Thank you for Attending
NIEA Hill Week 2019

Our NIEA Board Members worked hard and had fun advocating for Native Education during Hill Week. L-R front row, NIEA Board Vice President Michael Vendiola, Board Member Dr. Renee Holt, Board Member Fredina Drye-Romero, Board Secretary Dr. Lori Quigley, and Board President Robin Butterfield. L-R back row, President-Elect Marita Hinds, Student Board Member Savannah Romero, Ombudsman (ex-officio) Walter Kahumoku and Board Member Derrick Franklin.

Tribal leaders, educators, and students joined NIEA in Washington, D.C., February 12-14, 2019 to learn and engage with national experts on advocacy, appropriations, and legislative authorization. Through training sessions and panel discussions our members...
Positions available at the University of Wisconsin-Madison
To learn more about this position, please click here.

Multiple positions available at The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
To learn more about this position, please click here.

Assistant Professor, Native American and Indigenous Studies - Tenure Track, New Mexico State University
To learn more about this position, please click here.

Bureau of Indian Education, Various Positions
To learn more about this position, please click here.

Scholarships & Programs

Cobell Scholarship & Summer opportunities
To learn more about this position, please click here.

Injury Science Research Experiences for Undergraduates (REU) Program
To learn more about this position, please click here.

As champions for Native students, members advocated for key policy priorities that impact Native students, including:

- Access to critical funding for school construction in Native communities
- The passage of the Esther Martinez Native Languages Programs Reauthorization Act
- Provisions that support Native students and schools in the reauthorization of the Higher Education Act
- Fully funding federal programs that support Native students in Fiscal Year 2020

Thank you to our NIEA members and to our Hill Week attendees. Your engagement created an opportunity for community-created change and elevated Native voices for education in the heart of national politics.

Session Highlights
NIEA invites you to check out several of our most memorable moments below.

Our NIEA Board members introduced themselves to attendees on our first day preparing for Capitol Hill visits. (L-R) NIEA Board Member Derrick Franklin, President-Elect Marita Hinds, Vice President Michael Vendola, Student Board Member Savannah Romero and NIEA President Robin Butterfield at the podium.

Attendees launched the event with an in-depth look at how to effectively engage with congressional leaders to ensure that Native priorities are reflected at the national level.
Art21 Educators Program
To learn more about this position, please click here.

Where Are Your Keys Summer Language Intensive
To learn more about this position, please click here.

University of Florida, Summer Health Professions Education Program (UF SHPEP)
To learn more about this position, please click here.

Yale Young Global Scholars Program
To learn more about this position, please click here.

Masters of Education, Visual Impairments Program at Ohio State University
To learn more about this position, please click here.

Toptal Scholarships for Women
To learn more about this position, please click here.

Bezos Scholars Program
To learn more about this position, please click here.

Above, congressional staffers joined NIEA Hill Week attendees to discuss legislative and appropriations priorities over the coming year.

Attendees and NIEA Board members spent the last day of Hill Week fully prepped for one-on-ones with legislators and staffers ready to discuss Native Education priorities and needs. Above, left, NIEA Board Member Derrick Franklin, center, NIEA President-Elect Marita Hinds and Rep. Ben Ray Lujan (D-NM) pose for a photo after a Hill Week visit with Navajo Nation attendees from Kirkland, NM. Below, NIEA Hill Week attendee Kathryn Fairbanks from Minnesota poses for a photo with Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY). Fairbanks teaches language and culture to kindergarten through fourth grade students at Cass Lake Bena Elementary in Cass Lake, MN, on the Leech Lake Reservation.
Computer Science Education for Native Students (AISES)
March 7-8, 2019
To learn more, please click here.

48th Annual National Association for Bilingual Education Conference
March 7-8, 2019
To learn more, please click here.

2019 AISES Leadership Summit:
Now accepting proposals
March 14-16, 2019
Cherokee, NC
To learn more, please click here.

2019 He Au Honua: Indigenous Research Conference
March 19-22, 2019
To learn more, please click here.

Nevada Department of Education's Annual American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Education Summit
March 21-22, 2019
To learn more, please click here.

Tribal Education Department National Assembly Regional Conference
May 8-12, 2019
To learn more, please click here.

Check out more photos from NIEA Hill Week 2019 on Instagram @niea1969 and on Facebook @NIEAfanpage and Twitter @wereNIEA.

Congressional Speaker Highlights
Thank you to Representative Betty McCollum (D-MN) for joining NIEA to greet attendees and discuss challenges and successes in Native Education across the nation.

*Rep. McCollum said to NIEA Hill Week 2019 attendees, "Sovereignty means you are a collaborative partner, you are the one who knows what your community needs...your voices are needed now more than ever...especially when it comes to school construction and its been a problem for way too long."*

**Legislative News**

**Advocacy in Action**

On Wednesday afternoon, attendees joined Ranking Member Tom Udall (D-NM) and staff members from the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs to share the impact of Native language and culture in their lives and communities at a Senate Committee on Indian Affairs Listening Session titled "Identifying Indian Country's Native Languages Revitalization Priorities."

Above, Senator Tom Udall (D-NM) addresses a standing room only and mostly Native audience for the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs "Identifying Indian Country's Native Languages Revitalization Priorities" listening session. Sen. Udall is the sponsor of the original Esther Martinez Native Languages Preservation Act and is among the New Mexico delegation vying for its reauthorization.

Below, a Native Hawaiian NIEA Hill Week attendee gives
testimony about his experience and success as a Hawaiian language immersion student, supporting other testimony for the need to reauthorize the Esther Martinez Native Languages Preservation Act.

Give your testimony
It is not too late to make your voice heard on the importance of Native languages and culture in the education of your students.

The Senate Committee on Indian Affairs will continue to accept written statements until February 27, 2019 at testimony@indian.senate.gov. If you are interested in submitting a comment, please make the email subject the February 13, 2019 "Identifying Indian Country's Native Languages Revitalization Priorities" listening session in the subject of your email to ensure proper delivery.

Learn More
NIEA priorities for school construction

NIEA priorities for the Esther Martinez Act

NIEA priorities for the Higher Education Act

NIEA priorities for Fiscal Year 2020 appropriations

NIEA full Fiscal Year 2020 Budget Request

Presentation for NIEA Advocacy Training

Administration for Native Americans report on the Esther Martinez Initiative

Become a Member of NIEA
Whether you're an educator, a student, or invested in increasing educational opportunities for Native students, NIEA members help advocate for better policies. Your membership will help us continue to be effective advocates, train educators that work with Native students, and close the achievement gap. To join as a member, please click here.

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