

# First Alaskans Institute

Draft Agenda  
AFN/First Alaskans Elders & Youth Conference

## *Embracing Tomorrow with the Strength of Our Elders*

October 17-18, 2005 - Carlson Center  
Fairbanks, Alaska

### Registration:

Online at <a href="http://www.firstalaskans.org">www.firstalaskans.org</a> Through Friday, October 14, 2005	Sunday, October 16, 2005 10:00 am – 9:00 pm Fairbanks International Airport
Monday, October 17, 2005 7:00 am – 5:00 pm On-site at the Carlson Center	Tuesday, October 18, 2005 7:00 am – 12 noon On-site at the Carlson Center

## Monday, October 17, 2005

8:00 am	<b>Cultural Performance</b> Fairbanks Native Association Potlatch Dancers	Arena
8:30 am	<b>Color Guard</b> Alaska Native Veterans Association	Arena
	<b>National Anthem (Gwich'in)</b> Adeline Peter-Raboff	
	<b>Alaska Flag Song (Iñupiaq)</b> Mabel Hopson, Alice Burge, Kim Burge, Brenda Burge-Calhoun	
8:45 am	<b>Invocation and Invitation</b> Traditional Chief Reverend David Salmon	Arena
8:50 am	<b>Welcome - First Alaskans Institute and Alaska Federation of Natives</b> Tim Towarak, Co-Chair, Alaska Federation of Natives Albert Kookesh Sr., Co-Chair, Alaska Federation of Natives Byron I. Mallott, President, First Alaskans Institute	Arena
9:10 am	<b>Welcome- Fairbanks Community</b> Steve Thompson, Mayor, City of Fairbanks Jim Whitaker, Mayor, Fairbanks North Star Borough Jeff Jacobson, Mayor, City of North Pole Chief Dan Hoffman, Fairbanks Police Department	Arena
9:30 am	<b>Welcome- Fairbanks Native Community</b> Orie Williams, President/CEO, Doyon, Limited Harold "Buddy" Brown, President/CEO, Tanana Chiefs Conference Shirley Lee, Executive Director, Fairbanks Native Association	Arena
9:45 am	<b>Keynote Address: Valuing Education in and out of the Classroom</b> Sidney Huntington, Athabascan Elder, Galena	Arena

10:00 am	<b>Special Report: Southeast Elder's Education Summit</b>	Arena
10:15 am	<b>RU There? RU Listening? Will You Hear Me?</b> Sarah Sherry, Lena Hoffman, First Alaskans Institute	Arena
11:00 am	<b>Aniak Dragon Slayers</b>	Arena
11:45 am	<b>Lunch</b>	On your own
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>University of Alaska Fairbanks Workshops</b> Shuttle leaves at 11:45 Sign up at the Registration Desk Limited to 50 participants	Off Site
1:00 pm	<b>Door Prizes</b>	Arena
1:10 pm	<b>Cultural Performance</b> Colville River Dancers, Nuiqsut	Arena
1:35 pm	<b>Finding Strength for Tomorrow in the Voices of our Elders</b> Alaska Native Oratory Society	Arena
2:00 pm – 3:30 pm	<b>Workshops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tell Your Story in the Theater: Basics of Playwriting for Native Theatre</li> <li>▪ Individual Educational Journeys: Some Tips on College Life</li> <li>▪ Subsistence</li> <li>▪ Building Youth Programs With the Strength of Our Elders</li> <li>▪ Native Language Camps</li> <li>▪ You're Lucky: Generational Perspectives on the Good Life</li> <li>▪ Coming Full Circle: Going Backward to Move Forward!</li> <li>▪ Mythology: Our Elders Gift to Our Present and Future Education</li> </ul>	North Star Chena Pioneer Denali 1 Prow Pavilion 1 Denali 2 Pavilion 2
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>University of Alaska Fairbanks Workshops</b> Shuttle leaves at 1:45 Sign up at the Registration Desk Limited to 50 participants	Offsite
3:30 pm	<b>Break</b>	
3:40 pm	<b>Door Prizes</b>	Arena
3:45 pm	<b>Native Youth: Leading the Way into the Future</b> Tanana Chiefs Conference Youth Council	Arena
4:15 pm	<b>Cultural Performance</b> Mt. Edgecumbe High School Dance and NYO Demonstration	Arena
4:00	<b>UA Scholars</b>	Pioneer Room
5:00 pm	<b>Recess</b>	

## Tuesday, October 18, 2005

8:00 am	<b>Early Bird Door Prizes</b>	Arena
8:10 am	<b>Cultural Performance</b> Iñu-Yupiaq Dancers, University of Alaska Fairbanks	Arena
8:40 am	<b>Healthy Alternatives to Harmful Choices</b> Adriene Active, Tim Burgess, Nasruk Nay	Arena
9:20 am	<b>The Win and Live Program</b> Cory Witherill, Team Diabetes Racing Inc.	Arena
10:20 am	<b>Break</b>	
10:30 am – 12 pm	<b>Workshops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Every Native American Makes A Difference</li> <li>▪ International Indigenous Youth Involvement</li> <li>▪ The Voices of Elders in the Alaska Tribal Health System</li> <li>▪ Paddling Together to Prepare Young Leaders</li> <li>▪ The Power of the Mind: Engaging Students through Alternative Educational Learning Styles</li> <li>▪ What Does It Mean to be a Successful Alaska Native Student?</li> <li>▪ Following Your Passions</li> </ul>	North Star Chena Pioneer Denali 1 Prow  Denali 2  Pavilion
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1:00 pm	<b>Door Prizes</b>	Arena
1:10 pm	<b>Cultural Performance</b> Hawaiian Youth Delegation	Arena
1:35 pm	<b>Wells Fargo</b> Asta Keller	Arena
1:40 pm	<b>Break to Workshops</b>	

# Tuesday, October 18, 2005

## 1:45 pm – Workshops

3:05 pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tell Your Story in the Theater: Basics of Playwriting for Native Theatre</li> <li>▪ Why I am Speaking Out</li> <li>▪ Where Do We Go From Here? Student Success and Its Impact on Alaska's Future</li> <li>▪ Alaska Native Languages in the 21st Century</li> <li>▪ Recording the Strength of Our Culture for Tomorrow</li> <li>▪ Building Strong Values in Youth for Healthy Relationships</li> <li>▪ Stories of Place and Culture</li> </ul>	<p>North Star</p> <p>Chena Denali 1</p> <p>Pioneer Prow Pavilion Denali 2</p>
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## 3:15 pm – Regional Breakout

4:00 pm Elder & Youth Council Elections  
Commitment Pledges from Regions/Communities  
Evaluation Form

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ahtna, Inc.</li> <li>▪ Aleut Corporation</li> <li>▪ Arctic Slope Regional Corporation</li> <li>▪ Bering Straits Native Corporation</li> <li>▪ Bristol Bay Native Corporation</li> <li>▪ Calista Corporation</li> <li>▪ Chugach Alaska Corporation</li> <li>▪ CIRI</li> <li>▪ Doyon, Limited</li> <li>▪ Koniag, Inc.</li> <li>▪ NANA</li> <li>▪ Sealaska</li> <li>▪ 13th Region</li> </ul>	<p>Arena</p> <p>Northern Lights 1</p> <p>North Star</p> <p>Arena</p> <p>Chena</p> <p>Prow</p> <p>Arena</p> <p>Pavilion</p> <p>Pioneer</p> <p>Arena</p> <p>Pavilion</p> <p>Arena</p> <p>Northern Lights 2</p>
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4:00 pm **Selected Reports from the Regional Breakouts** Arena

4:20 pm **Door Prizes** Arena

4:30 pm **Cultural Performance: Finding Our Strength through Song** Arena  
Allakaket Singers

5:00 pm **Benediction and Adjournment** Arena

## Evening Activities

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Elders Reception  
University of Alaska Museum of the North  
Shuttle pick up from the Carlson Center at 5:30  
Shuttle return to the hotels beginning at 7:30

8:00 pm – 11:00 pm Youth Dance  
Pioneer Park  
Chaperones are required to attend  
Tickets are required for entry