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32<sup>nd</sup> Annual

California Conference on  
American Indian Education

*Building Success Through Tradition and Education*



# Call to Conference

## Building Success Through Tradition and Education

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We invite you to attend the 32nd Annual California Conference on American Indian Education, March 29-31, 2009, at Wyndham Palm Springs in Palm Springs, California. The conference theme is “Building Success Through Tradition and Education.” The conference will showcase 32 years of success and growth of American Indian Education in California and the impact the Centers have in American Indian Education and the impact the Indian Education Centers have had on the American Indian community in California.

This conference is made possible by the collaborative efforts of the 27 Indian Education Centers located statewide, endorsed by the California Department of Education, and many other supporters of American Indian Education throughout California. Our hope is that your attendance at this year’s conference will be a positive experience and will result in lasting memories. We look forward to seeing you in Palm Springs. If you have any questions or would like clarification, please contact Irma Amaro @ 530-275-1513 x 101 or Rachel McBride @ 530-895-4212 x 110.

For more information visit our website [www.cieda.org](http://www.cieda.org)

Respectfully,

Irma Amaro and Rachel McBride  
Conference Co-Chairpersons

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# Conference Overview

## Purpose of the Conference

The 32nd Annual California Conference on American Indian Education “Building Success Through Tradition and Education,” offers the opportunity to share traditional and academic teaching and learning. This conference honors the commitment of the family and all those who have contributed to the advancement of Indian Education in California.

## Conference Goals

- To advocate academic excellence and educational opportunities for American Indian families, educators, tribal leaders, and board members;
- To provide opportunities for networking among American Indian families, elders, tribal leaders, students, and educators;
- To recognize achievements of distinguished educators, parents, and students;
- To honor our elders, our most revered teachers.

## Tentative Schedule

### Sunday – March 29, 2009

Registration	3:00pm to 8:00pm
Youth Hand Game Registration*	3:00pm to 4:00pm
Vendors and Displays	3:00pm to 8:00pm
General Session I	4:00pm to 6:00pm
Youth Hand Game Tournament	4:00pm until there’s a winner
Welcome Reception	7:00pm to 11:00pm

### Monday – March 30, 2009

Registration	8:30am to 5:00pm
Elders’ Hospitality Room	8:30am to 5:00pm
Vendors and Displays	8:30am to 8:00pm
General Session II	8:30am to 10:00am

### Workshops

Session I	10:15am to 11:15am
Lunch (on your own)	11:30am to 12:45pm
Session II	1:00pm to 2:00pm
Session III	2:15pm to 3:15pm
Session IV	3:30pm to 4:30pm
Elders’ Banquet	5:30pm to 8:30pm
Rock and Roll Trivia	9:00pm to 10:30pm
Youth Dance	9:00pm to 11:00pm

### Tuesday - March 31, 2009

Registration	8:30am to 12 noon
Vendors and Displays	8:30am to 7:00pm
<b>Workshops</b>	
Session V	9:00am to 10:00am
Session VI	10:15am to 11:15am
Educator’s Luncheon	11:45am to 1:30pm
Session VII	2:00pm to 5:00pm
Large Group	
Dinner (on your own)	5:00pm to 7:00pm
Evening Activities	7:00pm to 10:00pm
Cultural Sharing	

*\* Preregistration is recommended. Call 530-275-1513 for an application.*

## Invited Speakers



**Dr. Willard Gilbert, Hopi**

Dr. Willard Sakiestewa Gilbert is an enrolled member of the Hopi

Tribe and is from the Upper Village of Moencopi in northeastern Arizona. Dr. Gilbert is a past President of the National Indian Education Association (NIEA). He also served as Vice President of the Board of Directors of the Hopi Education Endowment Fund (HEEF), a sixteen million dollar endowment fund that serves Hopi students' educational pursuits. In 2006, HEEF was a Harvard Honoring Nations "High Honors" Award recipient.

His expertise is Curriculum and Instruction, American Indian education and Bilingual/Multicultural education.

Dr. Gilbert secured programs for Native American and Hispanic students, teachers, and parents, including a ten million dollar NSF grant for the Navajo Nation. He also designed and implemented the Native Science Connections Supplemental Curriculum.

His consultancies include NASA's Teacher Training Program, Navajo Nation Consortium, Twenty-Nine Palms Band of Mission Indians Tribal EPA and numerous Native American tribes and school districts.

Dr. Gilbert served in the U.S. Navy (1974-78) and he and his wife Christine have three grown children and six grandchildren.



**Niki Sandoval, Ph.D., Chumash**

A descendant of the Santa Ynez Band of Chumash Indians, Sandoval

is the first in her Nation to earn a Doctor of Philosophy degree. As Consulting Manager for the Nonprofit Support Center, she recruits expert consultants and matches them with nonprofit clients. She also serves as a trainer and facilitator for professional development opportunities.

Sandoval is a frequent speaker on culture and education. Co-editor of a book on community-based museums, and author of published essays and articles on Indigenous cultural issues, Sandoval holds a Ph.D. in Education, M.A. in Museum Studies, and B.A. in Public Relations.

Sandoval serves on the Board of Directors for the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History and the California Indian Museum and Cultural Center. She served as Assistant Director for Community Services at Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian ("NMAI") from 1999 until 2002.

As Special Assistant to the Director of the Smithsonian's NMAI (1995-98) she was the Director's liaison with the Board of Trustees. She has held positions in public affairs at the J. Paul Getty Museum of Art (1991 - 1993), and the Smithsonian Institution (1993 - 1995).



**Jack O'Connell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction**

Jack O'Connell

was first elected to serve as California's 26th State Superintendent on November 5, 2002. As chief of California's public school system, Superintendent O'Connell has focused on closing the achievement gap and preparing students for a rapidly changing global economy. He is a strong supporter of partnerships between schools, businesses, communities, and philanthropies in order to engage students with challenging, real-world education experiences.

As a former high school teacher and author of the legislation creating the California High School Exit Exam, he led a comprehensive effort to increase rigor and improve student achievement in California high schools. He has worked to fortify California's world-class academic standards, strengthen California's school accountability and assessment systems and bolster state funding for public school classrooms. He is a long-time advocate for smaller class sizes, improved teacher recruitment and retention, comprehensive testing, and up-to-date school facilities.

As the author of numerous landmark education bills in both the California Assembly and the State Senate, he made quality education his number one priority.

# Conference Registration

## Early Bird Registration

(Postmarked by January 16, 2009)

\$225 per registrant

\$150 Elders 55+ & students\*

All registration after January 16, 2009, will be considered on-site.

## On-Site Registration

\$300 per registrant

\$200 Elders 55+ & Students\*

## One-Day Rate

\$125 per registrant (specify Mon-Tue)

Does not include meals

## Meal Tickets

\$55 Elders' Banquet

\$50 Educator's Luncheon

*\*Must include copy of school ID*

## Payment Method

- No purchase orders will be accepted
- Check (personal/business) or Money Order

## Cancellation Policy

Cancellations must be received in writing by March 18, 2009, and are subject to a \$25 fee.

Registration includes the Elders' Banquet and Educator's Luncheon. Because of meal count guarantees to the hotel, tickets for these meals cannot be guaranteed for on-site registration.

- Please check if you are requesting Vegetarian Meals

## Dates

March 29-31, 2009

## Location

Wyndham Palm Springs  
Palm Springs, California

## Hotel Reservations

1-800-Wyndham

*Specify CCAIE when calling or California Conference on American Indian Education*

## Hotel Rates

Single/DBL/Triple/Quad -  
\$ 135.00 per night plus tax

Resort Suites -

\$150.00 per night plus tax

\$11.00 resort fee per night plus tax

## Conference Registration Form

Please type or print clearly. Use a separate form for each registrant.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  Elder  Adult  Student

Sponsoring Organization/Tribe \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment Information (Make checks payable to CCAIE)

Amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check/MO# \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**After March 18, 2009, substitutions will be allowed, but no refunds.**

Mail registration form and payment to:  
*Make check, money order  
payable to CCAIE*

CCAIE  
c/o Local Indians For Education  
4440 Shasta Dam Blvd  
Shasta Lake, CA 96019

# Call for Workshop Presenters

If you are interested in presenting a workshop related to the conference theme, complete this form and return no later than Friday, January 30, 2009. Check which theme your presentation will address.

- Culture & Tradition**                       **Health and Wellness**                       **Confronting our History**  
 **Education**                                       **Our Legislative Future**                       **Youth Track**

Please indicate date and time preferred:

**Monday**

- 10:15am-11:15am  
 1:00pm-2:00pm  
 2:15pm-3:15pm  
 3:30pm-4:30pm

**Tuesday**

- 9:00am-10:00am  
 10:15am-11:15am  
 2:00pm-5:00pm  
Large group workshop

*Workshop participants you can accommodate*    30    80    Large Group

All rooms will be set up classroom style. Plan to provide your own A/V equipment, screen, and presentation materials. None will be provided by the conference. Initial here \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Lead Presenter: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Presenter's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Workshop Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Presentation Summary Print or type: (In 50 words or less, as you want printed in the conference program)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

For more info contact: Jane Holzmann at 916-485-5605 or Dorothy Martinez at 916-424-2643

Fax to 530-275-6280 or mail complete form to:

CCAIE  
c/o Local Indians For Education  
4440 Shasta Dam Blvd.  
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## Youth Track

We are pleased to announce that this year's conference will again offer a youth track, with some great speakers and interactive activities.

### Highlights of Youth Track:

#### Monday

Theme of the youth track is "Healthy Choices & Leadership." Workshops: Self-esteem; teen pregnancy prevention; teen violence prevention; college; acorn demonstration; tobacco survey-

ing/education; and other fun interactive workshops.

#### Monday Night-Youth Dance

#### Tuesday

Canyon Walk-Tuesday morning, we are offering the opportunity

for youth participants and their adult chaperones to travel to Taquitz canyon for a 1.5 mile cultural walk where local elders will be sharing local tribal culture.

Afternoon workshops.

## Call for Student Writing & Photography

The 32nd Annual California Conference on American Indian Education is approaching quickly and, once again, we wish to showcase the writings of American Indian students from our state in a small booklet (chapbook) available to each participant who attends the conference. We are requesting poetry, short stories, and photography from all K-12 American Indian youth who reside in California. If possible we would prefer black and white photographs but will accept color.

All submissions should address the conference theme "Building Success Through Tradition and Education." Photographs and writings that demonstrate the power of intergenerational education, whether formal or cultural, are especially welcome.

Please inform your youth about this opportunity to have their work published and encourage them to submit their writings to:

American Indian Education Program  
1919 B Street,  
Marysville, CA 95901  
Phone: (530) 749-6196 Fax: (530) 741-7840

Copyright will remain with the authors. Works submitted for publication will not be returned, so please send copies only. Each youth who is

published will receive two free chapbooks from the Conference Planning Committee. All works should be submitted for review by Monday, January 30, 2009. Along with each submission, please include the following information:

- Student Name
- Tribal Affiliation
- Age of Student
- Phone Number
- Name and Address of Sponsoring Organization (i.e., Title VII, IEC, or school)

We are looking forward to publishing the writings and photographs of our California Native American youth. If you have any questions, please contact James Graham at (530) 749-6196.

Thank you,

The 32nd Annual California Conference on American Indian Education Committee

# Conference 2009 Awards

## Honored American Indian Elder

Given to Elders 60 years or older who have made outstanding contributions to American Indian education in the following areas:

- 1) promoted an understanding and appreciation of American Indian cultures in an educational or community setting;
- 2) given lifelong service to promoting quality education through active community service; or
- 3) served as a role model or mentor for American Indian children, youth, or adults

## Distinguished American Indian Educator of the Year

Given to an American Indian teacher, educator, counselor, or administrator with significant work in the following areas:

- 1) developed and established innovative education program(s);
- 2) improved education or cultural quality in nominee's community;

- 3) significantly impacted a school or local community;
- 4) worked for passage of legislation designed to improve student service delivery;
- 5) promoted educational quality for students;
- 6) promoted training for teachers and counselors of American Indian students; or
- 7) developed programs to improve the education of American Indian people

## Parent of the Year

Given to an American Indian parent for outstanding leadership, commitment, concern, and voluntary efforts in the following areas:

- 1) served on local, regional, or statewide committees, boards working to improve the educational quality of American Indian students;
- 2) demonstrated strong commitment through volunteer work to improve educational opportunities for American Indian youth; or
- 3) worked to strengthen American Indian youth programs at the community or tribal level

## Student of the Year

Given to an American Indian student in grades 9th through undergraduate school enrolled full-time in a public or private accredited school with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. Nominees must show demonstrated leadership qualities, maintained high academic achievement; serve as a role model for other students, and have shown creativity and/or commitment in the following areas:

- 1) promoted an understanding and an appreciation of American Indian culture in an educational setting;
- 2) demonstrated positive, active leadership in student affairs or in community activities;
- 3) achieved his or her educational goals; and
- 4) must submit current transcripts.

The student of the year will receive a scholarship from the conference committee

## Please Note

Awardees will receive a meal at the conference. Expenses such as conference registration, lodging and transportation are the responsibility of the nominating individual or organization. All nominees must be residents of California.

Nominations must be received by Friday, January 30, 2009.

# Awards Nomination Form

**Nominations must be postmarked by January 30, 2009.**

**The following documents must accompany the nomination form:**

- A one-page statement on the nominee justifying the nomination;
- Biographical information giving examples of nominee's outstanding work;
- Two letters of support and other supporting documentation, i.e, newspaper articles, clippings, awards;
- A recent photo (color, head shot only). E-mailed in jpeg format to Irma Amaro [life@charterinternet.com](mailto:life@charterinternet.com).
- Student nominations must submit current transcripts.

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## **Nominee Information** Check one:

Honored Elder     Distinguished Educator     Parent of the Year     Student of the Year

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Tribe \_\_\_\_\_

Nominating Organization/School \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Nominator Information:**

Nominating Organization/Tribe/School \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

All forms and supporting materials must be received by January 30, 2009. Fax and e-mails accepted. Late nominations will not be considered. No exceptions!

**Mail Nominations to:**            CCAIE  
   c/o Local Indians For Education  
   4440 Shasta Dam Blvd.  
   Shasta Lake, CA 96019

*For more information call: Irma Amaro at 530-275-1513 x 101; (FAX) 530-275-6280*

# Advertising Agreement

The CCAIE 2009 conference program is a great way to showcase your organization, business, or tribe. You can also use this opportunity as a forum to congratulate the success of American Indian education over the years. The rates are as follows:

## Full color camera ready art

Program Ad specifications (check one) The rates listed below are for camera-ready art only.

- Business Card (3 ¼ "W x 2 ¼ " H) price: \$50.00
- Quarter page ( 3 1/4 " W x 4 5/8 " H) price \$100.00
- Half Page: vertical ( 3 ¼ W x 9 ½ H) price \$200.00
- Half Page: horizontal ( 6 ¾ W x 4 5/8 H) price \$200.00
- Full Page – (6 ¾ W x 9 ½ H) price \$400.00

**Received by  
January 30, 2009  
Checks should be  
made out to CCAIE.**

Advertiser \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (eve) \_\_\_\_\_

Only digital art will be accepted. Advertisers must provide the ad in PDF (Adobe Acrobat) on a CD/DVD, along with a color or b/w hard copy of ad exactly as it will be printed (hard copy for position only). There will be an additional charge for ads that must be altered to fit.

**Art Services:** Art services are available at \$65.00/per hour plus costs. Deadline for art service is January 30, 2009. We will not accept a faxed ad as artwork.

**Disclaimer:** The California Conference on American Indian Education Planning Committee reserves the right to reject any ad it deems inappropriate. Any monies paid will be refunded in full.

**Payment:** All ads must be accompanied by full payment. Purchase orders will not be accepted.

### Checks should be made out to CCAIE.

#### Mail check and copy of the Ad agreement to:

CCAIE  
c/o Local Indians For Education  
4440 Shasta Dam Blvd.  
Shasta Lake, CA 96019

#### Mail art/copy of the Ad agreement to:

Mike Meyer  
Hi Rez Digital Solutions  
1235 Activity Drive, Suite E  
Vista, CA 92081

Authorization: I understand and agree with the requirements of this agreement.

Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for placement of a \_\_\_\_\_ (size) advertisement.

Authorized Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

# Vendor Application

This year the Conference Committee will be advertising the vendors as a “Native American Arts Fair” that is open to the public. The 32nd Annual California Conference on American Indian Education is a great way to promote your business, organization, or arts and crafts. The Wyndham Palm Springs will be the site for vendors and exhibit booths with 23 commercial spaces and 18 informational spaces available. Times for vendors begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 8 p.m. Security will be provided from 8:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m..

Exhibitor fees do not include any conference activities such as meals, conference registration, hotel rooms, travel costs, etc. Vendors will be asked to contribute an item to the raffle valued at \$30 or more. If you have additional requirements, please state and we will refer you to appropriate hotel staff.

Please check type of booth:

- Informational \$150  
One 8' table provided and two chairs
- Commercial \$250  
One 8' table, one 6' table provided and two chairs

Organization/Business\* \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit/Booth items \_\_\_\_\_

Contact name \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Tribal Affiliation (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks or money orders to CCAIE. Payments and application forms are due by January 30, 2009. Please send application to:

CCAIE  
c/o Local Indians for Education  
4440 Shasta Dam Blvd.  
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\*No application will be accepted without payment. Spaces will be assigned as payment is received and cleared.

The CCAIE shall not assume responsibility for lost or damaged items or personal injuries. We also reserve the right to direct any vendor to remove any item we deem as inappropriate. By my signature, I hereby understand and agree to the terms listed.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

For questions, please contact Judy Delgado at (916) 319-0506 or by e-mail at [judelgado@cde.ca.gov](mailto:judelgado@cde.ca.gov), or Chavela Delp at (916) 319-0609 or by e-mail at [cdelp@cde.ca.gov](mailto:cdelp@cde.ca.gov).

\* The Indian Arts and Craft Act of 1990 shall apply to all arts and crafts vendors.

*The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990 (P.L. 101-644) is a truth-in-advertising law that prohibits misrepresentation in marketing of Indian arts and crafts products within the United States. It is illegal to offer or display for sale, or sell any art or craft product in a manner that falsely suggests it is Indian produced, an Indian product, or the product of a particular Indian or Indian Tribe or Indian arts and crafts organization, resident within the United States. Under the Act, an Indian is defined as a member of any federally or State recognized Indian Tribe, or an individual certified as an Indian artisan by an Indian Tribe.*

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Shasta Lake, CA 96019

### Invited Speakers

- Dr. Willard Gilbert
- Niki Sandoval, P.h.D.
- Jack O'Connell

- Youth track
- Youth handgame  
tournament

- Native American  
arts and crafts
- Reception, featuring  
musical guests,  
**Twice as Good.**