Welcome to the 14th annual Upper Peninsula Indian Education Conference
Monday, September 13, 2010
Northern Michigan University * Don H. Bottom University Center * Marquette, Michigan

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - McClellan Hall, founder and Executive Director of the National Indian Youth Leadership Program.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - Keith Secola, award-winning musician and board member of the National Indian Youth Leadership Program.

This free conference is designed for anyone who works with American Indian students (K-12) and their families or those who teach about American Indians or those who simply want to learn more. The conference is presented by the NMU Center for Native American Studies, the GEAR UP/College Day Program, the King-Chavez-Parks Visiting Professor Initiative, the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community and the U.S. Department of Education Office of Innovation and Improvement to implement a Teacher Training program as part of the Excellence in Economic Education Program with additional support from the NMU Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship.
8:30 a.m.  Registration Opens  
Outside of Brule Room

9:15 a.m.  Welcome  
Brule/Cadillac Rooms

9:30 a.m.  Special guest and keynote speaker - McClellan Hall  
“Positive Youth Development in Native American Communities”  
Brule/Cadillac Rooms

10:30 a.m.  Break

10:45 a.m.  A. Building Native American Youth Programs  
with Ms. Kelly Arnold, Ms. April Lindala, Mr. Dustin Lovell and students from Hannahville Indian School  
This workshop will be a discussion on how to plan and implement a day-long or residential program for American Indian youth.  
The session will also include feedback from youth who have participated in a residential program hosted by Hannahville Indian School and NMU.

B. EduGuide Mentoring Community-Using Social Network Mentoring Models to Boost Parent and Student Involvement  
with Ms. Selena Melvin  
Looking for a smarter way to stay connected with your families? This session will help present an online social network that makes it easier to reach parents, students, and teachers. Participants will learn about the online media habits of their families from EduGuide, the nonprofit specializing in research and strategies to boost family engagement.

C. Sparks: Building Relationships with Young People  
with Mr. Paul Olson and Ms. Linda Reinhart  
Sparks are the passions, interests and talents that everyone possesses and that give our lives meaning and direction. New research out of the Search Institute provides powerful insight into how adults can build connections with young people by helping them identify and nurture their Spark. Participants will learn how to connect with young people in a meaningful way by becoming part of a young person’s “Spark Team.”

12 p.m.  Lunch  
Pioneer Rooms A & B

12:45 p.m.  Giveaway

1 p.m.  Special guest and keynote speaker - Keith Secola  
“How Music Can Help Indian Students Achieve.”  
Brule/Cadillac Rooms

1:45 p.m.  Break

2 p.m.  A. Teaching Marketplace Economics and Entrepreneurship  
with Dr. Tawni Ferrarini  
This is an introduction to the Tiny Warrior Companion Guide created by the NMU Center for Economic Education and Entrepreneurship. The guide is based on D.J. Vanas’ book, The Tiny Warrior and uses the Native American lens to teach marketplace economics and entrepreneurship.

B. Big Bucks for Your Kids-How to Make Your Students’ College Choice an Affordable One  
with Ms. Selena Melvin  
This workshop emphasizes the need for students to apply for financial aid. By submitting applications for both scholarships and financial aid, students will be able to maximize the amount of money they will receive to help pay for college. By planning ahead, meeting deadlines and taking the time to develop an outstanding scholarship application, college is possible for all students regardless of financial need.

C. Studying the Future of American Indian Education  
with Dr. Martin Reinhart  
What will American Indian education look like in the future? Come share your insights in an interactive session where we will discuss the difference between prediction and design utilizing American Indian identity as a backdrop.

3:15 p.m.  Closing Remarks  
Brule/Cadillac Rooms

Thank you for supporting this year’s gathering.  
Please fill out your evaluations. Drop them off at the registration desk.
Miigwech/thank you to this year’s keynote presenters!

McClellan Hall has over 30 years of experience in youth development, as a teacher, principal of two tribal schools and as the driving force behind the National Indian Youth Leadership Program for over 20 years. He is a graduate of the Native American Teacher Education Program at University of Washington where he received his teaching certification. He earned a Master’s from Arizona State University in the Native American Leadership Fellowship Program. He co-authored a book, “Wisdom Teachings: Lessons Learned from Gatherings of Elders.” He is the recipient of many awards. NIYLP’s Project Venture has been recognized with the Exemplary, Effective, Promising and Model Award. He will be speaking about his 25+ plus years of working Positive Youth Development in Native American communities. His work is heavily influenced by conversations with Native Elders and the Program has achieved the highest level of evidence-based status guided by their advice.

Native folk & blues rocker Keith Secola is an accomplished artist: award-winning musician, master guitarist and native flute player; singer, songwriter, composer and producer. His music is familiar to thousands of fans across North America and Europe, where he’s been playing his brand of progressive music in concerts to a cult following for many years. Keith’s famous song, "NDN Kars," is considered the contemporary Native American anthem and is the most requested song on Native radio in the US and Canada. Keith Secola is a seven-time Native American Music Awards winner receiving numerous Nammy nominations in various categories. Winner: Artist of the Year, Best Linguistic Recording, Best Folk/Country Recording, Best Producer, Best Instrumental Recording, Best Blues/Jazz Recording, Best Independent Recording; with nominations for Songwriter of the Year, Record of the Year, Song/Single of the Year, Best Historical Recording. Keith’s presentation will combine live performance with discussion to demonstrate how music can be used as a teaching method. How do we bring a simple thought into a piece of music? How do we teach students so we reflect this creative process? The anatomy of songwriting, interpretation of lyrics, anticipation of rhythm, the blending of harmony, the beauty of melody are tools we can use to help Indian students achieve.

Miigwech/thank you to our additional presenters!

Kelly Arnold, Hannahville Upward Bound Success Coach - Hannahville Indian School
Tallen Boda, 8th grade Hannahville Indian School student & Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Program Participant
Tawni Ferrarini, Ph.D. Associate Professor - NMU Department of Economics
Bethany Keshick, 8th grade Hannahville Indian School student & Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Program Participant
April Lindala, Director - NMU Center for Native American Studies
Dustin Lovell, Hannahville Upward Bound Success Coach - Hannahville Indian School
Cody Meshigaud, 7th grade Hannahville Indian School student & National Indian Youth Leadership Program Participant
Dakota Meshigaud, 7th grade Hannahville Indian School student & National Indian Youth Leadership Program Participant
Selena M. Melvin, Director of Training - EduGuide
Myron McCullough, 8th grade student & Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Program Participant
Paul Olson, Youth Development Associate - Great Lakes Center for Youth Development
Martin Reinhardt, Ph.D. Assistant Professor - NMU Center for Native American Studies
Linda Remsburg, Youth Development Associate - Great Lakes Center for Youth Development
Mark your calendar for Nov. 11-13 of this fall.

The NMU Center for Native American Studies will once again host the College Prep Medicine Wheel Academy. This program is designed for American Indian students in grades 10-12.

Participants will meet with NMU faculty who teach in the Health Sciences as well as NMU students in those fields.

In addition, tours of Marquette General Hospital will also be part of the program.

Even if your students are not interested in health occupations, this program will show them the ins and outs of college life.

Applications will be available soon.

Meals and lodging are included in the program.

Transportation may be available for youth living in the Upper Peninsula.

Call us to learn more. 906-227-1397.