

2017 CDS/NACDEP Keynote Speakers



Christian Parrish Takes the Gun is more commonly known as Supaman. He is an Apsaalooke (Crow Tribe) rapper from Seattle, Washington. His career began when he was inspired by a Litefoot song (whom he later toured with in 1999). The name “Supaman” originated when he was rapping in a DJ competition and he spontaneously named himself ‘Superman’. After a few years of rapping he later returned to his family on the reservation and began to write Christian- oriented hip hop music.

In 2003 Supaman founded the Native American hip hop group Rezawrecktion. Together the band won a Native American Music Award in 2006 after their first album “It’s Time” was produced. In 2014 MTV named Supaman as Artist of the week.

Supaman is also involved in touring schools and educating students about the Native American past and culture.

For more information about Supaman, go to: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Supaman>



Devine Carama is a conscious hip hop artist & social activist from Lexington, KY. He has worked with and opened up for acts such as Nappy Roots, LL Cool J, Allen Poe, Canibus & De La Soul, J. Cole & Little Brother. His music has been covered in major music publications like The Source, Vibe, & Complex Magazine. Through his The Devine Experience umbrella he hosted events that focused on cultural and expressive art. He is also the director of a Kentucky based nonprofit organization for kids called Believing In Forever Inc. and the new Youth Services Coordinator for Community Action Council.

For more information about Devine Carama, go to: <https://devinecarama.bandcamp.com/>



Sarah Calhoun has almost two decades of experience in non-profit and small businesses. While working in the outdoor education business founded Red Ants Pants in 2006. Calhoun was sick of wearing men's pants to work and thus created an outdoor pant that would fit and flatter women. Red Ants Pants is based out of White Sulphur Springs, Montana.

Calhoun created the Red Ants Pants Music festival which drew in over 6,000 fans to celebrate rural Montana and cow pasture. The Red Ants Pants Foundation is a non-profit branch to support women's leadership, working family farms, and ranches in small communities.

In 2012 Calhoun's hard work brought recognition to her company when she won National Women in Business Champion for the Small Business Administration. In 2011 she was also invited by President Obama to attend a White House Forum on Jobs and economic development.

In her spare time Calhoun enjoys the outdoors, cutting firewood, hunting, and camping.

For more information about Sarah Calhoun, go to:

<http://redantspants.com/our-story/meet-calhoun/>



Lynne Colombe is a Lakota novelist, poet, short story writer, and an educator. Lynne grew up on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation in south-central South Dakota. She is currently working on the Reservation as an educational consultant, writer, small business owner, and fundraiser. She received her bachelor's degree in English/Secondary Education from the Black Hills State University and a Master of Arts in Language, Reading, and Culture from the University of Arizona.

A member of the "Oceti Sakowin," or "Seven Council Fires" (7 Sioux Tribes); Lynne became involved at the beginning of her Tribes' founding of their camp in mid-August, at the Standing Rock Protests of the Dakota Access Pipeline in Cannonball, North Dakota. Her interests became on-the-ground research in all areas of community development; including the impact of such an alternative course of action (protesting) on: the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe; off-Reservation, neighboring communities; and the three "main camps." Through the recruitment of talent; construction and success of a social networking and crowdfunding platform; groundwork and research; thousands of miles traveled, and constant adjustment of strategy and plans; Lynne continues to be a "behind-the-scenes" leader in the Standing Rock Movement.

For more information about Lynne Colombe, go to: <http://nativeamericacolombe.blogspot.com/>
<https://www.gofundme.com/stand4standingrock> <http://www.colorado.edu/tribalstem/lynne-colombe>