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## Idaho Indian Education Summit explores "Our Collective Future"

Educators looking for new ways to best serve American Indian students in the classroom can explore implementing equitable strategies with the guidance of tribal leaders and Indian Education experts at the 2022 Idaho Indian Education Summit.

The summit is hosted by the Idaho State Board of Education's Idaho Indian Education Committee and the State Department of Education, Office of Indian Education and will take place on Monday and Tuesday, August 15-16 at Boise State University's Student Union Building at 1700 University Drive. Registration for this in-person event is <u>now open</u>.

The focus of this year's summit is "Our Collective Future." Participants will explore related themes with a variety of Indian Education subject experts. Sessions include "Studying the Indigenous Knowledge within the Stories, Language and Land" and "Apache Mathematics: Honoring the Learning Lens of American Indian Students." Randy'L Teton, the model for the Sacajawea coin, will focus on the historic contributions of the Shoshone teenager from Salmon, Idaho, who played a significant role in the Lewis and Clark expedition.

Governor Brad Little, Chairman Bob Sobotta of the Idaho Indian Education Committee, Chairman Brian Thomas of the Shoshone-Paiute Tribes, and Dr. Marlene Tromp, President of Boise State University will offer welcoming remarks Monday morning.

Monday's keynote speaker is Shoshone culture educator Tyson Eagle Voice Shay with "Walking in Balance," and the day will end with a special evening storytelling event with Nez Perce Language Program Coordinator and storyteller Angel Sobotta.

Tuesday will also feature breakout sessions as well as a short address from Superintendent of Public Instruction Sherri Ybarra.

<u>See the full agenda here</u>. The cost of attendance is \$100. Registration will be accepted online though Monday, and walk-ins are welcome to register on Monday as well.

The summit is sponsored by the State Department of Education, its Indian Education Department and the Idaho State Board of Education.

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