



**15<sup>th</sup> Annual Building Bridges Conference**

***Stand Tall, Look Good, Be Proud: Helping Each Other  
Realize Our Dreams***

**Friday, March 16, 2012  
Muenster University Center Ballroom**

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

**8-8:45 Registration & coffee/rolls**

**8:45 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. Kurt Hackemer, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs and Interim Chief Diversity Officer

Dr. Randy Quevillon, Chair, Department of Psychology

Dr. Barbara Yutrzenka, Director, Clinical Psychology Program, Department of Psychology

**9:15 Introduction of Keynote Speaker, Mr. Steve Saffron**

Ms. Cori Bazemore, USD Admissions Counselor and Multicultural Recruiter

**Positive Attitude**

**Positive Humor**

**11:45 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 Resume Conference with Mr. Saffron**

**Positive Friends**

**Positive Career**

**2:45 Closing Activity and Closing Ceremony**

Mr. Gene Thin Elk

Ms. Jennifer Thomson, BRIDGES Committee, Clinical Psychology Graduate Student

**3:15 Door Prizes**

*Winning tickets will be posted and prized may be selected at the registration table at the end of the conference.*

**6:00 Bridges Conference and Tiospaye USD Alumni Dinner & Program**





## ***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.

## ***2012 Building Bridges Conference Goals***

Building on the theme since 2009 of "People Helping One Another," this year's Building Bridges Conference focuses on four directions and four dangerous wonderful things you need to do to soar like an eagle: Positive Attitude, Positive Humor, Positive Friends, and Positive Career.

Helping each other with these four things will help us all realize our dreams. We will have more fun than human beings can possibly imagine. All of this adds up to a positive you!

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, some specific skills they can use as helpers, and a start on identifying the 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 to increase 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.***

