

Honoring Our Nations: Building Strength Through Understanding
SAIGE 16th Annual National Training Program

SAIGE Pre-Training Activities

Sunday, June 9

Time		Location
7:00 - 9:00 PM	<i>Student Youth Program Private Reception – Introduction of SAIGE Board, and Sponsors of the Youth Track (by invitation)</i>	Mezzanine

Monday, June 10

Time	Topic	Location
8:30AM-12:00PM	Exhibits Setup	Event Center “D”
8:30AM- 5:00 PM	Youth Program Gathering JoAnn Brant, Elaine Robles, Student Leaders and Youth Program participants	Event Center “C”
8:30 – 10:00 AM	Planning Committee Meeting	Wolf A
10:00 - 10:30 AM	Registration Volunteers Meeting	Wolf A
10:30 - 11:00 AM	Moderators’ Review Meeting	Wolf B
12:30 - 5:00 PM	Pre-Registered Attendee Bag Pick-up Open	Event Center Pre-Function
1:00 – 5:00 PM	EPA Pre-training Forum – Luke Jones, EPA, American Indian/Alaska Native Special Emphasis Program	Wolf A
1:00 – 5:00 PM	Pre-Training Agency Forums/ Affiliate Group meetings (Break: 2:30-3:30)	Wolf B (& Hawk)
2:30 - 3:30 PM	Coffee Available	Meeting Rooms Pre-function Area
3:30- 4:15 PM	Introduction to SAIGE –A short informal session by SAIGE board members	Wolf B
4:30 - 6:00 PM	On-site Registration - for those who have not registered online	Green Room
7:00 – 8:30 PM	Cultural Reception – All are welcome. Allegany River Indian Dancers	Event Center “A & B”

Allegany River Indian Dancers



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Tuesday, June 11

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Time	Topic	Location
7:30AM	Smudging Ceremony – all are invited	4 th St. Valet Area
7:00 - 8:00 AM	Breakfast	Event Center “D”
7:30 AM- 5:00PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Event Center “D”
7:30 AM - 11:00AM	Registration	Event Center Pre-function
8:00 - 8:15AM	GENERAL SESSION: Opening of the National Training Program Presentation of Colors – Iroquois Post 1587 Opening Prayer Veterans Honoring Song– Drum – Tilford Brown	Event Center “A & B”
8:15 - 8:30 AM	Opening Remarks – Fredericka Joseph, Chair, SAIGE	
8:30 - 8:45 AM	Welcome and Tribal Overview Brenda Deeghan, Executive Assist. to the President of the Allegany Seneca	
8:45 - 9:15 AM	OPM Update Zina Sutch, Office of Personnel Management, Deputy Associate Director, Outreach, Diversity, and Inclusion, Employee Services	
9:15 – 9:45 AM	Future Leader Introductions/ Panel JoAnn Brant, SAIGE Youth Program Director, Environmental Protection Agency, & Youth Program Participants	
9:45 – 10:00 AM	BREAK	Event Center “D”
10:00 - 10:45 AM	Tribal Sovereignty and the Indian Child Welfare Act Stephen Pevar, Sr. Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union	Event Center “A & B”
10:45 - 11:15	Broken Promises: Continuing Federal funding Shortfalls for Native Americans Commissioner Karen Narasaki, U.S. Commission on Civil Rights	
11:15 - 11:45	Brian Patterson, Bear Clan Representative, Oneida Nation Council, Past President of USET	
11:50 - 12:00	BREAK	
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Luncheon Speaker: Patrick Malone, American University	Event Center “A & B”

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Concurrent Breakout Sessions		
Time/Track	Topic	Location
1:45 – 3:00 PM		
Federal Indian Law/ Indian Country	American Indians/Alaska Natives 101: Understanding the Basics Luke Jones, American Indian Environmental Office, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Wolf A
Indigenous Natural Resources/Culture	Traditional Teachings of the Good Mind- Michael Martin, Native American Community Services of Erie and Niagara Counties	Event Center “C”
Professional Development	Where Do You Want to Be in the Next Five Years and How Do You Get There? Cynthia Dunn, IRS, TE/GE, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	Hawk A
EEO & HR	Roles and Responsibilities of a Special Emphasis Program Manager- Earl G. Banks, Office of Federal Operations , U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	Hawk B
3:00 – 3:15 PM	BREAK	Event Center “D”
Time/Track	Topic	Location
3:15 - 4:30 PM		
Federal Indian Law	Recent Legislative and Judicial Actions and the Effects for Indian Country- Michael McBride, Indian Law & Gaming Practice Group, Crowe & Dunlevy	Wolf A
Indigenous Natural Resources/Culture	Energy and Economic Development in Indian Country Stephen Manydeeds, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Division of Energy and Mineral Development	Wolf B
EEO & HR	Barrier Analysis – Earl G. Banks, Office of Federal Operations, U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission	Hawk A
EEO & HR	Strategic Human Resource Management- Luke Jones, American Indian Environmental Office, Office of International and Tribal Affairs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency	Hawk B
Time	Evening Events	Location
6:00 - 7:30 PM	Traditional Crafts Demonstrations – Beading and Shawl Fringing; Learn how to bead and fringe, materials provided	Event Center “A”
7:30 - 9:00 PM	Film Showing: <i>Brother Wolf</i>	Event Center “B”

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Wednesday, June 12

National Training Program – General Plenary Session		
Time	Topic	Location
7:00 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Event Center “D”
8:00 - 11:00 AM	Registration	Event Center Pre-function
7:30 AM- 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Event Center “D”
8:30 - 8:40 AM	GENERAL PLENARY SESSION Welcome- Updates & Announcements - Fredericka	Event Center “A & B”
8:40 – 9:10 AM	National Congress of American Indians Update Jefferson Keel, President, NCAI	
9:10 – 9:40 AM	Office of the Special Trustee for American Indians Update Jerry Gidner, Director, Office of Special Trustee	
9:40 - 10:10 AM	Bundling Our Arrows - Building Strength through Understanding and Unity - Michael Martin, Native American Community Services of Erie and Niagara Counties, Inc.	
10:10 – 10:30 AM	BREAK	Event Center “D”
10:30 -11:15 AM	Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Aren Sparck, Seattle Indian Health Board	Event Center “A & B”
11:15 – 11:45 AM	Resilient Tribal Governments: Promoting Capacity Building Jay Spaan, Executive Director, Self-Governance Communication and Education Consortium	
11:45 - 12:00	BREAK	
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Lunch on your own NCEPS Luncheon <i>(By Invitation)</i>	Deer Room
1:30 – 4:30 PM	Career Fair and Community Outreach – Federal Agencies, corporations and non-profit organizations will provide information on their missions, and career paths within their organizations. Free and open to the public.	Event Center “D”

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Concurrent Breakout Sessions		
Time/Track	Topic	Location
1:30 - 2:45 PM		
Federal Indian Law/ Indian Country	Tribal Self-Government: Understanding, Promoting, and Enabling Self-Governance of Federal Programs and Services- Jay Spaan, Self-Governance Communication and Education Consortium, Jennifer Cooper, Indian Health Service	Wolf A
Indigenous Natural Resources/Culture	Successful Federal Tribal Partnership – Coal Mining Regulation on the Navajo Nation- Roberta Martinez-Hernandez and Alfreda Cornfield, Indian Lands Program, OSMRE; Karmen Billey-Badonie, Navajo Nation Surface Mining Program	Wolf B
Professional Development	Pathway to Leadership Panel - Nancy Berryhill, Social Security Administration; Jerry Gidner, Office of the Special Trustee; Alex Tremble, GPS Leadership Solutions, LLC	Hawk A
Professional Development	Strength in Diversity -National Coalition for Equity in Public Service Panel : Olivia Adrian, Fredericka Joseph, Matthew Murphey, Veronica Vasquez, Cheryle Cobell Zwang	Hawk B
2:45 – 3:15 PM	BREAK	Event Center “D”
Time/Track	Topic	Location
3:15 - 4:30 PM		
Indian Country	Understanding Social Security Benefits for Tribal Members - Nancy Berryhill, Acting Commissioner, Social Security Administration; Reneé Ferguson, Assistant Regional Commissioner, Dallas Region SSA	Wolf A
Indian Country	Tools for Working Effectively with Tribal Nations (Panel) Jennifer Cooper, Indian Health Service; Travis Jansen, Rosebud Sioux Tribe; Don Còqayohòmuwòk Chapman, Cayuse Technologies; Jay Spaan, Facilitator	Wolf B
EEO & HR	Red Face: Overlooking Racial Discrimination in the Federal Government - Dean Seneca, CEO, Seneca Scientific Solutions	Hawk A
Professional Development	Leveraging our Strengths to our Advantage - Alex Tremble, GPS Leadership Solutions, LLC	Hawk B
Time	Evening Event	Location
7:30 - 9:00 PM	SAIGE Achievement Awards and Partnership Recognition Reception - All are welcome to celebrate our best! Entertainment provided by: Don Còqayohòmuwòk Chapman and Darryl Tonemah	Event Center “A & B”

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Time	Topic	Location
7:00 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast	Event Center "D"
9:00 - 10:30AM	Registration	Event Center Pre-Function
7:30 AM-5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open	Event Center "D"
8:30 AM - 2:00 PM	<i>Veterans' Track – Concurrent session- See separate agenda</i>	Event Center "A & B"
Concurrent Breakout Sessions		
Time/Track	Topic	Location
8:30 – 9:45 AM		
Indian Country	Two Spirit Natives: Returning to the Sacred Circle of our Tribes- Sade' Ali, First Nations LLC, Zero Suicide	Wolf A
Indigenous Natural Resources/Culture	The Peace Maker Story - Formation of the Iroquois Confederacy- William Crouse Sr., Allegany River Indian Dancers	Event Center "C"
Professional Development	Communication Skills Needed for Effective Feedback- Cynthia Dunn, IRS, TE/GE, Office of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	Hawk A
Indian Country	Carlisle Indian School Project- Barbara Andrews-Christy, Sandra Cianciulli, MaryAnn Robins; Circle Legacy Center	Hawk B
9:45 - 10:15 AM	BREAK	Event Center "D"
Time/Track	Topic	Location
10:15–11:30 AM		
Indigenous Natural Resources/Culture	Discovery of Personal Achievements Through Culture and Healing - Dr. James E. Pete, DBA , Guyaushk and Associates	Wolf A
Professional Development	How to Properly Allocate your TSP and Effective Tax Planning Strategies- Neil Cain, CFP®, ChFEBC SM , Capital Financial Planners	Wolf B
EEO & HR	Preventing Harassment and Bullying in the Workplace- Steven Giles, Bureau of Indian Affairs	Hawk A
Indian Country	Rez Dog: Issues of Companion Animals in Indian Country - Maxine Hillary, USAID	Wolf B
11:30 – 11:45 AM	BREAK	
12:00 - 1:30 PM	Luncheon with the Veterans' Warrior Society and Meritorious Service Awards Ceremony	Event Center "A & B"
1:30 – 1:45 PM	BREAK	
1:45 -2:45 PM	Continuation of Veterans' Track	Event Center "A & B"

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1:45 - 2:45 PM	<i>Optional Networking Session –Elaine Robles, EPA, Coordinator</i>	Event Center “D”
2:45 – 3:00 PM	BREAK	Event Center “D”
3:00 – 4:30 PM	Closing General Session	Location
3:00- 3:15 PM	Closing Remarks: Fredericka Joseph, SAIGE Chair	Event Center “A & B”
3:15 – 4:00 PM	Youth Presentation: SAIGE Student Youth Program Participants	
4:00 – 4:15 PM	SAIGE 2020 Presentation	
4:15 - 4:30 PM	Closing Prayer- Retiring of Colors: SAIGE Warrior Society	
4:00 - 5:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Breakdown	Event Center “D”
7:30 – 9:00 PM	Open Mic Night – come and showcase your talents	Event Center “A & B”
Friday, June 14		
7:00 - 10:00 AM	Breakfast on Your Own- Attendees	
8:30 - 9:30 AM	Planning Committee Breakfast – Invitation only	Wolf A
10:00 AM - 4:30 PM	Annual SAIGE Board Meeting & Working Lunch	Wolf B

Thank you for your support of SAIGE
Safe Travels and we will see you in 2020!

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