

35TH ANNUAL CALIFORNIA CONFERENCE ON AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATION



"TURNING VISION INTO ACTION"

CALL TO CONFERENCE

MARCH 15-17, 2012 • HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY • ARCATA, CA

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We invite you to attend the 35th Annual California Conference on American Indian Education, March 15-17, 2012, at Humboldt State University in Arcata, CA. The conference theme is “Turning Vision into Action.” The conference will showcase 35 years of success and growth of American Indian education in California and the impact the American Indian Education Centers have had in American Indian communities.

This conference is made possible by the collaborative efforts of the 27 American Indian Education Centers located statewide, endorsed by the California Department of Education, National Education Association (NEA), National Indian Education Association (NIEA), and many other supporters of American Indian education throughout California. Our hope is that your attendance at this year’s conference will be a positive experience and will result in lasting memories. We look forward to seeing you in Arcata. If you have any questions or would like clarification, please contact Irma Amaro at 707-464-3512 or by e-mail at irma@ncidc.org, or Rachel McBride at 530-895-4212 ext. 110 or by e-mail at rachel.4winds@sbcglobal.net

Respectfully,
Irma Amaro and Rachel McBride
Conference Co-Chairpersons

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Endorsed by:
The California Department of Education
National Education Association
National Indian Education Association

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Purpose of the Conference

The 35th Annual California Conference on American Indian Education "Turning Vision into Action," offers the opportunity to share traditional and academic teaching and learning. This conference honors the commitment of the family and all those who have contributed to the advancement of Indian Education in California.

Conference Goals

- To advocate academic excellence and educational opportunities for American Indian families, educators, tribal leaders, and board members;
- To provide opportunities for networking among American Indian families, elders, tribal leaders, students, and educators;
- To recognize achievements of distinguished educators parents, and students;
- To honor our elders, who are our most revered teachers.

Youth Track

We are pleased to announce that this year's conference will again offer a youth track, with some great speakers and interactive activities.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

THURSDAY – MARCH 15, 2012

Registration	11:00 am – 5:00 pm
Youth Hand Game Registration*	Noon – 1:00 pm
Vendors and Displays	Noon – 5:00 pm
Youth Hand Game Tournament	1:00 pm until there's a winner
Pre-Conference – Live Your Language Alliance (www.liveyourlanguagealliance.org)	10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Pre-Conference – Listening and Action (Hosted by National Education Association)	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Welcome Reception	6:00 pm – 11:00 pm

FRIDAY – MARCH 16, 2012

Registration	7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Children's Activity Room	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Elders' Hospitality Room	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Vendors and Displays	8:00 am – 8:00 pm
General Session I	8:30 am – 10:00 am
Workshops	
Session I	10:15 am – 11:15 am
Lunch (on your own)	11:30 am – 12:45 pm
Session II	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Session III	2:15 pm – 3:15 pm
Session IV	3:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Language Forum	2:15 pm – 4:30 pm
Elders' Banquet	5:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Rock and Roll Trivia	9:00 pm – 10:30 pm
Youth Dance	9:00 pm – 11:00 pm

SATURDAY – MARCH 17, 2012

Registration	8:00 am – 11:00 am
Children's Activity Room	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Elders' Hospitality Room	8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Vendors and Displays	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Workshops	
Session V	9:00 am – 10:00 am
Session VI	10:15 am – 11:15 am
General Session II	11:30 am – 1:00 pm
Educator's Luncheon	1:15 pm – 2:30 pm
Large Group	3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Cultural Sharing	6:00 pm – 11:00 pm

*Preregistration for Youth Hand Game Tournament is recommended:
Call Calvin Hedrick at 916-752-7755 for applications

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Mary Jane Oatman

Mary Jane Oatman is a member of the Nez Perce Tribe of Idaho. She was born and raised on the reservation to a large family that has embarked on the education journey together. She was honored to be a part of three generations graduating together, a contagion that has spread as other family members have since returned to school to continue their education journey. Ms. Oatman has been accepted into a doctoral program in the College of Education at the University of Idaho, where her studies will focus on gender in history with the project titled: "Nimiipuu women's role(s) during the Nez Perce War of 1877-Resistance & Resilience Untold." She is a graduate of Lewis-Clark State College (LCSC) with a bachelor's degree in justice studies and a minor in Nez Perce language. In 2009 she received LCSC's Alumni of the Year award and established the first-ever chapter of the Native American Alumni Association. She received a national award in 2008 from the University Continuing Education Association as the Outstanding Nontraditional Student.

Ms. Oatman is the President of the National Indian Education Association (NIEA) and was appointed by President Obama to serve on the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE) as a liaison to Secretary Arne Duncan in the United States Department of Education. Ms. Oatman currently serves as the Senior Liaison to the American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) communities for the Office of Minority Community Outreach at the National Education Association (NEA). She is in charge of connecting the AI/AN community to NEA's 3.2 million members and ensuring that NEA's policies and programs are relevant to America's indigenous communities. Prior to joining NEA, she served as the first appointee as the Director of the Office of Indian Education at the Idaho State Department of Education.

Ms. Oatman has two children-Jackson (9) and Wayne (3) and loves to spend time fishing for salmon, huckleberry picking, and volunteering in youth development initiatives. She says, "My greatest accomplishments and blessings from the Creator have been the gift of motherhood. My little guys are what keep me motivated and inspired to represent Indian country. Though my career has taken me far from the reservation, I will always remain tied to my roots."



James C. Ramos, MBA

James Ramos was first elected to the office of chairman for the San Manuel Band of Serrano Mission Indians on March 1, 2008. In 2011, Governor Jerry Brown appointed Ramos to the California State Board of Education making James the first California Native American to be appointed to the Board. The Board is the governing and policy-making body of the state Department of Education, and sets state-wide, K-12 education policy in the areas of standards, instructional materials, assessment, and accountability. Ramos believes that education is the key for the United States to maintain a leadership position in global affairs.

Ramos has a deep commitment to the preservation of California Indian Culture. Ramos is co-founder of the cultural awareness program at San Manuel and serves as director of the California Indian Cultural Awareness Conference held annually at Cal State San Bernardino. Recognizing this commitment, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger appointed him to the California State Native American Heritage Commission in January 2008. He currently holds the position of Chairman.

Ramos is a proven civic leader in the Inland Empire region and has served on the boards of a number of groups and organizations promoting business, economic and social opportunities, including the

San Bernardino County Museum Association, Loma Linda University Children's Hospital Foundation, Foundation Board of Governors, California State University San Bernardino, Dorothy Ramon Learning Center, St. Bernardine Medical Center Foundation, San Bernardino Valley College Foundation, Arrowhead United Way, and the KVCR (Public Television) Foundation for Education and Operating Board Member of FNX - First Nations Experience, the nation's first television channel rooted in the Native American experience and broadcast by KVCR.

In 2010, Ramos was re-elected to the San Bernardino Community College Board of Trustees for a second term. He served as president of the board for two terms. He is the first Native American to be elected to the board and received strong bi-partisan support from federal, state, and local elected officials and community leaders.

In addition to tribal government issues, Ramos continues to work with the tribe's agenda of community involvement by reaching out to the surrounding communities and local governments to work collaboratively on issues that improve the quality of life for all citizens.

Ramos is a successful entrepreneur, operating restaurants in the San Bernardino region. He was born and raised on the San Manuel Indian Reservation. Ramos and his wife Terri are proud parents of four children. Ramos earned an Associate of Science Degree from San Bernardino Valley College, Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from California State University – San Bernardino, and a Masters in Business Administration Degree from the University of Redlands. In December 2009, he received an honorary doctorate degree in humane letters from Northern Arizona University, for his leadership and contributions to education.

INVITED SPEAKER



Tom Torlakson, State Superintendent of Public Instruction

Tom Torlakson was elected to a four-year term as California's 27th State Superintendent of Public Instruction on November 2, 2010. As chief of California's public school system and leader of the California Department of Education, Superintendent Torlakson applies his experience as a science teacher, high school coach, and state policy maker to fight for our students and improve our state's public education system.

Torlakson's journey has led him from the classrooms of Contra Costa County's Mount Diablo Unified School District (where he remains a teacher-on-leave), to the Antioch City Council, Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors, and the California State Senate and State Assembly.

During his tenure in the California State Legislature, Torlakson acted to protect education funding, improve student nutrition and physical education, and ensure school safety. He also championed legislation to increase funding for textbooks, computers, and other instructional materials and efforts to close the digital divide, eliminate the

achievement gap, and reduce the dropout rate.

In 1998 Torlakson authored legislation leading to the development of the largest system of after school programs in the nation. In 2006, he authored the bill that led to a 300 percent expansion in these programs—so they now reach 4,000 schools around the state. Torlakson authored the Quality Education Improvement Act (SB 1133) in 2006, which dedicates nearly \$3 billion to our lowest performing schools. He also played a key role negotiating and authoring the \$9 billion Proposition 1A bond measure in 1998—which has led to public votes supporting over \$36 billion to build new schools and improve existing school buildings.

As the chair and founder of the California Task Force on Youth and Workplace Wellness, Torlakson has been a leader on banning junk food from our schools, providing healthier school meals, promoting student health and fitness, and combating diabetes and obesity among our children.

Born in San Francisco, Tom served as a fireman in the United States Merchant Marine, earning the Vietnam Service Medal. He earned a B.A. in History, a Life Secondary Teaching Credential, and an M.A. in Education from the University of California, Berkeley.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

Dates

March 15-17, 2012

Early Bird Registration

(Postmarked by January 12, 2012)

\$300 Per Registrant
\$200 Elders 55+ and Students*
\$200 each 1-14 students*
\$175 each 15-24 students*
\$150 each 25-49 students*
\$125 each 50+ students*
(students must be from same institution to qualify for discount)

All registration after January 12, 2012, will be considered on-site.

On-Site Registration

\$375 Per Registrant
\$275 Elders 55+ and Students*

One Day Rate

\$150 Per Registrant
(specify Friday or Saturday)
Does not include meals

*Must include copy of school ID

Meal Tickets

\$55 Elders' Banquet
\$50 Educator's Luncheon

Payment Method

- No purchase orders will be accepted
- Check (business) or Money Order

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be received in writing by March 5, 2012, and are subject to a \$25 fee.

Registration includes the Elders' Banquet and Educator's Luncheon. Because of meal count guarantees to the hotel, tickets for these meals cannot be guaranteed for on-site registration.

- ☐ Please check if you are requesting vegetarian meals

Location

Humboldt State University
1 Harpst Street
Arcata, CA 95521

Hotel Reservations

Blue Lake Casino Hotel, 877-252-2946
Best Western, 888-646-6514
Quality Inn, 800-549-3336
Hotel Arcata, 800-344-1221
Specify CCAIE when calling or California Conference on American Indian Education

Hotel Rates

Blue Lake Casino Hotel - \$89 + tax
Best Western - \$76.46 + tax
Quality Inn - \$90 + tax
Hotel Arcata - \$89 + tax
All rates are per night.
(Tax = 15%)

Airport:

Arcata Eureka Airport ACV

3561 Boeing Avenue
McKinleyville, CA 95519
United States

Website for Arcata Eureka: http://co.humboldt.ca.us/aviation/content.asp?page=airport_and_airline_information.htm

Phone: 707-839-5401

Conference Registration Form

Please type or print clearly. Use a separate form for each registrant.

Name: _____ ☐ Elder ☐ Adult ☐ Student

Sponsoring Organization/Tribe: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____ E-Mail: _____

Payment Information (Make checks payable to Four Winds of Indian Education)

Amount enclosed: _____ Check/MO#: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

After March 5, 2012, substitutions will be allowed, but no refunds.

Mail registration form and payment to:

*Make check or money order
payable to Four Winds of Indian Education*

**Four Winds of Indian Education
c/o CCAIE
2345 Fair Street
Chico, CA 95928**

CALL FOR WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

If you are interested in presenting a workshop related to the conference theme, complete this form and return no later than Thursday, January 12, 2012. Check which theme your presentation will address.

- ☐ Culture & Tradition ☐ Health and Wellness ☐ Confronting our History ☐ Environment
☐ Education ☐ Our Legislative Future ☐ Technology ☐ Youth Track

Please e-mail Presentation Summary to Judy Delgado at: judelgado@cde.ca.gov

Please indicate date and time preferred:

Friday

- ☐ 10:15 am – 11:15 am
☐ 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
☐ 2:15 pm – 3:15 pm
☐ 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Saturday

- ☐ 9:00 am – 10:00 am
☐ 10:15 am – 11:15 am
☐ 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Large Group Workshop

All rooms will be set up classroom style. Technology is available.

Name of Lead Presenter: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

Presenter's Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Workshop Title: _____

Presentation Summary – If you don't have access to e-mail, print or type 50 words or less, as you want printed in the conference program: _____

For more information contact: Judy Delgado at 916-319-0506 or by e-mail at judelgado@cde.ca.gov, or Chavela Delp 916-319-0609 or by e-mail at cdelp@cde.ca.gov.

If you don't have access to e-mail, you may mail complete form to:

**Judy Delgado, American Indian Education Consultant
California Department of Education
1430 N Street, Suite 6401
Sacramento, CA 95814**

CONFERENCE AWARDS

HONORED AMERICAN INDIAN ELDER

Given to Elders 60 years or older who have made outstanding contributions to American Indian education in the following areas:

- 1) Promoted an understanding and appreciation of American Indian cultures in an educational or community setting;
- 2) Given lifelong service to promoting quality education through active community service; or
- 3) Served as a role model or mentor for American Indian children, youth, or adults

DISTINGUISHED AMERICAN INDIAN EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR

Given to an American Indian teacher, educator, counselor, or administrator with significant work in any of the following areas:

- 1) Developed and established innovative education program(s);
- 2) Improved education or cultural quality in nominee's community;
- 3) Significantly impacted a school or local community;
- 4) Worked for passage of legislation designed to improve student service delivery;
- 5) Promoted educational quality for students;
- 6) Promoted training for teachers and counselors of American Indian students; or
- 7) Developed programs to improve the education of American Indian people

PARENT OF THE YEAR

Given to an American Indian parent for outstanding leadership, commitment, concern, and voluntary efforts in the following areas:

- 1) Served on local, regional, statewide committees, or boards working to improve the educational quality of American Indian students;
- 2) Demonstrated strong commitment through volunteer work to improve educational opportunities for American Indian youth; or
- 3) Worked to strengthen American Indian youth programs at the community or tribal level

STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Given to an American Indian student in the 12th Grade, enrolled full-time in a public or private accredited school with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Nominees must demonstrate leadership qualities, maintain high academic achievement, serve as a role model for other students.

The student of the year will receive a scholarship from the Conference Committee, once proof of enrollment (minimum of ½ time) at a higher education or vocational institute is provided.

PLEASE NOTE

Awardees will receive a meal at the conference. Expenses such as conference registration, lodging and transportation are the responsibility of the nominating individual or organization. (Additional meal tickets for family members and/or friends, must be purchased separately, and may not be available unless purchased in advance of the event.) All nominees must be residents of California.

Nominations must be received by Thursday, January 12, 2012

CALL FOR STUDENT WRITING & PHOTOGRAPHY

The 35th Annual California Conference on American Indian Education is approaching quickly and, once again, we wish to showcase the writings of American Indian students from our state in a small booklet (chapbook) available to each participant who attends the conference. We are requesting poetry, short stories, and photography from all K-12 American Indian youth who reside in California. If possible, we would prefer black and white photographs but will accept color.

All submissions should address the conference theme "Turning Vision into Action." Photographs and writings that demonstrate the power of intergenerational education, whether formal or cultural, are especially welcome.

Please inform your youth about their opportunity to have their work published and encourage them to submit their writings to:

American Indian Education Program
1919 B Street
Marysville, CA 95901
Phone: 530-749-6196 • Fax: 530-741-7840

Copyright will remain with the authors. Works submitted for publication will not be returned, therefore, please send copies only. Each youth who is published will receive two free chapbooks from the Conference Planning Committee. All works should be submitted for review by Thursday, January 12, 2012. Along with each submission, please include the following information:

Student Name • Tribal Affiliation
Age of Student • Phone Number
Name and address of sponsoring organization
(i.e., Title VII, IEC, or school)

We are looking forward to publishing the writings and photographs of our American Indian youth. If you have any questions, please contact James Graham at 530-749-6196.

Thank you, The 35th Annual California Conference on American Indian Education Committee

AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Nominations must be postmarked by January 12, 2012.

The following documents must accompany the nomination form:

- A 250 word statement on the nominee justifying the nomination;
- Biographical information; and
- A recent photo (color, head shot only), e-mailed in jpeg format to Judy Delgado at judelgado@cde.ca.gov.

Nominee Information Check one:

☐ Honored Elder ☐ Distinguished Educator ☐ Parent of the Year ☐ Student of the Year

Name: _____

Tribe: _____

Nominating Organization/School: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

Nominator Information

Nominating Organization/Tribe/School: _____

Contact Person: _____

Phone: _____

All forms and supporting materials must be received by January 12, 2012. Fax and e-mails accepted:
Judy Delgado at 916-323-6061 or e-mail at judelgado@cde.ca.gov. Late nominations will not be considered.
No exceptions!

Mail nominations to: **Judy Delgado, American Indian Education Consultant**
 California Department of Education
 1430 N Street, Suite 6401
 Sacramento, CA 95814

For more information call: Judy Delgado at 916-319-0506.

ADVERTISING AGREEMENT

The CCAIE 2012 conference program is a great way to showcase your organization, business, or tribe. You can also use this opportunity as a forum to congratulate the success of American Indian education over the years. The rates are as follows:

Full color camera-ready art

Program Ad specifications (check one). The rates listed below are for camera-ready art only.

- ☐ Business Card (3 1/4" W x 2 1/4" H) – Price: \$50.00
- ☐ Quarter Page (3 1/4" W x 4 5/8" H) – Price: \$100.00
- ☐ Half Page – Vertical (3 1/4" W x 9 1/2" H) – Price: \$200.00
- ☐ Half Page – Horizontal (6 3/4" x 4 5/8" H) – Price: \$200.00
- ☐ Full Page (6 3/4" x 9 1/2" H) – Price: \$400.00

**Received by
January 12, 2012
Checks should be
made out to: Four Winds**

Advertiser: _____

Contact Person(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (Day): _____ (Evening): _____

Only digital art will be accepted. Advertisers must provide the ad in PDF (Adobe Acrobat) exactly as it will be printed. There will be an additional charge for ads that must be altered to fit.

Art Services: Art services are available at \$65.00/per hour plus costs. Deadline for art service is January 12, 2012. We will not accept a faxed ad as artwork.

Disclaimer: The California Conference on American Indian Education Planning Committee reserves the right to reject any ad it deems inappropriate. Any monies paid will be refunded in full.

Payment: All ads must be accompanied by full payment. Purchase orders will not be accepted.

Checks should be made out to: Four Winds of Indian Education c/o CCAIE

Mail check and copy of the ad agreement to:

Four Winds of Indian Education Center
c/o CCAIE
2345 Fair Street
Chico, CA 95928

Mail art/copy of the ad agreement to:

Chavela Delp
California Department of Education
1430 N Street, Suite 6401
Sacramento, CA 95814

Authorization: I understand and agree with the requirements of this agreement.

Enclosed is \$ _____ for placement of a _____ (size) advertisement.

Authorized Signature: _____ Date: _____

VENDOR APPLICATION

The 35th Annual California Conference on American Indian Education is a great way to promote your business, organization, or arts and crafts. Humboldt State University will be the site for vendors and exhibit booths with 20 commercial spaces and 20 informational spaces available. Vendor set-up time will be on Thursday, March 15, 2012, at noon. Times for vendors begin at 8:00 am and end at 8:00 pm. Security will be provided from 8:00 pm to 8:00 am.

Exhibitor fees do not include any conference activities such as meals, conference registration, hotel rooms, travel costs, etc. Commercial vendors will be asked to contribute an item to the raffle valued at \$30 or more.

If you have additional requirements, please state and we will refer you to appropriate university staff.

Please check type of booth:

☐ Informational \$150
One 6' table provided and two chairs

☐ Commercial \$250
Two 6' table provided and two chairs

Organization/Business*: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Name: _____ E-Mail: _____

Tribal Affiliation (if applicable): _____ Phone: _____

Please make checks or money orders to Four Winds of Indian Education. Payments and application forms are due by January 12, 2012. Please send application to:

Four Winds of Indian Education
c/o CCAIE
2345 Fair Street
Chico, CA 95928

****No application will be accepted without payment. Spaces will be assigned as payment is received and cleared.***

The CCAIE shall not assume responsibility for lost or damaged items or personal injuries. We also reserve the right to direct any vendor to remove any item we deem as inappropriate.

By my signature, I hereby understand and agree to the terms listed.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For questions, please contact Judy Delgado at 916-319-0506 or by e-mail at judelgado@cde.ca.gov or Chavela Delp at 916-319-0609 or by e-mail at cdelp@cde.ca.gov.

****The Indian Arts and Craft Act of 1990 shall apply to all arts and crafts vendors.***

The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-644) is a truth-in-advertising law that prohibits misrepresentation in marketing of Indian arts and crafts products within the United States. It is illegal to offer or display for sale, or sell any art or craft product in a manner that falsely suggests it is Indian produced, an Indian product, or the product of a particular Indian or Indian Tribe or Indian arts and crafts organization, resident within the United States. Under the Act, an Indian is defined as a member of any federally or State recognized Indian Tribe, or an individual certified as an Indian artisan by an Indian Tribe.

