

Colorado Indian Education Foundation

Darius Lee Smith (Navajo/Black)

Title VII Directors/Coordinators Meeting

Fountain School District 8 Board Room

10665 Jimmy Camp Rd., Fountain, CO 80817

Wednesday, November 13, 2015



Established in 2004/05 the Colorado Indian Education Foundation is a Denver based nonprofit organization that provides educational opportunities and scholarships to American Indians attending school in the State of Colorado.



CIEF is made possible by committed individuals who envision a greater awareness of Colorado's American Indian heritage and culture, and acknowledge the need for resources for American Indian students in the State of Colorado.



2014



- For the past ten years the program has raised more than \$100,000 in scholarships.
- The program raises funds when Colorado residents purchase the specialty American Indian Scholars License Plate (\$25 plus registration fee).
- The Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce administers the certificate program in collaboration with CIEF.



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The Region VIII Equity Assistance Center at Metropolitan State University of Denver
is proud to host:

Increasing Opportunities for
**Native American
Students Conference**

May 3rd-4th, 2013

A Gathering for Parents, Educators,
and Students Grades 6-12

at Auraria Campus

In Collaboration with the Office of Lt. Governor Joseph Garcia,
of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, & Colorado Department of Education.



For more information contact

Marcela Parra or Amber Mozet at 303-556-6065 or eac@msudenver.edu

Register for the conference at <http://eacregion8.wufoo.com/forms/m7x3z9/>

- In 2013, CIEF contributed to the Increasing Opportunities for Native American Students Conference in Denver.
- The survey/data was collected by the Equity Assistance Center Region VIII Metropolitan State University of Denver



2013 American Indian Scholarship Recipients



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MOA for American Indian Scholars Plates Renewed in 2015



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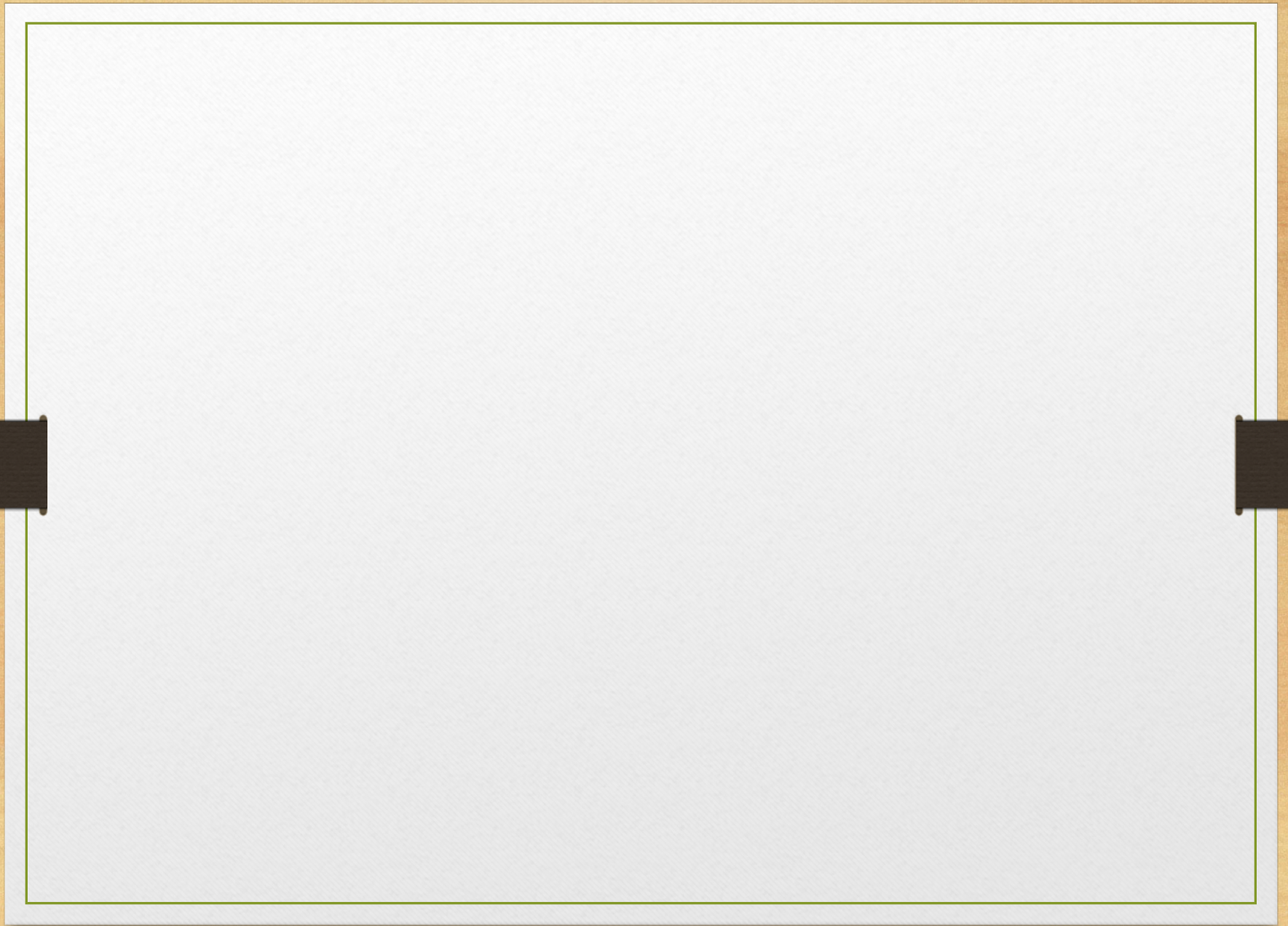
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Smith Family 1976





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The Mission of the Denver American Indian Commission is to **enhance** present and future **communications** between the Denver American Indian Community and the City and County of Denver, to **advocate** for social and cultural **awareness** and to **promote** economic and political **equality**.

Main Strategic Goal: *To increase the visibility and awareness of American Indians in the Denver metro area by improving the American Indian quality of life and promoting positive concepts of American Indian heritage and culture.*



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Commissioners with Tribal Affiliations

- **Derek Brown** (Dine’)
- **Stella Carrasco** (Sicangu Lakota)
- **Benito Concha** (Taos Pueblo)
- **Daryle Conquering Bear Crow** (Oglala Lakota)
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- **Co-Chair Elicia Goodsoldier** (Navajo Nation/Spirit Lake Dakota)
- **Niabi Hart** (Sac & Fox)
- **Kimimila Locke** (Ahtna Dine, Hunkpapa Lakota & White Earth Ojibwe)
- **Gemma Lockhart** (Rosebud Sioux Tribe)
- **Co-Chair Richard R Martel** (Canadian Cree)
- **Michelle Perez** (Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians)



Events, Conferences,
Film Series,

Monthly meetings take place during the second, Wednesday of each month from 5:00pm to 6:00pm Denver Museum of Nature & Science (DMNS), 2001 Colorado Blvd, Denver 80205. Right after each meeting the DAIC is proud to present the monthly 2015 Indigenous Film Series @ DMNS: films start at 6:30pm, with the doors opening at 6:00pm and end time between 7:45 – 8:30pm. The format will be a film screening followed by discussion with the audience. Free and open to the public.

Indigenous Film Series @ DMNS

Every second Wednesday 6:30-8:00pm





Healing the Warrior's Heart

November 11, 2015 ♦ 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

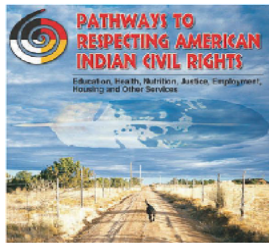
Healing the Warrior's Heart sheds new light on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder by examining the emotional trauma of war through the prism of American Indian tradition and ceremony. The documentary reveals the central role that military service plays in Native life and explores the spiritual traditions that help returning American Indian soldiers reintegrate into society. The film shows how some American Indian ceremonies and ways of healing are being used in the treatment of non-native veterans suffering from PTSD. Narrated by Peter Coyote. Producer/Director Taki Telonidis, Co-Producer Gary Robinson (Choctaw/Cherokee). (Western Folklife Center and KUED, 2014, 57 min.).



Post-screening discussion will be led by Denver American Indian **Commissioner Elicia Goodsoldier**.

Pathways to Respecting American Indian Civil Rights

July 9, 2015



ATTENTION

AMERICAN INDIAN AND
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Suspect Your Civil Rights Have Been
Violated?

Need Help Evaluating Your Situation?

The Pathways Conference is offering a corps of Civil Rights enforcement providers to meet with Native community members who feel their rights may have been violated and are seeking information, support & guidance in deciding what to do about their discrimination concerns.

- WHO** Civil Rights Enforcement Staff & Advocates Knowledgeable on Federal & State Law on Race, Gender, Disability & Other areas in:
- Education
 - Health
 - Housing
 - Social Services
 - Employment
 - Social Security
- WHAT** Listening Clinic to Hear & Assist with Your Civil Rights Concerns
Following is partial example of what rights are covered; come in to learn more
- Education: Access to Educational Services; Harassment/bullying and other areas
 - Jobs: discrimination due to race, religion, sex (including pregnancy), age, disability
 - Housing & Public Accommodation: Access to housing; public and private businesses
- WHEN** 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. THURSDAY JULY 9, 2015
- WHERE** King Center, Auraria Campus, Denver
- WHY** Native Rights to Education, Housing, Health & Jobs Matter
*Discuss Legal Issues, Regulatory Issues;
Seek Assistance in Filing Documents, Charges and/or Complaints*



One Gathering Skate for Life

July 18, 2015

LIVE LIFE MOVEMENT

ONE GATHERING SKATE FOR LIFE

Supporting the growth and development of youth through skateboarding and art projects.

STRONGHOLD SOCIETY

A-sa-ma-di SMART business solutions

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JULY 18TH 2015 DENVER!

SKATECOMP, MUSIC, VENDORS, YOUTH OUTREACH, FREE TO ATTEND
Downtown Denver Skatepark - 20th & Littleton
LIVE Art and Mural projects / Food Vendors
support our outreach efforts at www.strongholdsociety.org

RICK + KEMP **Reborn Design** **INCUBATIONS** **TOCABE** **elevated COLOR**

HAPPY DOG RANCH **CONSCIOUS ALLIANCE** **Mile High Behavioral Healthcare** **Native American Rights Fund** **MundoMarin** **Slisk Nite** **Deadline?**

TRUCKEE VALLEY

Additional Support from: Eastwood Home Design, Sector 4, Eastwood Clothing, Home Annex, COPI, TRIVERT, B.L., Synthesis, DeSpain, Community Skateboards, Mike Tobey Shoe Plant, 203 Skateboards, Independent Trucks, 2003, American Board, 730 Skateboards, Colorado Skateboards, Denver, Native Goods, INC, 100% Skateboards, Westside Skz, Hillhouse/Tony Hawk, Juice Mill & Co Skateboard, Colorado Skateboards



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Colorado American Indian and Alaska Native Economic Impact Report



American Indian & Alaska Native Economic Impact Report July 28, 2015



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Colorado American Indian and Alaska Native Economic Impact Report

- The DAIC, in partnership with the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, the Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce, and other partners, conducted a study the magnitude of positive economic impact made by American Indians and Alaska Natives in the State of Colorado.
- This report is the first in the nation designed to estimate economic impacts from not only tribes' activities, but from all Native owned and Native serving entities in a state.
- Colorado benefits from a \$1.2B in economic activity, nearly \$500M in wages, and nearly 9,300 jobs that it would not otherwise have. Including the direct revenue and employees, those numbers move to over \$2B in economic activity and over 16,000 jobs...



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Just over three weeks ago the Denver City Council unanimously voted to adopt a proclamation declaring October 12, 2015 as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Denver. This proclamation is intended to bring attention to and celebrate the contributions of indigenous people to our great City and Country.

The DAIC wants to establish **Indigenous Peoples Day** on the 2nd Monday of October.

- Denver is a vibrant and diverse community that is located on the ancestral homelands of 48 tribes, and currently the City of Denver is home to descendants of the Cheyenne, Lakota, Kiowa, Navajo, and approximately 100 other tribal nations
- Recently, the cities of Seattle, Minneapolis, and Saint Paul have recognized Indigenous Peoples Day
- DAIC firmly believes that the positive outcomes of recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day in the City & County of Denver will be:



Indigenous Peoples' Day

Denver – October 12th 2015

Building Movement/ Creating Partners Reception

Please join the Denver American Indian Commission as we gather to build a movement, create new friendships and honor our many community partners. Our goal is to continue to build bridges and help the Native community to flourish.

Monday, October 12, 2015, 5-7 pm

**NATIVE AMERICAN
TRADING COMPANY**

213 W. 13th Ave., Denver, CO 80204
303.534.0771

Hosted by the



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Invited Community Partners:

- Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs
- Denver American Indian Commission
- Denver Indian Family Resource Center
- Native American Trading Company
- Stronghold Society
- and others.
- Colorado Indian Bar Association
- Denver Indian Center
- Denver Indian Health and Family Services
- Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce
- International Institute for Indigenous Resource Management

PROCLAMATION



City and County of Denver

Proclamation CP15-0761

Proclaiming October 12, 2015 as "Indigenous Peoples' Day" in Denver, Colorado

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977, by a delegation of Native Nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

WHEREAS, Colorado encompasses the ancestral homelands of 46 tribes and currently the City and County of Denver and the surrounding communities are home to descendants of approximately 100 tribal nations; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Denver recognizes that the Indigenous Peoples have lived and flourished on the lands known as the Americas since time immemorial, and that Denver and the surrounding communities are built upon on the ancestral homelands of numerous Indigenous tribes; and

WHEREAS, the seasonal encampments of the Arapaho and Cheyenne peoples along the banks of the Cherry Creek and South Platte River confluence gave bearing to future settlements that would later become the birthplace of the Mile High City; and

WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Denver recognizes and values the vast contributions made to our community through Indigenous Peoples' knowledge, science, philosophy, arts and culture, and through these contributions the City of Denver has developed and thrived; and

WHEREAS, the City of Denver shall continue to promote racial equity and justice for all people and oppose discrimination towards Indigenous Peoples as it perpetuates poverty, income inequality, inequities in health and education.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER:

Section 1. That in the pursuit of the shared goals and responsibilities of promoting knowledge about Indigenous peoples, unifying communities, and combating prejudice and eliminating discrimination against Indigenous Peoples the City and County of Denver, Colorado, does hereby proclaim **October, 12 2015** as "Indigenous Peoples' Day."

Section 2. That the Council of the City and County of Denver celebrates and honors the cultural and foundational contributions of Indigenous People to the history of our City, State, and Country.

Section 3. That the Clerk of the City and County of Denver shall attest and affix the seal of the City and County of Denver to this proclamation and that a copy be transmitted to the Denver American Indian Commission, the Denver Agency for Human Rights and Community Partnerships, and the Governor of Colorado, John W. Hickenlooper.

PASSED BY THE COUNCIL October 12, 2015.



Christopher J. Henderson PRESIDENT
Paul Jones PRESIDENT PRO-TEMPORE



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For further information about and the purpose of the DAIC Commission, visit their website at <http://www.denvergov.org/NativeAmerican> or

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Thank you!