2013 Native American Heritage Month
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Native food tasting in Room 4621-23 after the event
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"Guiding Our Destiny with Heritage and Tradition"

November 19, 2013
10:00 am –11:00 am
Sidney Yates Auditorium
U.S. Department of the Interior

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U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Erin Bailey

Erin Bailey is the Director of the Center for Native American Youth at the Aspen Institute. She came to the Center from the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, where she served as the Health Policy Advisor, under its then-Chairman Byron Dorgan.

Erin serves on the National Action Alliance for Suicide Prevention on the American Indian and Alaska Native Taskforce, a public-private partnership advancing the National Strategy for Suicide Prevention.

Erin is originally from North Dakota holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Studies - Human Science from Georgetown University and is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Public Health Administration and Policy with a specialization in management.

Rodger Boyd

Mr. Boyd is the Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Native American Programs (ONAP), Department of Housing and Urban Development. ONAP programs provide housing funds to Native Americans, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians through the Indian Housing Block Grant Program.

Prior to this position he was Program Manager in the Community Development Financial Institutions Fund, Department of the Treasury.

Mr. Boyd holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of New Mexico and a Master of City and Regional Planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

He is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation.

Lucretia Lovato

Lucretia Lovato is 24 years old and an enrolled member of the Kewa Pueblo (formally known as Santo Domingo), and a descendent of the Euchee/Yuchi Tribe of Oklahoma. She recently graduated from Haskell Indian Nations University with a Bachelors in Indigenous American Indian Studies (IAIS). She is currently participating in American University’s Washington Internships for Native Students (WINS) program, where she is interning at the Center for Native American Youth.

Leticia Vega

Leticia Vega is a member of the Lac Courte Oreilles Ojibwa Band of Indians. She graduated from Hayward High School. She is an active member of LCO Youth Council. Ms. Vega is an alumni of the LCO Boys and Girls Club member and a graduate of the Mastering the Journey Program. Ms. Vega will be attending LCO Ojibwa Community College to get an AS Degree in Human Services.

Master of Ceremony
SPIKE BIGHORN
Associate Deputy Director, Office of Indian Services, BIA

Traditional Blessing
EDWARD HALL
Division of Transportation, Office of Indian Services, BIA

Presentation of Colors
BIA OFFICE OF JUSTICE SERVICES COLOR GUARD
David Little (US Army), Sean Malloy (US Marines) and Travis Trueblood (US Navy)

Flag / Veteran Song
BLACKBEAR SINGERS

Welcome
KEVIN K. WASHBURN
Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs

Keynote Speaker
ERIN BAILEY
Director, Center for Native American Youth, Aspen Institute

Student Presentations
LUCRETIA LOVATO
LETICIA VEGA

Closing Remarks
RODGER BOYD
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Native American Programs (ONAP)
Department of Housing and Urban Development

Retire Colors
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