

Native American Group Planning Leadership Conference at SWOSU

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The Oklahoma Native American Students in Higher Education (ONASHE) planning committee is hosting a conference February 29 and March 1 that is expected to attract nearly students from three states.

The conference will be held at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The mission of ONASHE is to provide opportunities for students to continue to develop and strengthen their leadership skills by interacting with current tribal leaders, participate in workshops that are relevant to contemporary student and leadership issues, and fellowship with students.

Richard Subia said there will also be keynote speakers who have positively impacted the status of Native Americans in the United States and the State of Oklahoma, including Oklahoma State Representative Shane Jett and Dr. Henrietta Mann, president of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribal College.

“Our hope is that students will leave this conference with a stronger sense of themselves, their community and a connection to students on campuses across the state,” Subia said.

There will be a designated time for students to fellowship through a “Rock the Native Vote Campaign Kick-off Event”, hand game exhibition, and sports events.

Subia said organizers would also like to see professionals who work with Native students benefit from this conference so they have incorporated a professional workshop track and will ensure time to dialogue and network with others.

The early registration fee before February 15 is \$25. The fee for the conference after February 15 is \$40.

At the end of the conference, conference participants will be able to attend the Students in Higher Education Celebration Pow-Wow that will be held in the SWOSU Wellness Center. It begins at 4 p.m. on March 1, and the public is invited to attend.

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