



# Econ Dev Newsletter

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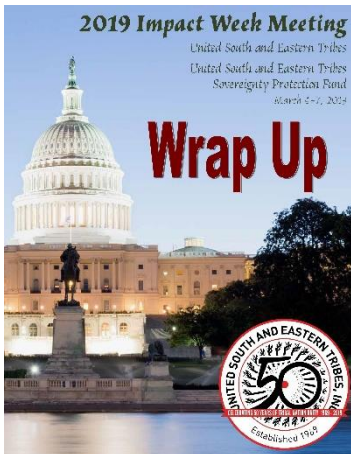
## April is National Financial Literacy Month

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) serves as the lead steward of the Native Financial Education Coalition (NFEC), which was founded in 2000 as a result of a U.S. Department of Treasury initiative on financial literacy. NFEC's mission is to (1) increase awareness of the need for adequate personal finance skills in Native communities, (2) build the capacity of tribal governments and Native organizations to provide financial education; and (3) support the efforts of Coalition partners and stakeholders to promote financial management skills through information sharing and collaboration. As part of the groups Advisory Committee, we hope you can join USET In celebrating April as National Financial Literacy Month.



Check out USET's social media accounts throughout the month of financial literacy information and tips.

## USET SPF 2019 Impact Week Wrap Up



Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to the USET SPF 2019 Impact Week meeting March 4-7, 2019 in Washington, DC. A link to the Wrap Up document, including pictures, Committee reports, and copies of passed resolutions please use the link:

<http://online.fliphtml5.com/wfvz/mjhq/#p=3>.

Presentations to the Economic Development and Entrepreneurship Committee:

[Advanced Capital Group – A Captive Discussion](#)

[Considerations for Industrial Hemp Production in Indian Country](#)

[Tribal Provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill](#)

Congratulations to new Committee leadership officers:

Co-Chair: Ronnie Beck, Catawba Indian Nation

Co-Chair: Charlene Virgilio, Penobscot Indian Nation

Secretary: Stan Meader, Passamaquoddy Tribe – Indian Township Reservation

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual “All Roads Lead to Chaco Canyon” Tribal Trade Conference

Nearly 150 people, including citizens and leaders of various Native Nations, gathered March 13<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup> on Coshatta lands to discuss an important topic: how can Native Nations revitalize and engage in international trade with each other and other nations around the world? The discussions took place over the course of three days in a conference-style setting which consisted of listening to speakers and engaging in panel discussions at the second annual “All Roads Lead to Chaco Canyon.” The conference was hosted by the Southern University Law Center and the Coshatta Nation, and took place at the Koasati Pines Golf Course, located near the Coshatta Nation’s premiere gaming resort and casino. Throughout the three-day conference, attendees heard from speakers on various topics.

The featured speakers included:

- o Robert Miller (Professor at ASU College of Law & Chief Justice of Grand Ronde Tribe)
- o Bailey Walker (President of the Oklahoma Indian Chamber of Commerce)
- o Marc Roark (Visiting Professor of Law SULC)
- o Rebecca Naragon (Economic Development Director at USET)
- o Patrice Kunesh (Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis)
- o Terry Anderson (Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution at Stanford University)
- o Miriam Jorgenson (Native Nations Institute)
- o Blake Jackson (Staff Attorney, Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative)
- o Troy Wayman (President and CEO of One Acadiana)
- o Jim Patterson (Vice President, Louisiana Association of Business)

As part of the continued build out of the economic development core competency, USET supported the conference and had staff present, including Deputy Director Wanda Janes. Other USET representatives that attended included, Tribal Chief and USET Treasure Cheryl Smith, Jena Band of Choctaw Indians; Chairman David Sickey and Secretary-Treasurer Crystal Williams of Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana; Chairman Melissa Darden, Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana; Alabama-Coushatta Tribe of Texas; and, Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians.



Chairman David Sickey (Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana) with USET Deputy Director Wanda Janes at the 2nd Annual All Roads Lead to Chaco Canyon Conference in Kinder.



Chief (& USET Treasurer) Cheryl Smith (Jena Band of Choctaw), former Chairman Ernest Sickey (Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana) with USET Deputy Director Wanda Janes at the 2nd Annual All Roads Lead to Chaco Canyon Conference in Kinder

### **Native American Employment and Training Council Seeking Nominations**

The Department of Labor (DoL) Secretary seeks nominations from representatives of tribal governments and American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian organizations who have expertise in the areas of workforce development, secondary and post-secondary education, healthcare, human services, veteran services, and business and economic development to join the Council and provide expertise on the WIOA Section 166 Indian and Native American Programs. The Charter requires that the Council, to the extent practicable, shall represent all geographic areas of the United States with a substantial Indian, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian population.

Accordingly, the Department seeks representatives from each of the six ETA regions (see ETA regions located at: <https://www.doleta.gov/regions>), as well as representatives from Hawaii, Alaska, Oklahoma, and Other Disciplines. ETA regions in the USET service area include:

- ❖ Region I, Boston (includes CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PR, RI, VI and VT);
- ❖ Region II, Philadelphia (includes DE, MD, PA, WV and VA);
- ❖ Region III, Atlanta (includes AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, and TN);
- ❖ Region IV, Dallas (includes AR, CO, LA, MT, ND, NM, OK, SD, TX, UT, and WY);

The Council is a non-discretionary committee authorized under Workforce Innovation & Opportunity Act (WIOA) with the purpose of advising the Secretary on the operation and administration of the WIOA Section 166 Indian and Native American Employment and Training programs. The Charter provides for the Council to consist of no less than 15 but no more than 20 members, appointed by the Secretary, who are representatives of Indian tribes, tribal organizations, Alaska Native entities, Indian-controlled organizations serving Indians, and Native Hawaiian organizations. Members of the Council shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary for a two-year term designated by the Secretary and without compensation except that members shall be allowed travel expenses, including per diem, while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the Council.

Nominations for individuals to serve on the Council must be submitted by April 29, 2019, and please let us know if you are seeking nomination.

## NEWS

### ❖ National/World

[New technologies in the fight against illicit trade](#)

[Four-day work week in India: Are Indian employers, and employees, ready for longer weekends?](#)

[Economists must think broader – or risk becoming irrelevant](#)

[Gender equality both business imperative as well as a social issue](#)

[Digitalizing the economy as the route to growth and prosperity](#)

[How digital transformation is driving cyber security evolution](#)

[25 Food and Agriculture Leaders to Watch in 2019](#)

[Indonesia developing disaster mitigation technology for tourist destinations](#)

[Ban on single-use plastic items approved by European parliament](#)

[How to Govern a Digitally Networked World](#)

### ❖ Indian Country

[Non-Indians indicted for selling 'Navajo' jewelry made in the Philippines](#)

[Winnebago Tribe incorporates language into billboards and public signs on reservation](#)

[Native Sun News Today: Indian-owned business continues to grow](#)

[President Trump releases new budget with cuts for Indian Country programs](#)

[Native students are helping lead the climate change movement](#)

[Supreme Court delivers slim victory in Yakama Nation treaty rights case](#)

[Native Entrepreneurs to Attend Dynamic Start-up Micro Accelerator at SXSW](#)

[Albuquerque Becomes First City in America to Recognize Tribal Sovereignty by Establishing Government-to-Government Relations](#)

[Clearinghouse Community Development Financial Institution Invests in Native American Bank](#)

[Cherokee Nation Technologies Awarded \\$39.5M Air Force Contract](#)

[Native American Buying Power Increased by 185 Percent Since 2000](#)

[A National Association Focused on Human Resources in Indian Country Has Big Plans to Expand](#)  
[Tulalip Tribes Sponsor Cannabis Research to Treat Opioid Addiction & Alzheimer’s Disease](#)  
[Blue Lake Rancheria Powers Microgrid for Self-Sufficiency and Savings](#)

❖ USET

[Twitter Recap: United South and Eastern Tribes open Impact Week meeting](#)  
[VIDEO: Rep. Deb Haaland addresses the United South and Eastern Tribes](#)  
[United South and Eastern Tribes pledge unity amid uncertainty in the Trump era](#)  
[Poarch Band Covers Funeral Costs of Alabama Tornado Victims](#)  
[Mohegan and Mashantucket Pequot Tribes Ready to Move Forward With Tribal Winds Casino](#)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<a href="#">NAFOA 37th Annual Conference</a> Portland, OR April 15-16, 2019	<a href="#">USET 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Utility Summit</a> Verona, NY April 23-25, 2019
<a href="#">NCAIED Native Edge Institute (NEI)</a> Seneca, NY May 2, 2019	<a href="#">Native Business Summit</a> Tulsa, OK May 13-15, 2019
USET Semi-Annual Meeting Nashville, TN June 17-19, 2019	<a href="#">NCAI Mid-Year Conference &amp; Marketplace</a> Reno, NV June 23-27, 2019
<a href="#">USET Climate Resilience Summit</a> Verona, NY Aug. 27-29, 2019	<a href="#">21st Annual American Indian Tourism Conference</a> Catoosa, OK Sept. 16-19, 2019
USET 50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting Choctaw, MS Nov. 3-7, 2019	



***Quote of the Month***

*“If you will live like no one else, later you can live like no one else.”*

*- Dave Ramsey*

***Book of the Month***



*“Discrimination and Disparities” by Thomas Sowell*