

Keller George

USET President

1994 - 2006

Keller George, whose Oneida name *Laluhtay-thos* means *Tree Planter*, is the Nation's only full-time diplomat. He represents the Oneida Indian Nation at local, state, and national levels.

As a Wolf Clan Representative to the Nation's Men's Council, Keller helps to make decisions that deal with policy aspects of the tribal government and the successful business enterprises of the Oneida Nation. He is also the past Chairman of the Oneida Indian Nation Gaming Commission, which oversees gaming and licensing operations at Turning Stone Casino Resort. Additionally, Keller is a board member of Standing Stone Media, Inc., a wholly owned enterprise of the Oneida Nation that publishes the nationally recognized newspaper *Indian Country Today*.



Keller represents the Oneida Nation in a variety of capacities in the American Indian community. He is the former president and current President Emeritus of the United South and Eastern Tribes, Inc., having served for six terms. Among his other roles, Keller is a delegate for the National Congress of American Indians, which is considered the oldest, largest and most influential Indian organization in the United States. He is a former member of the Board of Directors of the National Tribal Development Association, which is dedicated to the promotion and sale of Indian products throughout the global marketplace.

In August of 2001, Keller attended Harvard University and earned a certificate from its Senior Managers in Government Program. On December 31, 2005, he was asked to join the Board of Trustees of the National Museum of the American Indian for a second three-year term.

Additionally, Keller was on the advisory committee of the Close Up Foundation, which is dedicated to bringing disadvantaged youth to Washington, D.C., to educate about the legislative process. As a past board member of the Native Health & Education Initiative, he is devoted to diabetes research and youth camps, health conferences, training and scholarship programs.