

Agenda

8:30–8:50 a.m.: Registration

Location: Building 7

8:50–9:05 a.m.: Welcome (Highline College, AANAPISI) & Community Builder

Location: Building 7

9:05–9:50 a.m.: Morning Keynote: Hillel Echohawk

Location: Building 7

9:50–10:00 a.m.: Break

10:00–11:00 a.m.: Breakout Sessions

Session A: Tribal Language Revitalization/Power of Native Languages

Location: Building 8, Mt. Skokomish

Session B: Youth Focused Mental Health

Location: Building 7

Session C: College Access/Preparedness/Scholarships & Native Student Experience

Location: Building 2

11:00–11:35 a.m.: Lunch/Student Networking

Location: Building 2 and 7

11:35–11:50 a.m.: Physical Movement/Community Builder – health & wellness

Location: Building 2 and 7

11:50 a.m.–12:50 p.m.: Breakout Sessions

Session A: yəhaw': Native Artists Rock the World

“The Creator has left the sky too low. We are going to have to do something about it, and how can we do that when we do not have a common language? ...We can all learn one word, that is all we need. That word is yəhaw' – that means to proceed, to go forward, to do it.”

— taqʷšəblu / Vi Hilbert (Upper Skagit) in her telling of Lifting the Sky

Our stories and our many brilliant forms of art that story our lives are sacred. They have the power to heal, to change lives, to change and shake worlds, they have the power to give breath to dreams, to destroy and birth, revitalize, and bring things back from the dead. Art is life. In Indigenous ways of knowing, being, doing, there is no separation between our lives, our languages, our ways of surviving and caring for the people, and our “art” and various modes of expression. Making a basket is art. But so too is cooking

a meal, or telling a tribal story, or gathering berries or fishing with your family. Join us for this interactive session where we'll talk about the power of the new year-long Indigenous creatives showcase yəhaw', curated by Native women, and go deep into the work and brilliant minds of local creative contemporary Native artists, educators, and change-makers, learning why they chose to honor the creative expressions of Native peoples in everything they do, how they've learned their practice, how they've turned their art into a career, and how you can too!

Location: Building 8, Mt. Skokomish

Session B: Re-indigenizing Health & Wellness

Location: Building 2

Session C: Native Youth Caucus

Location: Building 7

12:55–1:15 p.m.: Validation & Closing for High School Students

Location: Building 7