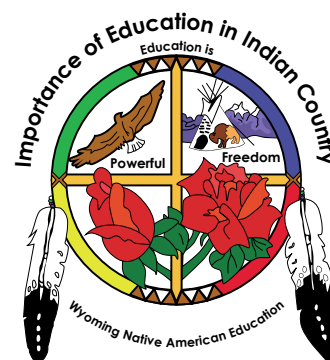




2026 Native American Education Conference Schedule

Central Wyoming College – Riverton, WY



Wednesday, August 12, 2026

8:30 AM	Opening ceremonies	
		Peck Center Auditorium
9:15 AM	Walking Together: Forging a Collective Path through Indigenous Knowledge As we walk in the footsteps of ancestors, we draw strength from their legacy, ensuring that their wisdom empowers our journey forward. This is the foundation of true resilience: knowing ancestral knowledge and carrying that strength into the future, as we walk with others along the way.	
	Rose Ann Abrahamson	Peck Center Auditorium
10:30 AM	Break	
10:45 AM	Native Herbal Medicine-Culture & Science	
	John Gookin	Health & Science 208
	Supporting Students through Indigenous Project-based Learning	
	Elena Singer, Morning Rae Ferris	Intertribal Center 116
	Community Resource Mapping	
	Lucas Freeman, Steven Davis	Health & Science 210
	Understanding the Foundations of AI: Building Student Awareness, Voice, and Critical Thinking	
	Heather Cunningham, Lien Diaz	Intertribal Center 106
	Your Life Matters, Your Voice Matters, Your Future Matters	
	Carol Harper	Health & Science 206
	Carrying the Story: Indigenous Student Storytellers and Anne Frank	
	Heather Simpkins Pasquinelli	Main Hall Classroom Wing 177

10:45 AM	Stitching Together: Sewing with Students and Strengthening Shoshone Community Bonds	
	Randy Nagitsy, Rachel Ynostrosa	Student Center Little Theater
	From Barriers to Supports: Rethinking Access to Reading and Classroom Learning	
	Shelby Kappler	Main Hall Classroom Wing 179
	Arapaho Language in Today's Society & Technology	
	Raphael Youngchief	Main Hall Classroom Wing 171
	Resources for Learning about Wind River Basin Water, Buffalo, and People	
	Clare Gunshenan, Albert Mason Jr., Colleen Friday, Martha Inouye	Health & Science 100
	Infusing Cultural Content for First Time and/or New Educators	
	Jordann (Bright Trail Woman) Lankford-Forster	Intertribal Center 125
	Free Native American Education Offerings at the Wyoming State Museum	
	Jeremy Thornbrugh	Main Hall Classroom Wing 181
11:30 AM	Lunch	
12:30 PM	Navigating The Seasons Of Mental Health & Wellness	
	Tyler Ruby	Intertribal Center 116
	Language In and Outside of the Classroom	
	Patricia Goggles, William Goggles, Carrie White-Antelope, Raylene Whiteplume, Arydenne Sage, Ian Wolf-Arrow, Raphael Youngchief, and Alberta Oldman	Main Hall Classroom Wing 171
	Creating Culturally Relevant Materials and How to Obtain Them	
	Victoria Jackson, Alfred Jackson, Brenda Jackson	Health & Science 208
	Walking Together with Buffalo: Structuring and Sustaining Community-Engaged Workshops for Indigenous Education	
	Nichole Lumadue, Marlin Spoonhunter, Lynette St. Clair	Health & Science 100

12:30 PM	Everyday Native: A Free Classroom Resource	
	Jordann (Bright Trail Woman) Lankford Forster	Intertribal Center 125
	NASNTI & CWC: Traveling Alongside Each Other in Higher Education	
	Rory Tendore, Dr. Coralina Daly: "NASNTI & CWC"	Intertribal Center 106
	Indigenous Voices: Hear Our Youth Speak Out	
	Roy Brown	Main Hall Classroom Wing 181
	Reimagining Secondary Reading Intervention: A Tier 2 Literacy Lab that Parallels Language Arts and Social Studies	
	Dr. Stephany Anderson	Health & Science 210
	The Horse-Human Connection: Applications for Teachers and Clinicians	
	Terri Wofford	Main Hall Classroom Wing 177
	Buffalo Nation in Practice: Student Leadership, Cultural Revitalization, and the Power of Lived Indigenous Knowledge	
	Heather Bender, Jenn Runs Close To Lodge	Health & Science 206
	STEM and Voice: Partnering with Educators for Experiential Learning	
	Dr. Cindy Jones	Main Hall Classroom Wing 169
	Teaching Indigenous Languages and Knowledges through Computer Science	
	Dr. Marissa Spang, Veronica Miller, Elena Singer, Randy Nagitsy	Student Center Little Theater
1:45 PM	Break	
2:00 PM	Film: Generation Warrior + Q&A panel	
		Peck Center Auditorium
	Strengthening Resilience and Perseverance	
	Dr. Marlin Spoonhunter, Tillie Spoonhunter	Health & Science 100
	Walking Together Through Words: Building a Schoolwide Approach to Enduring Vocabulary	
	Dr. Stephany Anderson	Health & Science 210

2:00 PM	Carrying the Story: Indigenous Student Storytellers and Anne Frank	
	Heather Simpkins Pasquinnell	Main Hall Classroom Wing 177
	Stitching Together: Sewing with Students and Strengthening Shoshone Community Bonds	
	Randy Nagitsy, Rachel Ynostrosa	Student Center Little Theater
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3:00 PM	Break	
3:15 PM	Building an MTSS System to Support Native American Students	
	Patrick Hall, Laura Frederick, Patryce Stephenson, Amanda Hellyer, Candace Hall, Kelly Norwood, Taralee Suppah, Michelle Spiess, Jessica Whaldron, Adelle Simon	Main Hall Classroom Wing 171
	Native Herbal Medicine-Culture & Science	
	John Gookin	Health & Science 208
	Destination Imagination Creative Problem-Solving	
	Miriah Eisenman, Hillary Williams	Main Hall Classroom Wing 177
	Co-designing Games to Teach Indigenous Rural History	
	AnnMaria De Mars	Intertribal Center 125
	CTE Partnership: A Unified Vision for the Northern Arapaho and Eastern Shoshone	
	Ilaine Brown	Main Hall Classroom Wing 169

3:15 PM	Supporting Students through Indigenous Project-based Learning	
	Elena Singer, Morning Rae Ferris	Intertribal Center 116
	Indigenous Voices: Hear Our Youth Speak Out	
	Roy Brown	Main Hall Classroom Wing 181
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	Dr. Marlin Spoonhunter, Tillie Spoonhunter	Health & Science 100
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	Carol Harper	Health & Science 206
4:15 PM	Break	
4:30 PM	Pacesetter Ceremony/Raffle Drawing	
		Peck Center Auditorium
5:15 PM	Reception For All	
		Intertribal Center
6:30 PM	Community screening of Before Wyoming: The West in 1776	
		Peck Center Auditorium

Thursday, August 13, 2026

8:00 AM	Humanized Education Thanks to advancements across a range of scientific fields, we know more about the human brain today than ever before. We also have a deeper understanding of the internal and external factors that profoundly impact students' readiness to learn, their engagement, and their academic performance. This keynote presents an innovative, evidence-based framework designed to help traditional schools serve first and foremost as centers of wellness, healing, health, and balance. By doing so, schools can more effectively elevate every student to achieve high levels of learning.	
	Dr. Jason Cummins	Peck Center Auditorium
9:30 AM	Break	

9:45 AM	Co-designing Games to Teach Indigenous Rural History	
	AnnMaria De Mars	Intertribal Center 125
	Stewardship through an Indigenous Lens	
	Dallas Myers	Intertribal Center 116
	Incorporating Traditional Foods in our Schools	
	Kelly Pingree, Billie Spoonhunter, Krystal Northcott	Intertribal Center 106
	Using AI to Help Native Students Learn Their History And Enhance Their Education	
	Peter Carlo Paccone	Main Hall Classroom Wing 169
	Understanding How Your Mexican and Latina/o Students are Indigenous People	
	Marcos Martinez	Health & Science 206
	The Horse-Human Connection: Applications for Teachers and Clinicians	
	Terri Wofford	Main Hall Classroom Wing 177
	Building an MTSS System to Support Native American Students	
	Patrick Hall, Laura Frederick, Patryce Stephenson, Amanda Hellyer, Candace Hall, Kelly Norwood, Taralee Suppah, Michelle Spiess, Jessica Whaldron, Adelle Simon	Main Hall Classroom Wing 171
	Reclaiming Narrative Sovereignty Through Sand Creek Inquiry Kits	
	Dr. Aldora White Eagle	Health & Science 100
	Traditional Cultural Landscapes and the Path of the Buffalo	
	Crystal Reynolds, Cadence Truchot	Health & Science 208
	The House that Mathematics Buil	
	Fred Poutre	Health & Science 210
10:45 AM	Break	

11:00 PM	Fostering Healthy and Regulated Classroom Environments	
	Jordann (Bright Trail Woman) Lankford Forster	Intertribal Center 125
	Creating Culturally Relevant Materials and How to Obtain Them	
	Victoria Jackson, Alfred Jackson, Brenda Jackson	Health & Science 208
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	Advanced MTSS Implementation to Support Native American Students	
	Patrick Hall, Laura Frederick, Patryce Stephenson, Amanda Hellyer, Candace Hall, Kelly Norwood, Taralee Suppah, Michelle Spiess, Jessica Whaldron, Adelle Simon	Main Hall Classroom Wing 171
	Reclaiming Narrative Sovereignty Through Sand Creek Inquiry Kits	
	Dr. Aldora White Eagle	Health & Science 100
	Honoring Roots, Creating Routes	
	Dr. Michelle Aldrich	Health & Science 210
12:15 PM	End of the Conference	