



Call to Conference

**“DECONSTRUCTING
BARRIERS THROUGH
EDUCATION, COMMUNITY
AND ACTION”**

33rd Annual Washington State Indian Education Association Conference

April 3-5, 2017

**Northern Quest Resort Hotel & Casino
100 North Hayford Road
Airway Heights, WA 99001
509/481-6000 or toll free 1-877/871-6772
Located near airport just outside of Spokane**

Featuring:

Workshops, Clock Hours, Culture Room, Merit Awards, Vendors,
Parent and Teacher Training Opportunities, Native Student College Fair & Post-Secondary Opportunities
Day, and much more!

*Sponsored by the
Washington State Indian Education Association
In cooperation with the
Office of Native Education/Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction*

“Deconstructing Barriers Through Education, Community, and Action”

On behalf of the WSIEA Board, I would like to invite you join us at the 33rd annual Washington State Indian Education Association (WSIEA) conference at the Northern Quest Resort/Casino in the beautiful lands of the Kalispel Tribe. I would like to thank the Kalispel people for welcoming us by providing this beautiful facility for our use.

Our Board has worked very diligently to provide speakers and sessions that would not only encourage and inspire you as Native educators, parents/guardians, and professionals working with native children, but also challenge you to stretch yourself to make a difference in your community or across Indian Country. This past year has certainly confirmed to me that we, as Native people, are still truly fighting for justice as the Indigenous people of this land that is called North America, as well as Alaska and Hawaii. I recognize that our justice actions connect us with Indigenous peoples from other homelands that have been colonized as we have. They, too, defend their homelands around the world as we simultaneously fight for justice upon our ancestral lands.

Native Americans have stood together with the citizens of Standing Rock as they have taken a stand against the Dakota Access Pipeline (DAP) that would endanger the water of not only their tribe, but of all people along that pipeline. People around the world have joined in solidarity by traveling to Standing Rock, have marched in support of the Standing Rock water protectors, have publicly acknowledged the right of the Standing Rock people to protect their vital water resources, and have divested financial resources from companies supporting DAP which includes WSIEA in 2016. What we see happening in response to public support for water protection is blatant, outright violence toward those who gather in peaceful assembly. This violence has been done with the knowledge and permission of federal, state and local governments. This is not the only action that is being taken on behalf of environmental issues by our Native Tribes.

In light of all that is happening in the Indigenous world, how do we educate people to the fact that we as First Nations people are still here continuing to thrive and follow our ancestral ways and working to bring back that which was taken from our ancestors during the time of colonization.

Today the schools are “encouraged” to teach the Native languages to our children. Schools are now **required** to include instruction on tribal history and government in collaboration local tribes. We as Native people are the ones that need to be in the schools asking what is being done to teach the history of our Native children as well as how are they making provisions for our languages to be taught. We can’t let the schools give us excuses any longer. We as Native people have to be ones in the tribal offices advising our leaders on how they can be a positive visible presence on the campuses of all schools and participate in school board meetings. By doing this, school officials will feel our presence and be reminded of their responsibility to our children. What have you seen being done specifically for our Native students?

At this conference I encourage all of you get acquainted and form a bond with each other and with the presenters as well as trade contact information with the state officials. We need to make our presence known on behalf of our people. Until we see the educational gap close, until the graduation rates rise, until our families can walk into a school with pride and determination to speak and advocate on behalf of their children and the other Native children, our work is not done.

Be encouraged friends and relatives, WE ARE NATIVE ! Continue to work together and support each other!

Awklaaw ikush!
That’s all
Skwinash Rose Miller

2016-17 WSIEA Board of Directors

Rose Mary Miller, Chairperson*

Robin Pratt, 1st Vice-Chairperson

Arlen Washines, 2nd Vice-Chairperson

Anna Armstrong, Treasurer*

Sarah Stafford, Secretary

Dawn Simpson, Elder Representative/West*

Stella Washines, Elder Representative/East

Sara Marie Ortiz, Member at Large*

Katrina Walsey, Member at Large/Parent East

Amanda Rambayon, Member at Large/Parent West

Else Washines, Student Representative, Higher Education*

Erika Ramirez, Student Representative, High School*

Joan Banker, Ex Officio

WSIEA Board Elections

WSIEA's Board of Directors consists of 12 Native members and one ex officio. Please check the agenda and note the place and times for nominations and balloting. Persons being nominated must be current members (conference registration fee includes 2017 WSIEA membership dues) and present to accept a nomination. There will be one nominating session to nominate new board members. Upcoming vacancies include:

-Chairperson (3 year term) -Treasurer (3 year term) -High School Student Representative (1 year term; nominees must be registered for and participating in entire conference)	-Member at Large (2 year term) -Higher Education Student Representative (1 year term) -Elder Representative/West
---	--

WSIEA Website

<http://www.wsiea.org>

The WSIEA Call to Conference, Agenda at a Glance, Call for Presenters, Merit Award information, Native Student Day updates, and online registration through PayPal, etc., is all available online at our website. If you have questions, please contact Joan Banker at either joan.banker@k12.wa.us or 360/725-6160.

Lodging Information

We are delighted to be back at the Northern Quest Resort/Casino where a block of rooms (ask for WSIEA Conference block) has been reserved for WSIEA Conference participants and presenters. A complete list of hotel amenities can be found at www.northernquest.com.

Northern Quest Resort

Rates: \$124 single or double occupancy. Additional guests are \$10 each (up to 4 persons per room).
Taxes/fees: 1.9% City of Airway Heights lodging fee plus a \$2 per room night TPA
Deposit: **Please note that all reservations must be accompanied by first night's deposit; cash, check or credit card are acceptable for pre-payment**
Cancellation: 72 hours in advance
Check in: 4 p.m.
Check out: 11 a.m.
Cutoff date: **Thursday, March 3, 2017**
Reservations: 1-877/871-6772

After the cutoff date, guest rooms not booked will be released for general sales. Any reservations received after the cut-off date will be accepted on a space and/or rate available basis only. Be sure to call on or before 3/3/17 to lock in our conference rate.

WSIEA Native Student Day

On Tuesday, April 4, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., the WSIEA will offer a youth strand featuring events, great speakers, workshops, and interactive activities geared toward Native youth, which will run parallel to the main conference at Northern Quest. Sign up your students on this year's WSIEA registration form (*see attached form*). The registration fee for students just participating in our April 5 student day activities will be \$25 and will include lunch, snacks, and session materials. For more information contact Katrina Walsey at 509/865-4778 or katrina.walsey@yakama.com.

Clock Hours

Clock Hours and CEUs will once again be offered for all participants. Forms and additional information will be available on-site near the registration area.

Culture Room

We are excited to continue to offer the Culture Room again this year. The purpose of this room is to provide a hands-on experience for educators to participate in culturally relevant activities within Native American culture. Local Native Americans will be invited to be a part of this interactive culture room and may include: beading, carving, cedar work, sewing regalia, drum making, jewelry making, painting, basket making, and other activities.

If you would like to lead a craft session in the culture room, please contact **Anna Armstrong** at armstrong@kalispeltribe.com or 509/570-8063.

Workshops

Please find the 2017 WSIEA Call for Presenters information/forms on our website (<http://www.wsiea.org>). If you are interested in conducting a workshop at this year's WSIEA Conference, please complete the WSIEA Call for Presenters and **submit by February 24, 2017 to Robin Pratt**, rpratt@auburn.wednet.edu (253/931-4880), or mail to:

Robin Pratt
Auburn High School
800 4th Street NE
Auburn WA 98092

Presentations should be positive, motivating, and informative. We wish to increase the conference participant's knowledge, skills, and experience as it relates to Indian education, Native youth empowerment, community involvement, and Indian self-determination. Suggested conference topics should reflect our 2016 conference theme and identify with one or more of our four focus strands: Education, family, culture, and leadership.

For more information and/or to receive the call for presenters (electronic versions available upon request), please call Robin Pratt or contact Joan Banker, Office of Native Education/OSPI, joan.banker@k12.wa.us, 360/725-6160.

Silent Auction

WSIEA will be holding a silent auction during the conference to support our recognition and scholarship awards. Please consider donating an item for our auction and bring it to the conference registration table before noon on Monday, April 3, where we will have bid sheets available. For more information, please contact RoseMary Miller at 509/949-4454 or rmmiller@toppenish.wednet.edu.

Vendor Information

Vendors are always a welcome addition to our annual conference. We also welcome non-profit informational and educational booths. Exhibitor fees are as follows:

- For-profit - \$175 for all three days
- Non-profit - \$125 for all three days

All vendors are requested to donate one item for the WSIEA door prize drawings or silent auction.

To reserve a vendor booth contact Anna Armstrong at 509/570-8063 or aarmstrong@kalispeltribe.com. You will find additional information on the registration form attached as the last page of this packet and also at www.wsiea.org. Spaces will be reserved on a first received, first served basis.

Please note: Exhibitor fees do not include any conference activities such as meals. However, meal tickets to the Awards Banquet may be purchased at the registration table.

WSIEA Golf Tournament

The WSIEA Board has elected to postpone our golf tournament until our 2018 conference being held at the Yakama Nation's Legends Casino and Hotel.

For more Information:

- ❖ **Rose Mary Miller**, WSIEA President, rmmiller@toppenish.wednet.edu or 509/949-4454.
- ❖ **Sarah Stafford**, WSIEA Secretary, sjstafford@outlook.com
- ❖ **Joan Banker**, OSPI Office of Native Education, joan.banker@k12.wa.us or 360-725-6160



Recognition and Student Merit Awards

The Washington State Indian Education Association takes an opportunity each year during our annual conference to acknowledge accomplishments of Native individuals who have significantly contributed to the education of Native peoples.

These awards include:

- Indian Educator of the Year
- Indian Elder of the Year
- Indian Parent of the Year
- Higher Education Indian Student of the Year - \$500 monetary award
- High School Indian Student of the Year - \$1,000 monetary award

Award recipients will be announced during the WSIEA Awards Dinner on Tuesday evening, April 4.

Recognition Nomination & Application Information

Nomination/ application forms and guidelines can be found on our website (<http://www.wsiea.org/awards.html>). If you have any questions, please contact Sara Ortiz (sara.ortiz@highlineschools.org or 206/631-3162) or Joan Banker (joan.banker@k12.wa.us or 360/725-6160)

- **All nominations must be postmarked by March 10, 2017.**
- **Please send completed forms with ALL appropriate documents to:**

Joan Banker
Office of Native Education/OSPI
PO BOX 47200
Olympia WA 98504-7200

Physical address for UPS or Fed Ex: 600 Washington Street SE,
Olympia WA 98501

Agenda at a Glance – DRAFT

Washington State Indian Education Association 33rd Annual Conference

April 3-5, 2017

TIME	Monday; April 3	Tuesday; April 4	Wednesday; April 5
6:00		Fun Run/Walk Registration	
7:00	Vendor set up	Fun Run/Walk 6:30-7:30	
7:00	Conference Registration	Conference Registration	Information Area Open
7:00-9:00	Breakfast	Breakfast	Continental Breakfast
8:00	Vendor Area Open	Vendor Area Open	Vendor Area Open
9:00		WSIEA Native Student Day Activities will begin (agenda being developed)	
9:00 am	<u>1st GENERAL SESSION</u> --Invocation and Flag Ceremony: --Posting Colors --Traditional Opening <u>WELCOME/OVERVIEW:</u> --Rose Mary Miller, WSIEA President <u>KEYNOTE SPEAKER:</u> Renee Holt, WSU <u>>TRIBAL LEADERS PANEL PRESENTATION</u> <u>>PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS PANEL PRESENTATION</u>	<u>3rd GENERAL SESSION</u> --Opening --Welcome & Announcements 9:15 - <u>KEYNOTE SPEAKER:</u> Michael Vendiola, Office of Native Education/OSPI 10:15 – 10:30 BREAK 10:30 – 12:00 NOON <b style="background-color: #f4a460;"><u>2nd CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</u> --5 Workshops <u>Culture Room Open</u>	<u>4th GENERAL SESSION</u> --Opening --Welcome & Announcements 9:15 - <u>KEYNOTE SPEAKER/PANEL PRESENTATION--TBD</u> <i>Door Prize Drawing</i> 10:00-10:15 BREAK --Board Election Results & Business Meeting --Closing
9:45-noon			
12-1:15	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN	LUNCH ON YOUR OWN 12-5 pm, WSIEA Board Elections	
1:30-3:00	<u>1st CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</u> --5 Workshops <u>Culture Room Open</u>	<u>3rd CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</u> --5 Workshops <u>Culture Room Open</u>	
3-3:15	B R E A K	B R E A K	
3:15-4:45	<u>2nd GENERAL SESSION</u> -Board Election Process and Nominations, Resolutions - <i>Door Prize Drawing</i>	<u>4th CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS</u> --6 Workshops <u>Culture Room Open</u>	
4:00 pm		<u>4:00</u> <u>Native Student Day Activities Conclude</u>	
6 p.m.		WSIEA Awards Recognition Dinner <i>Speaker: Stephanie Fryberg</i>	

Registration Form
 Washington State Indian Education Association 33rd Annual Conference
 Northern Quest Resort/Casino – April 3-5, 2017

General/Elder Registration

	Pre-registration (postmarked on or before 3/20/17)	\$175.00
	On-site registration (postmarked or received after 3/20/17)	\$200.00
	Native Elders (55+ years)	\$135.00

Student Registration

	Students Attending April 3-5	\$75.00
	Students Attending April 4 Native Student Day Activities Only	\$25.00

We are unable to offer one-day general/elder member registration this year.

Registration fees include WSIEA membership and voting privileges, conference information packets, workshop materials, a breakfast each morning, and the WSIEA Awards Banquet. No refunds can be made for cancellations after 3/24/17.

To purchase extra meal tickets for the April 4 Award Dinner, please include an additional \$35 per ticket required.

_____ # Extra dinner tickets X \$35.00 = (\$ _____) Payment Included

_____ Please check here if you require a vegetarian menu

PRE-REGISTER ON OR BEFORE 3/21/16 FOR EASY ON-SITE CHECK IN

Please submit one registration form for each person attending

NAME _____

PROGRAM/SCHOOL/TRIBE _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ZIP _____ PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

Payment Method Check # _____ PO# _____ Money Order # _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Make payment to WSIEA

Please mail completed form with payment to:

WSIEA
c/o Joan Banker
8401 Delphi Road SW
Olympia WA 98512
360/725-6160 or FAX 586-3305

OR, registrations can be made online through the WSIEA website: www.wsiea.org

Vendor Registration Form
Washington State Indian Education Association 33rd Annual Conference
Northern Quest Resort/Casino – April 3-5, 2017

___ FOR PROFIT VENDOR TABLE FEE: \$175 - 7 am on April 3 to noon on April 5
___ NON-PROFIT/EDUCATIONAL TABLE FEE: \$125 - 7 am on April 3 to noon on April 5

We have limited vendor space this year and priority will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. Vendor set up time will be on Monday, April 3, beginning at 7 am. PLEASE NOTE: Exhibit fees do not include conference activities such as meals, conference registration, and WSIEA membership dues.

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO WSIEA

CONTACT/RETURN FORMS TO: Anna Armstrong
Kalispel Indian Tribe
PO BOX 39
Usk WA 99180
509/570-8063
aarmstrong@kalispeltribe.com

Name of Organization/Vendor: _____

Address: _____

Contact Name: _____

Telephone/fax number: _____

Email Address: _____

The vendor fee includes one 8 foot table and chairs. Vendors are welcome to bring their own extra tables, clothing racks, etc., however they must fit within their allotted area. We have a little less vendor space to work with this year and ask that vendors keep that in mind when deciding what extra furniture/display tables to bring.

Describe type of exhibit: _____

Please let us know if you will have audiovisual equipment or other equipment so your table(s) can be placed near electrical outlets. Also, let us know if you will need space for floor displays next to or behind reserved tables so appropriate arrangements can be made. **Vendors are responsible for supplying their own equipment.** For profit vendors are also requested to donate one item for the WSIEA silent auction or door prizes.