use of policy and resolution between Tribal and County law enforcement agencies to address public safety on Tribal lands and the crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous persons..

Importance of Tribal/State Relations for Advancing Native American Interests in ND State Legislature **Prairie Rose 102**
Presenter: Jayme Davis, Lisa Finley-Deville

Description - This 40-minute presentation (10 Minutes for Q&A), led by Representative Jayme Davis and Representative Lisa Finley-Deville will delve into the dynamics of tribal/state relations in North Dakota, emphasizing the legislative process. Participants will learn to identify legislative priorities, draft effective bills, and implement successful lobbying strategies. Through case studies and practical examples, the session aims to empower tribal leaders with the skills needed to navigate the legislative landscape and effectively advocate for their communities.

Tribal Community and Clinical Collaboration for Opioid Misuse and Overdose Prevention **Prairie Rose 103**
Presenter: Mikalen Belgarde

Description - The Opioid and Naloxone Education Program (ONE) aims to enhance population health and safety by collaborating with tribal communities and rural pharmacies surrounding North Dakota tribal reservations, including the Spirit Lake Nation, MHA Nation, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, and Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians. The ONE Program focuses on equipping pharmacists to screen patients receiving opioid prescriptions for misuse and overdose risks. The mission of the ONE Program is to “proactively help patients and communities by providing resources to pharmacists and patients to educate them about opioid misuse and accidental overdose”. In partnership with tribal nations in North Dakota, the ONE Program has provided tribal communities with education and supplies of Opioid/Naloxone Overdose Kits that give directions for anyone to respond to an overdose emergency. The tribes identify community buildings and central locations for placement of the kits for community use.

Why Indigenous Research Helps Us All Prairie Rose 104
Presenter: Dr. Julie Smith-Yliniemi, Courtney Davis

Description - This presentation will focus on the inception and the latest research developments of the Indigenous Trauma and Resilience Research Center at the University of North Dakota (UND). Attendees will gain insights into the Center's pioneering work in addressing trauma and fostering resilience within Indigenous communities through a trauma-informed approach.

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM

TREE ROOMS

Send Me I'll Go Birch
Presenter: Genevieve Skidmore

Description - I believe that the issues regarding First Nation children today is critical. I wrote a book about my own story regarding the power of "faith and prayer", and how that is affecting and impacting (tangibly and practically) a major issue surrounding the most sacred.... Our children. I believe by telling our stories, we can inspire hope, purpose, and healing in others (the hearers).

Presenting Native Nations: Creating Educational Resources About Tribes Linden
Presenter: Craig Howe, E. Tyler Young

Description - If you attended grade school in the United States, you probably learned (or were taught) the 50 US states and their capitals at some point. But who teaches about the 574 federally recognized tribes – Native nations – and the 326 American Indian reservations that occupy a legal status higher than states? In this presentation, we argue that the misunderstandings held by many Americans and the misinformation present in much of the public discourse around tribes and their citizens can be tied to a lack of basic education about modern Native nations. And we believe that the first step towards helping the public know tribes is to present simple snapshots of tribes as nations – in the present tense – with governments, land abases, and people. In this interactive session, attendees will have the chance to test their own knowledge of tribes through a written Native nations assessment and learn about the work (and challenges) that go into creating such a tool. We will also discuss how similar educational resources can be developed to help improve general understanding of American Indian communities and issues important to them.

Leveraging AI for Academic Success Oak
Presenter: Lezlie Coad

Description - This session aims to introduce college students to the various AI tools and technologies that can enhance their learning experience, improve productivity, and support academic success. Students will learn how to effectively integrate AI into their study routines, understand the ethical considerations, and explore practical applications of AI in education.

Our Youth the Future of Law Enforcement in Indian Country Spruce
Presenter: Gary Marshall, Na-Ja "Chief" Marshall

Description - Will discuss the Development and Implementation of BIA Youth Police Academy at the BIA Advanced Training Center located at Camp Grafton, Devils Lake, ND in 2025. This prioritizes BIA Youth Police Academy Graduates upon successful obtaining a Criminal Justice, Associate's Degree from an accredited University or college including Tribal Colleges for acceptance into Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC), Artesia, AZ

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM LUNCH

HALL D

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

The New Green Revolution - Hemp to Restore our Balance with Mother Earth Prairie Rose 101
Presenter: Winona LaDuke

Description - Hemp or cannabis is a plant which can transform our economy, create sustainable housing and textiles, and sequester carbon. I'll share some of our work in Minnesota at Winona's Hemp and the Anishinaabe Agriculture Institute on fiber hemp- a bag from Patagonia, and a housing economy. .

Case Studies in Adult Language Education Programs..... Prairie Rose 102
Presenter: Dr. Colleen Fitzgerald, Dr. Tasha Huff, Nacole Walker, Lisa Casarez

Description - While many Native Nations have been developing language programs for children, more and more attention is being paid to programming that serves adults in our communities. Adults, especially those who are parents, aunts, or uncles, are the ones who not only lead and organize language efforts, but they are also the ones who foster language learning in the home. There are various types of programming that support adult language education such as college classes, community workshops, and online activities. This panel will shed light on two language programs designed to develop speaking ability in cohorts of adults: the Learn Hidasta and Hpecasni Unspeic'iyapi. Each program serves the language needs of their communities in different ways. With these case studies, this panel aims to offer ideas of best practices and tangible implementation tools when it comes to developing effective adult language programs.

The Bismarck Indian Boarding School: School, Prison, Sex Ring Prairie Rose 103
Presenter: Dakota Goodhouse

Description - The Bismarck Indian Boarding School operated from 1908 to 1937. Like many other Indian boarding schools at that time, students were taught vocational trades such as carpentry and domestic skills like cooking, cleaning, and sewing. The Bismarck Indian Boarding School taught these trades, but in its latter years of operation, the school became embattled in a dark years-long agenda.

Credit and Assets Building for the Future **Prairie Rose 104**
Presenter: Cristina Castro-Matukewicz, Jay Miller

Description - The proposed presentation will give students the tools they need to understand the importance of credit and how to make sure it works on their favor. We will also explore ways in which students can start building assets that will help them retire at some point.

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

TREE ROOMS

Survey Planning and Design **Birch**
Presenter: Sean Jackson

Description - This 3-hour workshop will use lectures and hands-on activities to help participants learn the best practices and approaches to planning and designing quality surveys.

Amplifying Native Voices: The Role of Native News Media in Promoting Social Justice **Linden**
Presenter: Jodi Rave Spotted Bear

Description - Join us for an engaging presentation on the critical role of Native news media in amplifying Indigenous voices and driving social change. This panel will feature insights from the online publisher and staff of Buffalo's Fire, a local independent Native news organization committed to enhancing the quality of life for Native communities through credible and ethical journalism that informs, engages, and uplifts American Indian stories.

Leveraging Assessment to Drive Institutional Missions:
Culturally Grounded Assessment Practices at TCUs **Oak**
Presenter: Kayla Alkire-Stewart, Leah Woodke

Description - Tribal colleges and universities (TCUs) have culture at the heart of the Indigenous higher education they provide. Cultural resiliency is part of their origin stories. TCUs were chartered and founded as part of the tribal self-determination movement in the late 1960s and have dual missions dedicated to sustaining Native cultures and languages and to reclaiming higher education to better fit the needs and aspirations of Native students and Native communities. This session will highlight the culturally grounded assessment practices (CAPs) work of two TCUs in North Dakota to show how the actualization of culture is supported through the work of assessment. These TCUs serve as compelling examples illustrating that the most effective approaches to assessment in higher education are not only mission-driven, but mission-driving.

Exploring the Potential of Your Land **Spruce**
Presenter: Frankee Hall

Description – Before focusing on how to explore the potential of resources of your land, you must acknowledge the many systems that create challenges as well as opportunities. The complexity of intertwined stakeholders tends to compound the unfair intended or unintended consequences of equity in tribal lands. It is important to collect data that identifies potential land uses and implement planning or zoning to ensure the sustainability or our sovereignty. To ensure there is equity, inclusion and social justice we must plan accordingly. Our future depends on it. This session will take you exploring the in-depth opportunities Master planning can identify whining tribal lands.

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

Leveraging AI for Enhanced Teaching and Learning **Prairie Rose 101**
Presenter: Lezlie Coad

Description - This session aims to provide a comprehensive introduction to AI in education, addressing both the opportunities and challenges it presents. By the end of the session, educators and staff will be better prepared to harness the power of AI to enhance their teaching and support student success.

The Promise of Energy Sovereignty **Prairie Rose 102**
Presenter: Cody Two Bears, David Riley, Kevin Wright

Description - This session will provide an overview of the opportunities that exist for tribes to transform their economies through the regenerative power of renewable energy. The concept of energy sovereignty, and what it means for tribes will frame the center of this discussion. A framework for pursuing energy sovereignty will also be shared, to help tribes envision the sacred journey to energy independence and sovereignty. Case studies will be featured describing three paths to energy sovereignty and the unique energy strategies of the Northern Cheyenne, Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin, and Mandan Hidatsa Arikara (MHA) Nation. Specific plans and next steps for tribes to seize the opportunities that exist for tribes through the IRA and Solar for All Programs will be presented with a focus on the launch of the Northern Plains Tribal Solar for All Consortium.

Law School 101: Why Consider it and How to Get In **Prairie Rose 103**
Presenter: Rodina Cave Parnell

Description – In this session, the AILC Director will examine the shortage of Native American lawyers and emphasize the necessity for increased representation of indigenous attorneys. She will explain the legal degrees available, and the resources available for law school admission and success for Native students. She will also describe the benefits of the Pathway to Law Initiative and the Pre-Law Summer Institute for Native American law students, emphasizing how these programs can equip them for success in law school. The session will be interactive with law school bingo cards and prizes.

Partnering for Public Safety in Indian Country **Prairie Rose 104**
Presenter: Mac Schneider

Description - The presentation will discuss efforts to benefit public safety in Indian country.

Survey Planning and Design..... Birch**Presenter:** Sean Jackson

Description - This 3-hour workshop will use lectures and hands-on activities to help participants learn the best practices and approaches to planning and designing quality surveys.

Indigenous Food Sovereignty Emerging Leaders Program..... Linden**Presenter:** Ryan Eagle, Tanya RedRoad, Mikalen Belgarde, Gretchen Dobervich

Description - Tribal nations across Turtle Island are reclaiming their culture, addressing food security, and improving their health through food sovereignty. The American Indian Public Health Resource Center, with funding from the United States Department of Agriculture, hosted the Indigenous Food Sovereignty Emerging Leaders Program (IFSELP) for three weeks in June of 2024 at North Dakota State University. IFSELP brought indigenous high school graduates and college students together to learn principles of food sovereignty, gain hands on experience in traditional Indigenous food sovereignty, and build skills to lead food sovereignty efforts in their communities. The season will include participant perspective, discuss the IFSELP program, emerging food sovereignty activities in the Northern Great Plains, and introduce strategies for tribal nations to engage in the reclaiming of food sovereignty.

ND Tribal College ApprenticeshipsOak**Presenter:** Dr. Tracy Bauer, Journey Azure, Deserine Fernandes

Description - The ND Tribal College System was awarded \$14 million dollars from private funders (Hess/Chevron, Halliburton, and Nabors, Inc.) to establish apprenticeships at each of North Dakota's five tribal colleges. Presenters will share information on the program and the registered apprenticeships established at each TCU. Further, there is an opportunity for partnerships with the private sector, tribal governments, etc. to create employment opportunities for our tribal members and meet tribal community needs with this unique program.

Career Services at UTTC..... Spruce**Presenter:** Jamie Merrick

Description - An in-depth look at the resources Career Services provides to UTTC students.

A Rural State Approach to Providing Quality Services to Survivors of Human TraffickingPrairie Rose 101**Presenter:** Stacy Schaffer, Shelly Paul

Description - The 31:8 Project Survivor Mentorship Program is a comprehensive service delivery program in ND designed to address the complex needs of sex and labor trafficking victims and put them on a pathway to resilience and successful community integration.

Native Women Protecting Tribal SovereigntyPrairie Rose 102**Presenter:** Crystal Miller, Alli Moran

Description - Traditional Tribal Governance is at the forefront of Tribal Sovereignty. In 2024, Native women have equally continued mobilizing these efforts to ensure that Tribes are protected to live the desired lives that they see fit. As the backbone to many Native Nations, we are seeing a movement of Native women shifting the paradigm and displaying warrior characteristics, but this time in rooms where decisions are being made and through constitutional reform efforts.

Understanding American Indian Boarding Schools: Incorporating Historical**Insights into Classroom CurriculumPrairie Rose 103****Presenter:** Deidre Whiteman

Description - This presentation delves into the profound impact of American Indian Boarding Schools on Native communities and the broader American society. By exploring historical narratives and personal testimonies, participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the complex legacy of these institutions. Emphasizing the importance of incorporating these insights into classroom curriculum, the session offers practical strategies for educators to promote inclusivity, empathy, and critical thinking among students. Join us as we navigate this pivotal aspect of American history and its implications for contemporary education.

Rural Healthcare Quality, Equity, and CollaborationPrairie Rose 104**Presenter:** Natalie Spitzer

Description – This presentation will delve into the dynamic and diverse challenges in rural acute care settings, as well as the unique opportunities and challenges to providing optimal evidence-based acute care aimed at attaining optimal cardiovascular and stroke outcomes across rural America. Collaboration strategies in partnership with the American Heart Association to address rural health disparities collectively will be shared related to delivery of high acuity low frequency acute care, quality improvement, clinical workforce, and resource limitations.

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Building a More Sustainable Future Linden
Presenter: Matt Marino, Samantha Marino

Description – Homes can be built better, and it can be fast and affordable. Through the utilization of the industrial hemp plants, which can be grown almost anywhere. We can build better, long lasting homes for our communities and support our local economies in the process. Our company helps streamline the supply chain process and manufacturing of naturally built homes to provide solutions for homes built better.

**Promoting Sexual Violence Prevention Strategies in Partnership with the
Indigenous Peoples of North Dakota Oak**
Presenter: Mikalen Belgarde, Sandra Bercier, Stacey Kartez

Description - In 2023, the CDC’s Rape Prevention and Education (RPE) program funded an opportunity for First Nations Women’s Alliance to utilize evidence-informed and culturally validated strategies to prevent sexual violence among the Indigenous Peoples of North Dakota. The “Be a Good Relative Approach” serves as an Indigenous-informed and comprehensive approach to not only prevent sexual violence but also to address the root causes embedded the Indigenous Determinants of Health reflecting historical trauma and systemic oppression as key influencers to promote awareness, understanding, resilience, and healing.

Financial Wellness Workshop Spruce
Presenter: Petra Harmon One Hawk, Joey Hemsoth

Description - Comprehensive financial literacy presentation. Sharing information on how to effectively use various financial tools to build financial security and wealth. Walk away with the understanding of your financial well-being. Whether you’re just starting your financial journey or looking to deepen your understanding, this presentation promises valuable insights for everyone.

4:00 PM - 4:50 PM

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

Strengthening Your Board Governance Prairie Rose 101
Presenter: Joan Timeche, Naomi Tom, Kevin Fortuin

Description - Boards of directors of tribal enterprises have a major responsibility as stewards of tribal resources, as do tribal and community leaders. Join the Native Nations Institute staff to learn about best practices in council/board governance and discuss strategies that can strengthen your nation’s and board’s decision-making capacity through clear goals, clear rules, and clear roles.

Our Voice Remains Prairie Rose 102
Presenter: Loren Yellow Bird, Walter Echohawk

Description - This presentation will be look at the turn of the century policies and change for indigenous people. From the time of Western expansion, what changes were experienced by tribes in the west. Focus will tribes affiliated with the Lewis and Clark trail and extend into the 20th century leading up the Native American Citizen Act, and beyond.

**Unlocking Financing Opportunities: Innovative Strategic Partnerships and
Funding Solutions for Small Businesses..... Prairie Rose 103**
Presenter: Michaela Schell, Emily Schroeder, Mike McCafferty

Description - Our panel will feature three North Dakota non-profit lending program leaders dedicated to serving native small businesses: Oyate CDFI and Dakota Business Lending.

The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly - Student Satisfaction Results Prairie Rose 104
Presenter: Dr. Leah Woodke

Description - Students were asked to fill out a survey that asked them about their satisfaction with different areas and services of UTTC. They were also asked about how important these areas and services were. We learned a lot about what is important to our students as well as how we are doing according to student perspectives. In this session, designed specifically for UTTC students, we will share the results of the survey. Participants can ask questions, will talk about the results, and will be invited to provide suggestions about how UTTC might improve in certain areas.

4:00 PM - 4:50 PM

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Encouraging our Children into STEM Professions Linden
Presenter: Dr. Daniel Henry, Jib Wilson, Amber Finley

Description - The purpose of this presentation is to determine what barriers exist that prevent more students from enrolling in higher education and what can be done to reverse or over come these barriers.

**Organ Donor Designation: How Turtle Mountain and MHA Became Pioneers in Adding Donor
Designation to their Tribal Identification Cards. Oak**
Presenter: Paula St. John

Description – LifeSource is the non-profit organization which manages organ donation in ND, SD and MN. LifeSource had the privilege of partnership with Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa and MHA Nation to add organ donor registration through their tribal identification cards. In this presentation, we will also provide information about that partnership and the outstanding work led by Joan Azure and Dr. Monica Mayer.

Implementation Guide for General Education Teachers: Individuals with Dyslexia Spruce
Presenter: Dr. Sheeresa Begay

Description - Join this captivating session exploring dyslexia, a neurobiological condition that impacts an individual's phonological processing and memory. Participants will gain a better understanding of dyslexia and the common misconceptions associated with dyslexia. During the session participants will receive a guide to assist with their understanding and implementation of accommodations and modification in general education. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your understanding and enhance your teaching practice to provide better support for individuals with dyslexia in general education. Come to this informative and practical session and add to your teaching practice.

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM SOCIAL HOUR/HORS D'OEUVRES/DOOR PRIZES HALL B

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM HALL A

Indigenized Energy Program

Presenter: Fred Fox, Cody Two Bears, Tina Jennen, Darryl Pyawasay

Description - Indigenized Energy is a capacity-building organization that works directly with Native tribes to pursue energy transformation with a focus on economic development. Our primary goal is to help tribes develop a long-term energy vision and transformation plan, and to walk beside them as they pursue energy sovereignty. We utilize innovative education programs, mentoring, and renewable energy projects as strategic instruments for developing the capacity of tribal leaders and Solar Warriors. In 2023 Indigenized Energy led the formation of the Northern Plains Tribal Solar for All Coalition. In April, 2024 this coalition, led by MHA Nation, was awarded \$136M from the EPA Solar for All program. This panel will discuss the background of this effort, strategic plans, and the implications of this effort for all tribes seeking to pursue energy sovereignty.

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM ENTERTAINMENT TATANKA MEANS HALL A

Description - Tatanka Means is an award-winning actor and stand-up comedian from Chinle, Arizona. He represents the Navajo, Oglala Lakota, Yankton Sioux, and Omaha Nations. His most recent film is the Oscar nominated, "Killers of The Flower Moon" directed by Martin Scorsese and was released worldwide in theaters and now available on AppleTV+. Means is currently filming on the NETFLIX series Ransom Canyon and was just seen in the new Kevin Costner epic western saga, "HORIZON." He can be seen next in "Wind River: Rising" "Outer Range" with Josh Brolin and the new feature film "OPUS" with John Malkovich and Juliette Lewis.

Tatanka also performs stand-up comedy throughout Indian Country spreading laughter and messages of motivation and inspiration to all ages. He has become one of the busiest and most in-demand touring Native comedians performing today. Means also developed his own apparel company, Tatanka Clothing, street wear apparel created to uplift and inspire cultural empowerment.

Tatanka was named "Entertainer of The Year" by the National Indian Gaming Association. He is proud to be an alcohol & drug-free sober performer.

Thursday, September 5, 2024

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM BREAKFAST HALL D

8:00 AM – 5:00 PM TRADESHOW HALL B

8:30 AM – 9:50 AM KEYNOTE ADDRESS HALL A

Emcee: Rusty Gillette, Mandan Hidatsa Arikara (MHA) Nation

Invocation:.....Sunshine Carlow, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, UTTC Indigenous Leadership Instructor

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Hollie Mackey, Chief Executive Officer for the North Dakota Advanced Agriculture Technology Engine (FARMS), Northern Cheyenne

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

Culture is Healing Prairie Rose 101
Presenter: Keaton Widow, Institutional Research Director

Description - How connecting with our youth program implements culture into healing as a form of suicide prevention.

MHA Program Development Model: Improving Tribal

Economic Wellbeing Using Drones Prairie Rose 102

Presenter: Prairie Rose Seminole, Dr. David Flynn, Thomasine Heitkamp

Description – Leading Edge and Emerging Trends: The Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara (MHA) Nation is using advanced technology to support the economic well-being of its Tribal members. In particular, the use of drones to deliver needed resources, including medication across Tribal Lands, will enhance the equality of life for its residents. This effort supports the existing and emerging economic and transportation needs of the MHA Nation (three Affiliated Tribes of the Fort Berthold Reservation).

Great Plains Native Connections Program.....Prairie Rose 103

Presenter: Keith Bailey, Larry Archambeau

Description - Suicide prevention on the Crow Creek Sioux Tribe reservation in Fort Thompson, South Dakota.

Indigenous Voices, Lasting Impact: Shaping Social Justice and Equity.....Prairie Rose 104

Presenter: Ruth Buffalo, Sheridan McNeil

Description – Indigenous voices and perspectives are not just driving change, they’re leaving a lasting impact, championing social justice, and fighting for equity in many different areas. We will present real-life examples highlighting the transformative power of raising one’s voice. We hope to empower and inspire the next generations, encouraging them to unleash the power of their voices to effect systemic change.

10:00 AM - 10:50 AM

TREE ROOMS

Being Indigenous in Non-Indigenous Spaces Linden

Presenter: Tanner Veo

Description - The presentation aims to address challenges faced by Tribal College students transitioning to new higher education settings, such as summer internships, non-Tribal College institutions, or graduate programs.

Nourishing Native Nations: Multi-State Food Bank CollaborationOak

Presenter: Melissa Sobolik, Lori Dykstra, Gayle Carlson

Description - The state-wide food banks of Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming have come together in a first-of-its-kind collaborative aimed at improving equitable food access in partnership with tribal communities. Together, we are exploring new ways of supporting food access, food security, and food sovereignty in the Native Nations and tribal communities in our region.

The Dakota War in Dakota Territory, 1863-1864..... Spruce

Presenter: Dakota Goodhouse

Description - Following the 1862 Minnesota Dakota Conflict generals Sibley and Sully led three punitive military campaigns into the heart of the Ochéti Shakówinj homeland. This two-year long war shaped every encounter for the next thirty years. This presentation will explore the objectives of the punitive campaigns and the legacy of the Whitestone Hill Massacre and the fights.

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

Telling the Tribal Data Architecture Story.....Prairie Rose 101

Presenter: Nick Hill

Description - This session will lay out the components of an emerging Great Plains Area tribal data infrastructure in story narrative. Attendees will learn about current data projects with public health and medical partnerships and understand opportunities to further advance these opportunities through modern data connections. Attendees will hear how modern data partnerships support tribal self-determination to achieve community health objectives and support tribal ways of knowledge and practice. So That the People May Live.

North Dakota Tribal College System Tribal Presidents Panel.....Prairie Rose 102

Presenter: Dr. Twyla Baker, Dr. Leander McDonald, Dr. Tomi Kay Phillips, Dr. Donna Brown, Dr. Tracey Bauer, Dr. Steven Smith, Cheryl Crazy Bull

Description - This panel with North Dakota’s Tribal College Presidents will focus on the collaborative projects of the North Dakota Tribal College System (NDTCS). Through strategic joint efforts, NDTCS has been able to successfully garner funds and resources to enhance North Dakota’s TCU activities and programming. Presidents will give updates to the projects happening on their campuses, and NDTCS’ strategic plan for the next five years.

The Role of Culture in Prevention and RecoveryPrairie Rose 103

Presenter: Staci Eagle Elk

Description - This session will discuss the role culture has in the prevention and recovery of Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and how Lakota culture is used to call back the spirit of those suffering from addiction. We will talk about developing a strong cultural base, how it is used as a prevention model for SUD, and the role culture plays in healing the spirit..

Your Fair Housing RightsPrairie Rose 104

Presenter: Michelle Rydz, Geraldine Ambe

Description - We will explore your rights as a prospective buyer, renter, or current tenant in housing. Fair housing means it’s illegal to discriminate in housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability status, or because you have children (familial status). It is illegal to be offered different terms and conditions or availability in your housing, to be harassed based, or to be treated differently in your housing because of one or more of those categories above. In addition, persons with disabilities are allowed reasonable accommodations and/or modifications in their housing so that they may use and enjoy their housing equally.

This presentation will cover what housing discrimination looks like, your rights to ask for and receive a disability-related accommodation or modification in your housing, and what to do if you are denied equal access to your living situation because your race, color, national origin, religion, sex, disability status, or familial status.

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

TREE ROOMS

Leveraging Research into STEM Education Linden

Presenter: Nicholas Bittner

Description - This is an example of how instructors can leverage something they are passionate about into research opportunities to gain capacity for their classrooms. At Cankdeska Cikana Community College this is currently being done in the instruction of advanced manufacturing courses in their engineering department. They received a NASA research grant to develop gait assistance mobility devices for the current Extravehicular space suit that will explore the surface for the moon and possible mars. This funding has allowed the purchasing of lab equipment, funding student employees, summer internships, and meaningful collaboration with the University of North Dakota as a subaward. Our tribal engineering students have made collaborative teams with Engineering students from the research university to lead the development on parts of the project. Showing that Tribal college students have what it takes to achieve great things. Tribal colleges might be small, but they are mighty.

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM (CON'T)

TREE ROOMS

Solar Thermal at the Tribal Level.....Oak

Presenter: Gwe Gasco

Description - This presentation will shine a light on the unique economic & social opportunities that the deployment of solar thermal technology presents, at the tribal level. As we look at the difficulties many tribal communities face (poverty, energy burden, job scarcity, off-reservation cash flow, health, etc.), we can begin to understand how renewable technologies like solar thermal will help to heal our communities if utilized properly. Indigenous communities have always lived in harmony with our environments, renewable technologies are the new way of doing this.

What's New in ND Indian Education Spruce

Presenter: Lucy Fredericks, Sashay Schettler

Description - This session will provide and overview of the new opportunities being provided by the NDDPI Office of Indian/Multicultural Education Office, we will share about PD opportunities as well as updates about resources to support educators.

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM LUNCH

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PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

988 TR Suicide and Crisis LifelinePrairie Rose 102

Presenter: Martina Martinez

Description - The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline offers essential behavioral health crisis support, but its impact in tribal communities is limited. The presentation will focus on year 1 of the Great Plains 988 Tribal Response program activities to promote culturally responsive, accessible, and effective behavioral health crisis intervention services for American Indian/Alaska Natives in South Dakota. This program aims to bridge gaps in behavioral health care resource awareness, address unique cultural promotion needs to make 988 a trusted resources for American Indians and Alaska Natives, and improve crisis response outcomes in the tribal communities of South Dakota.

Traditional HealingPrairie Rose 103

Presenter: Ethleen Iron Cloud-Two Dogs, Darlene Wilcox, Patty Eagle Bull, Tamee Livermont

Description - Traditional healing is the sum total of the knowledge, skill, and practices based on the theories, beliefs, and experiences indigenous to different cultures. It is used in the maintenance of health as well as in the prevention, diagnosis, improvement, or treatment of physical and mental illness. Traditional healing may include bush medicines and spiritual healing, but it is also about connection to country, pride in cultural identity and community connectedness. These practices include using ceremonies, plant, animal or mineral-based medicines, energetic therapies and physical or hands-on techniques.

Preventing and Raising Awareness of Domestic Violence: Supporting Tribal Families by Creating Culturally Relevant Safe Spaces Prairie Rose 104

Presenter: Deanna Prue

Description - The Trauma & Violence Prevention Initiative (TVPI) program of the Great Plains Tribal Leaders' Health Board (GPTLHB) seeks to create and support programming that assists tribal members and their families in reducing and preventing stressors leading to domestic violence (DV). The TVPI supports monthly sobriety activities including swim events, round dances, and a back-to-school bash to provide needed supplies.

1:00 PM - 1:50 PM

TREE ROOMS

ISDEAA Section 105L: Promoting Transparent and Consistent Implementation of Lease Agreements Birch

Presenter: Joseph Amiotte, Paula Poncho

Description - An opportunity for Tribal Leaders to explore 105L lease agreements with the IHS.

Little Wound School Tribal Grant School UpdateOak

Presenter: Cecelia Fire Thunder, Charles Cuny

Description – Beginning in 2010, tribal schools began a coordinated effort to solicit FEHB access from the Office of Personnel Management, but were routinely denied. Continued congressional efforts led to the Tribal School Federal Insurance Parity Act, typically introduced by members of the South Dakota delegation. Passed as part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act (2021). Amended section 409 of the Indian Health Care Improvement Act and expanded entitlement to Indian tribes or tribal organizations operating tribally controlled schools. More than 4,000 eligible new participants in FEHB nationwide.

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

Public Law 638.....Prairie Rose 101

Presenter: Dan Davis, Myra Munson

Description - The Indian Self-Determination & Education Assistance Act, P.L. 93-638, was passed in January 1975 to provide tribal nations the authority to exercise their sovereign right to assume direct control over the management and operation of programs previously provided to tribes by federal agencies within the Department of the Interior and Department of Health & Human Services.

What Does Tourism Mean to You? The Positive Effects and BenefitsPrairie Rose 102

Presenter: Fred Walker, Darian Morsette, Les Thomas, Collette Brown, Jen Martel, Tamara St. John, Stacey LaCompte

Description - Native tourism development builds community capacity, creates jobs, educates visitors and helps sustain a tribe’s culture and environment. The North Dakota Native Tourism Alliance (NDNTA) leads the Nation in coordinated statewide tribal tourism development. The statewide alliance model – first funded by the NATIVE Act and developed by North Dakota tribes – is the most successful Native tourism development model in the U.S. today. Hear from the Five North Dakota Tribal Nations on the tourism positive effects that is providing education and awareness of our cultural history by telling our history with our own voices to bring sustainable economy to our Tribal Nations.

Care Coordination Agreements, CMS Rule, FMAP, Managed Care PlansPrairie Rose 103

Presenter: Nathaniel Amdur-Clark, Kitty Marx, Joseph Amiotte, Cindy Lemesh

Description - A care coordination agreement (CCA) is a written agreement that articulates the respective responsibility of two or more parties for ensuring coordination of patient care. CCAs can be helpful tools that allow primary care providers (PCPs) to define the level of care expected from themselves and other providers, and to set out specific tasks for which each partner will be responsible. The purpose of a Coordination of Care and Services Agreement is to allow the client and the agency that provides linkage services to identify and select available medical and community resources that align with the client’s needs and preferences.

Re-imaging Governance: Insights into Native Nation RebuildingPrairie Rose 104

Presenter: Cree Dueker, Michaela Madrid, Ashleigh Thompson

Description - This workshop is an introduction to Native Nation Rebuilding, based on five research-based strategies for strengthening Indigenous governance originally developed by the Harvard Project on American Indian Development. This Harvard study identified two approaches to development, known as the Standard Approach and Nation Rebuilding Approach. At its core, Rebuilding is about using Indigenous knowledge and values to solve modern-day problems in a way that makes sense to our unique nations. We are all working to rebuild our Native nations and our governance to best fit our community interests, needs, and cultures.

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

TREE ROOMS

IHS Behavioral Health ServicesBirch

Presenter: Joseph Amiotte, Josette Church

Description - IHS Behavioral Health education for the public, updates regarding current services provided within the GPA.

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

Syphilis: The New Old Epidemic.....Prairie Rose 101

Presenter: Sarah Shewbrooks; Tipi Means, Tyler Broghammer

Description - Syphilis has reached epidemic rates in the United States, the highest since 1950, and is disproportionately impacting tribal communities nationwide. Great Plains Tribal Epidemiology Center became aware of these increasing numbers during the COVID-19 pandemic. At a time when an exhausted public health and clinical workforce was already stretched thin, tribal public health workers were now facing a new crisis, without a moment to catch their breath, they were forced to pivot and address this new but very old disease.

Turning the Page - A Native Chapter of Code Officials

Inside the International Code CouncilPrairie Rose 102

Presenter: Dustin Baird

Description - As an experienced Native housing consultant, I have had the privilege of working closely with the International Code Council (ICC) to address a critical issue facing many tribal communities—the absence of comprehensive building codes. The lack of standardized codes has hindered sustainable development, compromised safety, and limited economic growth in these communities. In response to these challenges, we are in the process of establishing a Native Chapter of Code Officials dedicated to developing and implementing building codes tailored to the unique needs of tribal nations.

Dakota Stories Support Wellness & Recovery from Substance & Opioid Use DisordersPrairie Rose 103

Presenter: Jean Nahomni Mani

Description - Sharing traditional and modern Dakota Stories to promote recovery from Substance Use Disorder (SUD) and Opioid Use Disorder (OUD), giving persons a foundation of positive energy to live a healthy lifestyle and the courage to find good coping skills to be in active sobriety. By sharing traditional and modern stories, individuals find support and inspire others to share their experiences, breaking down the walls of isolation to promote good mental health. The gift of storytelling promotes a culture of understanding, compassion and healing for personal spirituality, mental, physical and emotional wellness.

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM (CON'T)

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

Powwow Regalia Design for Video GamesPrairie Rose 104

Presenter: Ariann Rousu

Description - Ms. Rousu will present on the topic of clothing and character design for 3D video games. In her talk she will focus on the use of specific software applications such as Marvelous Designer and uDraper to create realistic powwow regalia for game characters that are meant to be used in the Unreal Game Engine. Ms. Rousu will discuss the technical complexities of designing regalia for game engines while working to retain the regalia’s culturally significant features.

4:00 PM – 4:50 PM CLOSING CEREMONY

HALL A

Emcee: Rusty Gillette, Mandan Hidatsa Arikara (MHA) Nation

Invocation:.....Hoksila White Mountain, UTTC Cultural Wellness Coordinator, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe

Closing Remarks:Francine McDonald, UTTC Summit Committee Char, Spirit Lake Nation

Door Prizes

Retirement of Colors:United Tribes Technical College Color Guard

Red Iron Lake Singers, Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM HANDGAME TOURNAMENT

HALL B

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM GP HEALTH BOARD MEETING

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOM 105



UNITED TRIBES TECHNICAL COLLEGE:
SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE & FOOD SYSTEMS
LAND GRANT

NSF Engines: North Dakota Advanced Agriculture Technology Engine

INTER-TRIBAL AGRICULTURE INNOVATION & FOOD SOVEREIGNTY SUMMIT

Wednesday, Sept. 4 | Prairie Rose Room #105

11 a.m. Session 1:

What is the FARMS Engine?

Presenter: Dr. Hollie Mackie and FARMS Operational Staff

1 p.m. Session 2:

Tribal Seed Sovereignty and Rematriation: Fulfilling Our Responsibilities

Presenter: Dr. Ruth Plenty Sweetgrass-She Kills, Nueta Hidatsa Sahnish College
& Dr. Claire Friedrichsen, USDA

Description: This presentation outlines the relational work we have started to revitalize the culture of gardening and traditional foods of the Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara (MHA) Tribes focusing on seed rematriation and food sovereignty.

2 p.m. Session 3:

Harvesting Heritage – ND Indian Affairs Farmer’s Market Pilot Program

Presenter: Brad Hawk, Director & Anthony Bauer, Deputy Director, North Dakota Department of Indian Affairs

Description: Sharing the successes and challenges of the ND Indian Affairs Farmer’s Market Pilot Program.

3 p.m. Session 4:

Sko–Stoodis–Den (Let’s go, let’s go do this then)

Presenter: Tiffany Baker–Ramsey

Description: Using tools for processing traditional foods

4 p.m. Session 5:

Hands–on Activities

Presenter: Sonia Ciavarella & UTTC students

Description: Make your own... 1. Herbal First Aid Kit: Anti–itch: Calamine, 2. Hemp oil Balm 3. Medicinal use: Lemon Balm 4. Rose Mary orange skin cream, 5. Make your own tea blend

Thursday, Sept. 5 | Prairie Rose Room #105

10 a.m. Session 6:

What is the FARMS Engine?

Presenter: Dr. Hollie Mackie and FARMS Operational Staff

11 a.m. Session 7:

Bison Rematriation and the Processing Plant

Presenter: Madonna Sitting Bear

Description: TBD

1 p.m. Session 8:

Hands–on Activities

Presenter: Sonia Ciavarella & UTTC students

Description: Make your own... 1. Herbal First Aid Kit: Anti–itch: Calamine, 2. Hemp oil Balm 3. Medicinal use: Lemon Balm 4. Rose Mary orange skin cream, 5. Make your own tea blend

2 p.m. Session 9 & 10:

FARMS Listening Session

Presenter: Dr. Hollie Mackie and FARMS Operational Staff