



Southwestern Institute for the
Education of Native Americans

Mission: To provide the resources necessary for Native American students to get the best education they can in a culturally rich environment that promotes health and well-being.

TAKE CHARGE! NATIVE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP TODAY

September 26, 2008
Tempe Mission Palms Hotel
60 E. Fifth Street
Tempe, AZ 85281

Conference goal: The goal of the 2nd Annual Take Charge! - Native American Leadership Today conference is to provide tools and information for Native American students to take charge of their own educations. It is open to 7-12 grade students, their parents, teachers, and administrators of American Indian programs.

Mission: The mission is to create a dialogue among the participants in the subject of leadership - in school, at home, and in the community. Participants can expect to come away from the experience knowing how to recognize a good leader and what it takes to be a good leader. They will have a sense of empowerment, knowledge, and hope for a better life through educational leadership.

Keynote Presentation: *212° - An Extra Degree Can Make the Difference* - Red Dawn Foster, Tribal Relations Director – University of Phoenix

Workshops/Panel Discussions (subject to change):

Leadership Comes in all Shapes and Sizes – This session will focus on recognizing good leaders, how to rise above difficult circumstances, and how to become a good leader. Participants will interact with each other within scenarios introduced by the facilitator.

Student Success Stories – Testimonials from Native American Scholars - Student panel members will discuss their leadership roles, the leaders or mentors in their lives, and what makes them successful students and community members.

Native American Health Issues & Solutions will offer a forum in which health challenges that Native people face can be discussed openly. Diabetes, drug and alcohol abuse prevention, and healthy lifestyles will be discussed. Tools to improve health or to stay fit will be offered.

Advancing Native American Students with the Three Rs – In this session, the Arizona Department of Education will share current programs, policies, and services that contain the elements of rigor, relevance and relationships to support the advancement of Native American students . Attendees will also have the opportunity to explore various strategies and discuss promising practices that can be effectively implemented in their schools and classrooms.

Restorative Justice Circles – Learn alternative methods of dispute resolution that address the needs of victims, offenders, and the community. This process is holistic and community-focused. The solutions to complex problems of youth crime and violations of school rules are better solved when we work together.

More are currently in development!

Conference Schedule: September 26, 2008

Time	Event
7:30 – 8:15 a.m.	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:15 – 9:00 a.m.	Welcome & Keynote Presentation
9:05 – 10:20 a.m.	First Session
10:35 – 11:50 a.m.	Second Session
11:55 a.m. – 12:40 p.m.	Lunch – Drawing for Door Prizes
12:45 – 2:00 p.m.	Third Session
2:15 – 3:30 p.m.	Fourth Session

Registration Fee: \$65 if received by 8/16/08; \$75 if received by 9/10/08; \$85 if received from 9/11/08 – 9/25/08. Use one registration form for each applicant. There are no refunds. Substitutes are accepted. We accept checks, money orders, or purchase orders. You may fax purchase orders to 602-542-3100. Mail to: P.O. Box 33156, Phoenix, AZ 85067. You may also pay on-line at www.SIENA-AZ.org.

Food: Continental breakfast, lunch buffet, and morning and afternoon break stations are included in the registration fee.

Vendor/Exhibitor Booths: Space is available at \$100 per booth. Vendors and exhibitors will have exposure to Tempe Mission Palms Hotel guests as well as conference participants.

Contact Information: For information on any of the above, contact Nadine Groenig at 623-670-3561 or Nadine@SIENA-AZ.org.

Announcing the **SIENA Kids Club!**

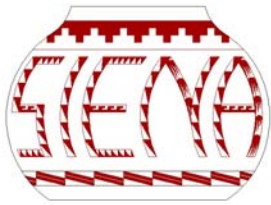
Sign up your kids to be the first members of the SIENA Kids Club! It's only \$8.00 a year for students 17 years old and younger. Membership includes a membership card, SIENA t-shirt, back pack, and school supplies.

SIENA Kids will have the opportunity to participate in community activities as well as special SIENA projects. As part of the application for membership, a questionnaire must be completed and submitted for each student. SIENA will use the information to design services for its Kids Club members and ways in which they can participate in SIENA activities and projects.

The **SIENA Kids Club** application is included with conference registration form.

Payment may be included with conference registration. Please indicate this on the **SIENA Kids Club** application at the bottom.

Various levels of SIENA membership will soon be available on SIENA's web site at www.SIENA-AZ.org.



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2ND ANNUAL TAKE CHARGE! NATIVE AMERICAN LEADERSHIP TODAY CONFERENCE

Registration Form

A signed form is required for each participant.

Check One:

- Youth (grade 7-12)
 Parent/Guardian
 Teacher/Administrator
 Program Facilitator

Age: _____
(youth only)

Name:		
Address:		
City:		State:
Phone:		E-mail:
District/School/Program (as applicable):		

Special needs request: _____

Registration Fees: Early Bird - \$65 if received or postmarked by August 26, 2008
 Regular - \$75 if received or postmarked from August 27 thru Sept. 10, 2008
 Late - \$85 if received or postmarked from September 11 thru 25, 2008

NOTE: No refunds; substitutes are accepted.

Complete this portion once for each group of registrants for which you are paying.	
Number of registrants: _____ X \$ _____ = \$ _____ (total submitted)	

Method of payment: Check/money order Purchase Order # _____
 On-line @ www.SIENA-AZ.org Fax P.O. to 602-542-3100.

We accept checks, money orders, and purchase orders. Please make checks/money orders payable to **SIENA**. Mail to: P.O. Box 33156, Phoenix, AZ 85067. You may also pay on-line at www.SIENA-AZ.org.

I agree on my behalf or on the behalf of my child to indemnify SIENA and not sue SIENA or other organizations and their authorized volunteers involved with the Take Charge! conference and its affiliated activities for all damages, harm, or injuries associated with my child's or my own participation, observation or travel if the harm, injury or damage is not due to negligence or fault of SIENA or the Take Charge! conference affiliates. I understand that the Take Charge! conference and other activities associated with the conference are voluntary and I agree to accept the responsibility for my own or my child's personal safety.

By signing below, I authorize SIENA and the Arizona Department of Education to film, videotape, photograph or otherwise record my own or my child's participation in the Take Charge! conference and its affiliated activities and to reproduce and use the film, videotape, or recordings and my own or my child's name, likeness, voice and brief biographical material in connection with non-commercial promotional activities, materials, websites or media releases related to the Take Charge! conference or SIENA.

Parent/Legal Guardian/Adult Participant (print):		Date:
Signature:		
Relationship to youth (if signing for him/her)		
In case of emergency, enter contact name(s):		
Phone #1:	Phone #2:	
If my child requires emergency medical treatment and I am not able to be reached, contact:		
Name:	Relationship:	
Phone #1:	Phone #2:	

SIENA Kids Club!

Membership Application (See page two for club details.)

Student Name (print):		Grade:	Age:
Address:		T-shirt size (circle): S M L XL	
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Phone:	E-mail:		
School:			
District:			
Student signature:			Date:
Parent/Legal Guardian (print):			
Signature:			Date:

The annual membership fee of \$8.00 includes a SIENA membership card, t-shirt, backpack and school supplies. To receive these items at the Leadership Conference, payment must be received by 9/10/08.

Complete the following questionnaire:

1. What career or job you want to have after you have finished school?

2. Do you plan to go to college? If so, which one? (Technical school included.)

3. What kind of academic assistance do you need? Writing? Math? Reading? Science?

4. Do you excel academically? If so, in what subject(s)?

5. Do you like to draw, paint, or take pictures? List which ones apply to you.

6. Would you like to participate in a creative project for SIENA?

Yes No

7. Do you like sports or physical fitness activities? If so, what kind?

8. Would you like to participate in a SIENA sponsored outdoor experience or sporting event?

Yes No

9. Would you like to serve on SIENA's Youth Advisory Council? Yes No

Submit completed form and \$8.00 payment made out to **SIENA** to: P.O. Box 33156, Phoenix, AZ 85067-3156. A signed form must be completed with each individual application. *Thank you!*

Payment is included in conference registration payment: Yes No