



28th Annual Tribal Leaders Summit



CONFERENCE AGENDA

Tuesday – September 2, 2025

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



Lewis & Clark
Riverboat Cruise

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

1ST CHARTER:

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

*Boarding begins at 5:45 pm

2ND CHARTER:

7:30 pm – 8:30 pm

*Boarding begins at 7:15 pm

Sponsored By: Ft. Abraham
Lincoln Foundation

1700 River Road,
Bismarck, ND

There is a limit of 105 people per charter.
Yes, it is just for students and their guests.
They will have to pick up their tickets at the
Wellness Center. Ask for Alera Smith on 9/2
between 8 am and 5 pm.

Wednesday – September 3, 2025

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

Emcee: *Whitney Rencountre II*, Crow Creek Hunkpati Dakota

Posting of the Colors: United Tribes Technical College Color Guard
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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;
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Dignitaries Recognition/Remarks: ??????????????



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10:00 AM - 10:50 AM TRADESHOW OPENING

HALL B

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

Public Health Prairie Rose 101

Presenter: *Ashley Littlewolf*

Description - ???????????????????????..

Missing and Murdered Unit Capabilities Prairie Rose 102

Presenter: *Robert Schoeberl*

Together Overcoming Diabetes (TOD)_ A Culturally Informed, Intergenerational Approach to Diabetes Prevention and Management in AI_AN Communities..... Prairie Rose 103

Presenter: *Courtney Claussen*

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Presenter: ????????????????

Cannon Ball Elementary Singers: Elders Round Table Prairie Rose 105

Presenter: *Dr. Hollie Mackie*

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM LUNCH

HALL D

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

Integrated Tribal Project Delivery: Building Sovereignty into the Process Prairie Rose 101

Presenter: *Frankee Hall*

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Presenter: ????????????????

ND Tribal College Presidents Panel—The State of TCUs Prairie Rose 103

Presenter: *Tracey Bauer*

Advancing Tribal Health in the Great Plains: Implementing the READI Model for Improvement Prairie Rose 104

Presenter: *Allison Joachim*

Leveraging Advanced Materials Research and Manufacturing to

Accelerate Economic Development Prairie Rose 105

Presenter: *Dr. Surojit Gupta*

2:00 PM - 2:50 PM

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

Rooted in Values, Ready to Lead: The Future of Nation Rebuilding Prairie Rose 101

Presenter: *Cree Rose Dueker*

Advancing Cancer Equity in the Great Plains through

Culturally-Driven Screening and Control Programs..... Prairie Rose 102

Presenter: *Heather BringsPlenty*



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Presenter: ????????????????

Revenue with Purpose: Strategies for Maximizing Third-Party Collections at OHC.....Prairie Rose 104
Presenter: *Lisa Schlosser*

(title).....Prairie Rose 105
Presenter: *Luke*

3:00 PM - 3:50 PM

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline / GP 988 Tribal Response.....Prairie Rose 101
Presenter: *Martina Martinez*

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Presenter: ????????????????

Data and Tribal Economies: Securing Our Future Through Sovereignty.....Prairie Rose 103
Presenter: *Joseph Yracheta*

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Presenter: ?????????? ????

Eating Like Our AncestorsPrairie Rose 105
Presenter: *Jaylynn Farlee*

4:00 PM - 4:50 PM

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

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Presenter: ????????????????????

Dakota Prairie Apprenticeship Readiness Program.....Prairie Rose 102
Presenter: *Jason Ehlert*

Carrying the Work Forward: A Path of Healing and PreventionPrairie Rose 103
Presenter: *Stacy Kartes*

A Cultural Approach to Good Health and Wellness in Indian Country.....Prairie Rose 104
Presenter: *Everett Baxter Jr.*

(title).....Prairie Rose 105
Presenter: *K'lona Lofton*

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

5:45 PM - 8:00 PM ENTERTAINMENT 'TABOO' AND 'SUPERMAN' HALL A

Description - TTaboo & Superman.



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Thursday, September 4, 2025

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

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

Keynote Speaker: *Cody Two Bears*, Standing Rock Sioux tribe
Founder of Indigenized Energy

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Cody Two Bears

Founder of Indigenized Energy

Cody Two Bears, a member of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe, is the Founder and Executive Director of Indigenized Energy, an organization that blends Western science with Indigenous traditional knowledge to help tribes transition to renewable energy. Growing up in the impoverished CannonBall Community on the Standing Rock Reservation, where energy costs are among the highest in the nation, Cody was inspired by the #NoDAPL protests in 2016 to create North Dakota's largest solar farm on Standing Rock. At 26, he became the youngest elected tribal council member in Standing Rock history and helped bring President Obama to the reservation in 2013, where youth were empowered to share their stories.



10:00 AM – 10:50 AM

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

Indian Highway Safety Program_ Traffic Safety Issues EngagementPrairie Rose 101
Presenter: Justin Wendland

Silent Struggle: What can one of our oldest relatives teach us
about current gaps in maternal health?.....Prairie Rose 102
Presenter: ????????????????

Comprehensive Financial LiteracyPrairie Rose 103
Presenter: Joey Hemsoth



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Presenter: ??????????????

(title).....Prairie Rose 105

Presenter: Dr. Hollie Mackie

11:00 AM – 11:50 AM

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

Advancing the Tribal Data Infrastructure StoryPrairie Rose 101

Presenter: Nick Hill

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Presenter: ??????????????????????????

Compliance Program EssentialsPrairie Rose 103

Presenter: Clifford Rhodes

Culture is HealingPrairie Rose 104

Presenter: Keaton Widow

(title).....Prairie Rose 105

Presenter: Sunshine Rose Claymore

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM LUNCH

HALL D

1:00 PM – 1:50 PM

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

Operationalizing Access: How OHC's PRC Department Delivers Timely, Equitable CarePrairie Rose 101

Presenter: Nico Sheppard

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Presenter: ??????????????

Program Sustainability.....Prairie Rose 103

Presenter: Sean Jackson

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Presenter: ??????????????

Traditional Tea Blends- hands on activityPrairie Rose 105

Presenter: Melanie Moniz



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2:00 PM – 2:50 PM

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

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Presenter: ????????????????

Sticks and Strength_ Lacrosse as a Cultural Response to Youth Overdose and SuicidePrairie Rose 102
Presenter: Kevin DeCora

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Presenter: ????????????????????????????

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Presenter: ??????????????????

“Small Space, Big Change” Low Tech Mushroom Cultivation for Food SovereigntyPrairie Rose 105
Presenter: Amanda Padron

3:00 PM – 3:50 PM

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOMS

Ronald McDonald House Care Mobile of North Dakota.....Prairie Rose 101
Presenter: Brent Kleinjan

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Presenter: ????????????????????????????

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Presenter: ??????????????????

Protecting Our People_ Measles, Immunity, and Indigenous HealthPrairie Rose 104
Presenter: Sarah Shewbrooks

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Presenter: ??????????????????

4:00 PM – 4:50 PM

CLOSING CEREMONY

HALL A

Emcee:Whitney Rencountre II, Crow Creek Hunkpati Dakota
Invocation:.....Hoksila White Mountain, UTTC Cultural Wellness Coordinator, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe
Closing Remarks:Edwin Kitzes, UTTC Summit Committee Chair
Door Prizes:
Retirement of Colors:United Tribes Technical College Color Guard
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5:00 PM - 8:00 PM

GP HEALTH BOARD MEETING

PRAIRIE ROSE ROOM 105

Closed session, not for public