

Announcing

Nation Building for Native Youth (NBNY)

2011 Summer Training Institute

June 10-14, Millennium Resort Hotel, Scottsdale, AZ

About NBNY

Nation Building for Native Youth (NBNY) is a life-changing youth empowerment program for up to 30 Native Youth ages 14-18 and adult advisors. Funded by the UPS Foundation and others, it combines historically accurate and culturally relevant content with leadership, peer mentoring and experiential learning. It integrates powerful and proven 21st century educational strategies associated with building positive, confident, responsible and empowered youth with Harvard University's Nation Building framework and cutting-edge leadership, communications, life skills, and service learning.

Goals & Outcomes

NBNY aims to enable Native youth to lead positive, successful lives and ultimately serve and lead their communities. Participating youth gain increased self-awareness and self-confidence, exposure to cultural and social competencies. Youth also learn about: 1) the inner workings of tribal governments, 2) effective ways to operate in the greater society while remaining consistent with their culture, and 3) ways to mobilize community resources to make a difference.

Program & Activities

- Tribal Sovereignty & Nation Building
- Search Institute's 40 Developmental Assets
- Experiential trust and team-building exercises
- DiSC® Behavioral Styles Inventory – understanding how your style relates to teamwork
- Leadership Theory & Skills
- Public speaking & presentations
- Planning and decision-making exercises
- Capstone Exercise – Mock Tribal Council
- Motivational Speakers & performers
- Leadership Lessons from the Medicine Wheel with Dr. Darryl Tonemah
- On-going contact and mentoring



Costs, Accommodations, Schedule & Location

Costs: tuition is \$400 per person with partial **scholarships** available IF youth submit the attached scholarship application. Travel must be paid by each person/organization. Tuition for adult advisors/chaperones is free **IF** they accompany 3 or more youth. Students will receive room & board for 4 days, and conference materials. The Program will begin at 12:00 pm Friday, June 10 at the Millennium Suites Hotel at McCormick Ranch, Scottsdale, Arizona at 7401 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85253. It will end after the awards banquet luncheon on Tuesday, June 14, at 2:00 PM.

For more information contact: www.nickloweryyouthfoundation.org

Application Process & Eligibility Requirements

Up to 30 Native youth and 6-10 **advisors** (*adult youth workers/teachers*) from tribes throughout the nation are eligible to attend. Eligible youth need *not* be **A** students, **BUT** they should be motivated and demonstrate leadership qualities, positive character traits and a desire to make a difference in the lives of others.

- 1) Students must submit an application form & a scholarship form. Note the application must be signed by parent/guardian if youth are under 18. Applications are available at www.nickloweryyouthfoundation.org
- 2) Youths must be accompanied by an adult advisor/chaperone who must be present and participate throughout the Institute.



Why NBNY Stands Out

The NBNY regularly receives a high 9.5+ out of 10 from youth and adult advisors. It distinguishes itself from other Native youth programs as follows:

- Small size, high ratio of mentors to students
- More intense and intentional than other youth conferences
- High quality resource materials that can be used in the community
- Focus on leadership for nation building and community development
- Special instruction, mentoring and materials for adult advisors
- Carefully blended multi-faceted curriculum designed and presented by professional team* who are leaders in their fields.
- Participants receive continual feedback and can gauge their progress and growth.

What Past Participants Have Said About NBNY?

- “I’ve gone to a lot of leadership programs before. . .this one was different. . .it was life changing...I’m so glad I came.”
- “I learned I need to be ready for any opportunity.”
- “It was awesome!”
- “NBNY showed me I can make a difference.”
- “The Institute helped me understand specific jobs/skills my tribe needs help with.”
- “It made me want to be more involved and active in my community.”
- “NBNY will help me follow the issues of our tribe and maybe in the future, I will run for the Tribal Council.”



About the Nick Lowery Youth Foundation (NLYF)

NLYF is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to helping disadvantaged children by providing and leveraging resources to help them help themselves. In the past eight years the Foundation’s primary focus has been Native American youth and communities. The Foundation is able to mobilize exceptional teams of people including American Indian political leaders, educators, role models, youth leaders and youth workers to deliver programs like Nation Building for Native Youth (NBNY) and its new program **NEXT**.

Nick Lowery, MPA, Harvard; BA, Dartmouth

The record-setting place kicker for the Kansas City Chiefs, Nick Lowery has dedicated his post NFL energies to charitable and public service, with a focus on youth. He served three Presidents (Reagan, Bush, Clinton) in this capacity, and is the only non-Indian founding director of the National Foundation for American Indian Education. After graduating as the first pro athlete from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government in 2001, Nick devoted his efforts to developing Nation Building for Native Youth (NBNY). He is able to mobilize excellent teams of trainers, professional athletes, and other partners and volunteers to deliver quality programs cost-effectively. Nick Lowery's unique comprehensive "whole brain" development approach working with youth requires parallel tracks of emotional and intellectual learning. Chairman and Founding Director of the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education and Dropout Prevention Champion for the Governor of Kansas and Kansas City, Missouri, Lowery's proven strategy accelerates the connection between education and purpose. A powerfully motivating speaker for all ages, find out more information about Nick at www.nickloweryyouthfoundation.org and www.loweryspeaks.com.

Rick St. Germaine, B.A., M.A., PhD, Arizona State University.

Rick has extensive experience in Indian education and tribal leadership. He has served several times as Chairman of the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwe Tribe; treasurer of the National Tribal Chairmen's Association; chairman of the National Congress of American Indians' Education Committee; and president of both the National Indian Education Association and the American Indian Graduate Center. He is a Professor of American History at the University of Wisconsin, Eau Claire. He also served during 2000-2002 as senior visiting scholar at Harvard University in the JFK School of Government. He helped to develop a curriculum for the State of Wisconsin on Indian Treaties and the rights of Indian nations. His publications include co-author of *Joining Hands: A Resource Book on Integrating Experiential Learning Into American Indian Culture-Based School Curriculum*, 1995, Kendall-Hunt, and *The Role of the School Within the Context of American Indian Culture and communities*, 2000. Rick develops some of the most compelling and relevant youth development and educational programs for Native communities and regularly consults with schools and tribes nationally. In recent years he has been involved with the Ojibwe Ceremonial Drum Society at Mille Lacs, MN, where he also taught education courses in the development of new charter schools through Bemidji State University. He led the effort to develop a tribal college at Mille Lacs and regularly teaches school leadership programs for teachers who work with the Navajo Nation. St. Germaine has been involved with NBNY since 2003.

Ashley Nailihn Susan: Project Assistant and Youth Advisor

Ashley is an enrolled member of the White Mountain Apache Tribe and also descends from the Walker River Paiute Tribe. Ashley attended Xavier College Preparatory and graduated with honors from Moon Valley High School in Phoenix, AZ., where she was active in Frosh, JV, and Varsity basketball, Naval ROTC-earned an Officer Leadership level, and served as MVHS senior class student body representative. Ashley is a math major at Arizona State University and has served as a Youth Ambassador to the City of Phoenix at Chengdu, China. Recently, she has participated as a Project Assistant for the past 5 years with the "Nation Building for Native Youth, a program designed to challenge native youth to plan for the future as upcoming tribal leaders of their sovereign nations combined with educational, empowering, and strategic planning resources. You can contact Ashley at ashley.rockets07@yahoo.com or by phone at (602) 391-0724.

Kim Franklin: High School Principle and Youth Advisor

Kim Franklin is the principal at Vechij Himdag Alternative High School located on Gila River Indian Community. Awarded teacher of the year by The National Indian School Board Association; Gila River Indian Community and Chinle Agency Mrs. Franklin has been a mentor teacher and presented on effective classroom instruction at many local, regional, national and international conferences. With over thirty years of experience, Mrs. Franklin is particularly proud of the leadership and service learning programs she created for her students. Mrs. Franklin has worked with Nation Building for Native Youth for the last six years. You may contact Kim at kfranklin@vhmschool.org.