



## SPEAKER BIOS (continued)

**RICK WILLIAMS**, is the President and Chief Executive Officer for the American Indian College Fund. He is a member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe. In 1975, he became the first American Indian student to graduate with a B.A. (Magna Cum Laude) from the University of Nebraska and received an M.A. in Education Administration (Summa Cum Laude) from the University of Wyoming in 1987. In 2008, he was awarded a Doctor of Humane Letters, from Roger Williams University in Bristol, Rhode Island.

**Troy Lynn Star Yellow Wood** is an activist and active most of her life working for Native Peoples rights. She is currently employed with ACCESS Housing as a Housing Case Manager and Family advocate.

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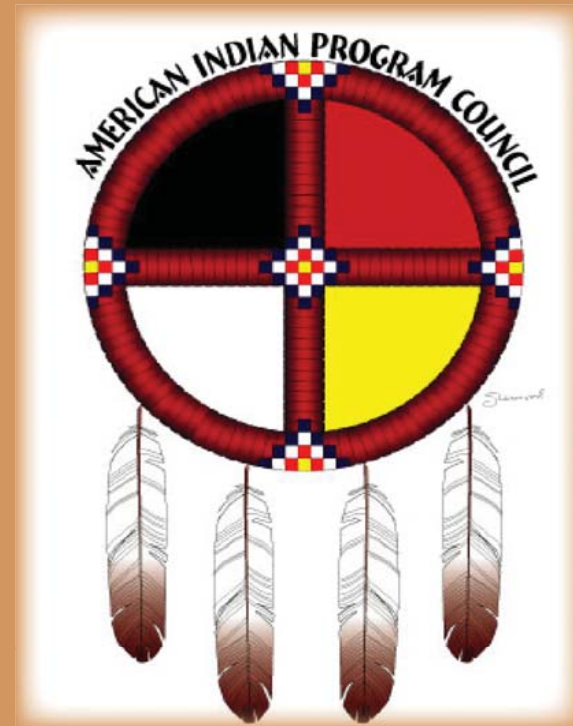
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## 2009 American Indian Heritage Training



Where We Are:  
Issues, Challenges & Hope in  
Indian Country



November 19, 2009

7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Qwest Learning and Conference Center

3898 South Teller Street

Lakewood, CO

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## Agenda

- 7:00 a.m.** Registration, Continental Breakfast and Exhibits Open
- 8:00 a.m.** Opening Ceremonies  
AIPC Welcome  
MC: Helen Littlejohn, AIPC Chairperson, Dept. of Education  
  
American Indian Flag Song  
Denver Indian Singers  
  
DFEB Welcome  
Gay Page, DFEB Executive Director
- 8:30 a.m.** **American Indian Issues: Yesterday and Today**  
Film: *Modern Day Warriors* – short documentary  
by Jenni Monet (Laguna)  
Keynote: Carly Hare (Pawnee) - Native American Rights Fund (NARF)
- 10:00 a.m.** Exhibit Booth Visits
- 10:30 a.m.** **State of Indian Education Panel**
- Rick Williams, American Indian College Fund (AICF)
  - Helen Littlejohn, Dept. of Education
  - JoAnn Brant, EPA
- 11:45 p.m.** Networking Lunch and Exhibitor Booth visits
- 1:00 p.m.** **Colorado Indian Country Dialogue**
- Josh Running Wolf, Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce
  - Ernest House Jr., Commission of Indian Affairs
  - Donna Johnson, Denver Indian Commission
  - Jay Grimm, Denver Indian Center
  - TroyLynn Star Yellow Wood, ACCESS Housing
- 3:00 p.m.** Adjourn



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**Denver Indian Singers** are recognized for their older style of singing, carrying on the original songs and traditions of the northern plains. Members include Lance Allrunner, Francis Sherwood, Peter Sherwood and Frank Sherwood.

**JoAnn Brant** is the National Recruitment Coordinator for American Indian and Alaska Natives at EPA. She is an enrolled member of the Oneida Nation and the Bear Clan. JoAnn received her Bachelor's of Science Degree in Occupational Therapy from University of Buffalo.

**Jay Grimm** is a Colorado native and member of the Navajo Nation. He became the Director of the Denver Indian Center in 2008. He has a B.A. in English from Metropolitan State College of Denver and has worked with Casey Family Programs, JVA Consulting, and the National Indian Health Board in Washington D.C.

**Carly Hare** joined NARF in 2009 as the Director of Development. She is a member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma and a descendant of the Yankton Sioux Tribe. Carly served as Director of Programs for The Community Foundation, Boulder County for five years. She is a board member of Native Americans in Philanthropy and on the Advisory Committee for the Denver Foundation's Inclusiveness Project.

**Ernest D. House, Jr.**, is an enrolled Ute Mountain Ute Tribal member (Weeminuche Band) of the State of Colorado. As Executive Secretary for the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs, Ernest implements the statutory responsibilities, business and operations of the Commission.

**Donna Johnson** graduated from Metropolitan State College of Denver with a degree in Finance and is the chair of the Denver American Indian Commission. She started a company named Atomic Air Inc that strives to be environmentally conscious by achieving sustainable goals within her company and the environment. Her tribes are very diverse: Santa Ana Pueblo, Sisseton-Wahpetonwan, and Mdewakantonwan Dakota Sioux.

**Helen Littlejohn**, a native of Cheyenne, WY is currently the Senior Public Affairs Specialist for the U.S. Department of Education Regional Office in Denver, CO, responsible for community outreach for federal education initiatives. She was high school valedictorian, received a Boettcher scholarship and graduated from the University of Denver with a degree in Education and Psychology.

**Josh Running Wolf**, President, Rocky Mountain Indian Chamber of Commerce, was born in Browning, Montana on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. He graduated from Browning High School in 1999 and attended Blackfeet Community College where he studied Elementary Education and transferred to the University of Montana where he majored in Forestry Forest Management.

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