

17th Annual Building Bridges Conference

Pathways to Purpose

Friday, March 28, 2014 Muenster University Center Ballroom

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8-8:30	Registration & coffee/rolls
8:30	Opening Ceremony Mr. Gene Thin Elk, Director, Native American Student Services and Conference MC
	Overview of Conference and University Welcomes Mr. Gene Thin Elk Dr. Jésus Treviño, Associate Vice President for Diversity Dr. Randy Quevillon, Chair, Department of Psychology Dr. Barbara Yutrzenka, Director, Clinical Psychology Program, Department of Psychology
9:00	Introduction of Keynote Speakers, Jason "Smoke" Nichols and Melissa "Mimi" Nichols Dr. Beth Boyd, Professor, Clinical Psychology Program and Director, Psychological Services Center
	Jason "Smoke" Nichols and Melissa "Mimi" Nichols present "Pathways to Purpose: Personal Testimony"
10:00	Break
10:30	Jason "Smoke" Nichols and Melissa "Mimi" Nichols present "Pathways to Purpose: TEAM Building"
11:30	Lunch & USD Information Fair Participating departments and organizations are listed in the program packet. Students may earn extra door prize tickets by visiting the Info Fair booths.
1:00	Jason "Smoke" Nichols and Melissa "Mimi" Nichols present "Pathways to Purpose: The Leader Within"
2:45	Closing Activity and Closing Ceremony Mr. Gene Thin Elk
3:15	Door Prizes Winning tickets will be posted and prizes may be selected at the registration table at the end of the conference.
3:30	USD Campus Tours – Office of Admissions For more information, visit the Admissions booth at the Info Fair
6:00	Native American Alumni Dinner & Program

Building Bridges Conference attendees are invited to attend the

Alumni Dinner

The Mission of Building Bridges

WE BELIEVE that exposure and discussion of diversity issues such as racism and the ethnic minority experience can facilitate positive institutional change. We value and desire the respect for diversity in all levels of education. Building Bridges provides opportunities for students and faculty to learn effective ways to make higher education a positive experience for all students.

2014 Building Bridges Conference Goals

This year's Building Bridges Conference will feature Jason "Smoke" Nichols and Melissa "Mimi" Nichols. Together they engage and inspire youth with humor and clarity as well as practical examples for positive action. Participants in this year's program, *Pathways to Purpose*, will be encouraged to find greatness within themselves and share these qualities with others. Smoke and Mimi will focus on inspiring participants to harness their full potential without bowing to peer pressure, and learn that through perseverance and dedication they can gain freedom from fear and discouragement.

With this in mind, the **goals** of the conference are as follows:

- Through a combination of presentations and interactive activities, all participants will leave with a sense of themselves as potential helpers in their families and communities, learn some specific skills they can use to find positive support and to be positive helpers in their environments, and be able to identify the positive support networks that they are part of and to which they can turn when needed.
- Opportunities for participants and members of the campus and community to interact during conference events will contribute to building relationships and partnerships that may result in an increase in Native American student recruitment and retention at USD and, as a result, increased ethnic and cultural diversity on campus and in the community.
- Preparation for and participation in this annual conference will continue to provide clinical psychology graduate students and faculty members with opportunities tincrease cultural awareness while improving clinical skills through direct interactions with ethnic minority youth. To this end, conference speakers and graduate students will provide information and skills training activities for Native American students in regional high schools.

THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS YEAR'S CONFERENCE.