



**8th Generation Conference
University of Montana
April 19 –April 21, 2018**

Program

THURSDAY April 19th

**8:30 am Opening Blessing and Light Breakfast
Arlene Adams (Salish)**

**9-10:30 “Students on Education, #ownvoices.”
Raymond Kingfisher (Northern Cheyenne/Blackfeet) and
Jake Arrowtop (Blackfeet)**

Interactive Panel on education needs led by middle and high school students and staff from the Missoula County Public Schools.

**11-1:00 pm Keynote and Luncheon Dr. Dorene Wiese (White Earth)
“Challenges of Urban Indian Education”**

Dr. Dorene Wiese is an enrolled member of the White Earth Ojibwe Nation. She is currently the founding President of the American Indian Association of Illinois (AIAI) and the Medicine Shield College. Dr. Wiese is a strong advocate for the rights of urban American Indians, who are the largest segment of American Indian society. She strives to provide academic and cultural programs to American Indian people of all ages. AIAI sponsors the American Indian Museum Without Walls, the Black Hawk Performance Company, the Been Na Un Den Na Drum and Singers, Native Scholars, the American Indian Urban Institute and Bear Claw Multimedia.

Wiese has taught as a professor at NAES College, Truman College, Triton College and is currently an adjunct professor with Eastern Illinois University. She founded the Medicine Shield College program affiliated with Eastern Illinois University in 2006. She currently serves as a director with the Cook County Health and Hospital Systems Board, the Chicago American Indian Health Services Board, and the WTTW Community Advisory Board.

In her 40+ years working in American Indian education, she has won numerous awards for her achievements in American Indian education, including a Newberry Library Rockefeller Fellowship, a Bank of America Hero Award, and an American Indian Educator of the Year

Award. Wiese has over 25 years of experience advocating for American Indian rights, affirmative action and civil rights.

Wiese enjoys Pow Wow and Native American Church music. She holds a doctorate degree in Leadership and Policy studies from Northern Illinois University and an MA in Social Science from the University of Chicago.

THURSDAY April 19th - CONTINUED

1:15 – 2:45 “Education and Language Revival.”
Robert Hall, MA (Blackfeet)

Robert Hall is a University of Montana alum. He is the current tribal liaison for the Browning school system and is a Piikani language instructor at the Cuts Wood School.

3:00 – 4:30 Afternoon Breakout Sessions
“Student Expectations for Education”

Native student representatives from across Montana will discuss education aspirations and realities.

6:00 Dinner
Payne Family Native American Center

7:30 An Evening with Adrienne Chalepah from Native Ladies of Comedy

Comedian Adrienne Chalepah is an indigenous (Kiowa/Apache) entertainer from Anadarko, Oklahoma. While attending Fort Lewis College (Durango, CO) she made her stage debut and studied journalism, film-making, and American Indian Studies. In 2009 she graduated Magna Cum Laude and in 2010 her comedy career took off when she teamed up with the popular comedy troupe "49 Laughs Comedy". Since then, Chalepah's performances have gained recognition, landing her features in magazines and on television. In 2012, she was honored to open up for the First Lady Michelle Obama. She is the founder of the super group "Ladies of Native Comedy." Chalepah has performed alongside comedy giants such as Margaret Cho, Dane Cook, and Jarrod Carmichael. In 2017, she was published in the highly-praised book "Funny Girl" an anthology in which Chalepah was a featured author. Chalepah is currently a mother of four, wife, businesswoman, and internationally-performing artist.

FRIDAY April 20th

8:30 am Continental Breakfast

9-10:30 “One Role of the Arts in Education.”
Lily Gladstone (Blackfeet)

Fresh from her breakout and award-winning role in *Certain Women*, University of Montana alum (BFA) Lily Gladstone will discuss the importance of the arts in education and lead interactive workshops on acting and performance

11-1:00 pm Keynote and Luncheon
Xest Spúʔus (Good Heart): To Find a Better Destiny
Dr. Sandra Boham (Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes)
President, Salish Kootenai College

President Boham’s experience in education is deep and diverse. She has taught adult basic education at a women’s correctional facility, Kicking Horse Job Corp Center and Salish Kootenai College, as well as held teaching positions at College of the Redwoods and Humboldt State University, served as American Indian Education in the Great Falls Public Schools and filled several other administrative posts at Salish Kootenai College. She currently serves on the American Indian Higher Education Consortium’s Board of Directors and recently testified before the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs regarding several Indian education bills.

Dr. Boham earned a bachelor’s degree in sociology at the University of Montana in 1982, an M.Ed. in adult and higher education at Montana State University-Bozeman in 1991 and a Ed.D in educational leadership from the University of Montana in 2014.

1:15 – 2:45 “Art and Tradition in Education.”
John Isaiah Pepion (Blackfeet)

An interactive workshop with ledger artist and educator John Isaiah Pepion.

John Isaiah Pepion is an artist who hails from the Blackfeet Nation in northern Montana. The art journey has been ceremonial for John as his understanding of his past, family, and culture grows with his work. He descends from Mountain Chief, a Blackfeet leader who preserved history through numerous winter counts. Through art, John finds personal healing and cultural preservation.

3:00 – 4:30 “Education and the Role of Tribal Colleges”
Tribal College faculty and students

- Break -
(Dinner on own)

7:00 pm 50th Annual Kyi-Yo Powwow Grand Entry
Adams Center

SATURDAY April 21st

9-11:00 am Brunch and Farewells

SATURDAY April 21st – CONTINUED

11:00 AM Closing Prayer

**12 noon 50th Annual Kyi-Yo Powwow Grand Entry
Adams Center**