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Native American/Indigenous Education Summit to take place at Cal State San Bernardino

PALM DESERT, Calif. – The Native American/Indigenous Education Summit 2024 will take place at Cal State San Bernardino on Saturday, March 23.

Hosted by the California Indian Nations College and Kumeyaay Community College, the summit is an event to host conversations with state, federal and tribal governments and examine institutional operations, pedagogical commitments and cultural responsivity to address the

voices and needs of American Indian and Indigenous students in post-secondary access, inclusivity and preparedness.

The summit, which will take place in the Santos Manuel Student Union at Cal State San Bernardino at 8 a.m., currently includes Naomi Miguel (Tohono O'odham), executive director, White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Native Americans and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities; Stanley Rodriguez (Santa Ysabel Band of the lipay Nation), director, Kumeyaay Community College; Tony Thurmond, state superintendent of public education, California Department of Education; San Bernardino state Assemblymember James C. Ramos (Serrano/Cahuilla), as well as tribal chairs, native educators and native students.

The areas of focus are equity, access and inclusion, and discussions will include, but are not limited to:

- Census and Identity
- Cultural Responsivity (Curricula and Student Services)
- Equitable Access to Higher Education

The summit is free and includes breakfast and campus parking.

To learn more about the event, including a VIP dinner taking place the night before the summit, visit the <u>California Indian Nations College website</u>.

To register online, go to the **Eventbrite webpage**.

Cal State San Bernardino is located at 5500 University Parkway in San Bernardino.

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