



- The UNITY Mission is to foster the spiritual, mental, physical, and social development of American Indian and Alaska Native youth and to help build a strong, unified, and self-reliant Native America through greater youth involvement.
- UNITY Defined: UNITY is a national network organization promoting personal development, citizenship, and leadership among Native American youth.



- The heart of UNITY is its affiliated youth councils, which are sponsored by tribes, Alaska Native villages, high schools, colleges, urban centers, and others.
- Youth Councils are engaged in annual projects in four areas – cultural preservation, environmental awareness, healthy lifestyles, and community service.
- UNITY has a growing number of affiliated youth councils, which currently stands at a little over 330 in operation in a total of 34 states.






National UNITY Council

A major component to the UNITY Network, is the National UNITY Council (NUC), which is comprised of male and female representatives from each of the affiliated youth councils, as well as affiliated individuals. The NUC is the central collective voice of UNITY, where Native Youth have the opportunity to take a stance on issues affecting Indian Country.



NUC Executive Committee

Presiding over the National UNITY Council is the National UNITY Council Executive Committee (NUCEC), which is comprised of ten Regional Representatives and both the Male and Female Co-Presidents.

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|  <p>Chenoa Scippio Co-President Navajo/Santa Clara Pueblo</p> |  <p>Colby Whitehunder Co-President Alabama Coushatta</p> |  <p>Evynn Richardson Vice President/South east Representative Haliwa-Saponi</p> |  <p>Jonathan Arakawa Secretary/Northw est Representative Lower Elwha Klallam</p> |  <p>Nathan Solorio Northeast Representative Brokenhead Ojibway</p> |  <p>Angelina Serna Midwest Representative Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa/Oneida</p> |
|  <p>Justice Fox Great Plains Representative Arikara</p> |  <p>Elwood McClellan Southern Plains Representative Iowa Tribe</p> |  <p>Watson Whitford Rocky Mountain Representative Chippewa Cree/Navajo</p> |  <p>Derek Capitan Southwest Representative Laguna Pueblo/Navajo</p> |  <p>Steve Harvey Western Representative San Carlos Apache</p> |  <p>Kaytlynn Johnston Pacific Representative Bishop Paiute</p> |



Membership

For Youth Councils and Individuals who are affiliated, they will receive a membership package that will include UNITY materials and voting rights within the NUC. For those who wish to become an affiliate of UNITY, there are a few requirements that must be met. (Native youth must be ages 14-24 yrs)

For youth councils, they must submit their:

- youth council constitution and bylaws
- a letter of resolution
- one project per year
- a youth council yearly report
- \$100 affiliation fee (*June 30th, 2023*)

For Individuals:

- letter of support from a tribal leader
- yearly report
- \$50 affiliation fee (*June 30th, 2023*)



Network Perks

- Access to the UNITY network, information and specific trainings and materials.
- Voting eligibility with the National UNITY council.
- Eligibility for UNITY youth council awards.
- Discounted registration for Mid Year and National conferences.



National Conferences

- UNITY's signature event.
- In 2018, UNITY's national conference had over 2,400 attendees.
- Next year's 2023 National Conference will be in Washington, DC June 30 - July 4th.
- UNITY's Midyear Conference will be held in Tempe, Arizona, February 24-26.





National Conferences





UNITY Youth Programs

- National UNITY Council
- 25 Under 25 National Recognition Program
- UNITY News
- Earth Ambassadors
- UNITY Fire
- Peer Guides



Youth Council Projects

Every year, Youth Councils are encouraged to take on community projects that benefit the community in various ways through Mental, Physical, Spiritual or Social aspects.

For Example: [The New Year's Rez-olutions Day.](#)

Hosted by the Young River Peoples Council and the Future Inspired Native American Leaders.



25 Under 25 Awards

The UNITY **25 Under 25** is a national youth leadership recognition program. The awards program is designed to celebrate the achievements of American Indian and Alaska Native youth ages 14 to 24 who embody UNITY's core mission and exude living a balanced life developing their spiritual, mental, physical, and social well-being.





UNITY News

A program to promote and provide communications training for Native Youth in multimedia avenues. UNITY news incorporates UNITY's Social Media and communications boot camps to allow Native Youth and their youth councils to share their stories.

[UNITY News](#)



Earth Ambassadors

An environmental stewardship program provides training sessions and informational workshops to increase their knowledge of environmental issues affecting Native America, learn to serve as an ambassador to increase awareness of the issues affecting the environmental quality on Native lands, and promote the efforts to address environmental concerns within the nation's Native communities.

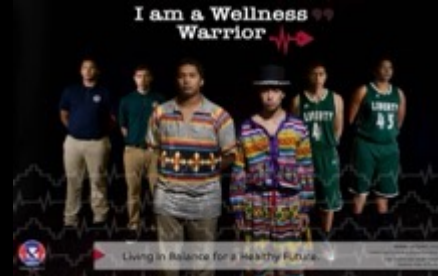
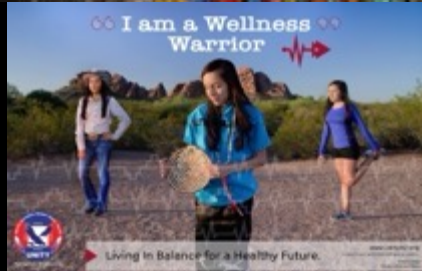
[Earth Ambassadors visit Havasupai](#)



UNITY Fire

The UNITY Fire is considered a safe space for youth. Stories are told, songs are sung, prayers are offered and it is at the UNITY fire, where youth feel the safest to share what's on their hearts. The UNITY fire allows youth and adults to connect, communicate and promote healing.

[UNITY Fire on Youtube](#)





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