



Opportunity Through Education

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TO: School District Superintendents
High School Principals
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FROM: Kari Eakins, Chief Policy Officer

DATE: May 10, 2021

SUBJECT: 2021 Native American Education Conference

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR THE 12TH-ANNUAL NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Registration is now open for the 12th-Annual Native American Education Conference, taking place August 11-14, 2021. This is a virtual conference for educators, community members, and youth entering grades 6-12. [Register here](#) for the conference.

This year's keynotes will be:

- Tanaya Winder, member of the Duckwater Shoshone Tribe and award-winning poet who will discuss healing trauma through art.
- Sam Mihara, former internee at Heart Mountain Relocation Center during World War II who will share his experiences as a Japanese American imprisoned because of his ethnicity.
- Hawhenawdies Neal Powless, member of the Onondaga Nation, film producer, and Syracuse University's ombudsman, who will deliver a powerful message about healing.

In addition, workshops and break-out sessions on the following strands will be available:

- Understanding Native American history and culture.
- Classroom techniques for enhancing Native student achievement.
- Meeting emotional and social needs of Native American students.
- Inspiring youth leadership and empowerment.
- Training for suicide awareness and prevention.

More information is available [online](#). The cost for adults is \$25 plus processing fees. Youth (22 years of age and under) attend for free.

For more information, contact Rob Black, Native American Liaison, at 307-777-3747 or rob.black1@wyo.gov.