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Indian Education Summit to feature national and local experts

PIERRE, S.D. – The 2013 Indian Education Summit will be held Sept. 29-Oct. 1 at Cedar Shore Resort in Oacoma.

The theme of the 10th annual event is College, Career and Life Ready Through Community, Culture and Collaboration. Keynote speakers include Drs. Stephen Sroka and RunningHorse Livingston, while breakout sessions will feature South Dakota programs that have achieved success in supporting the state’s American Indian students.

Among his other accomplishments, Dr. Sroka has been selected the Disney Outstanding Health Teacher of the Year and was inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame.

Dr. Livingston is a nationally recognized teacher, trainer and coach. He mentors prospective teachers at community and tribal colleges across the Midwest, and he works directly with schools on implementing culturally responsive pedagogy.

The goal of the Indian Education Summit is to provide solutions to the unique challenges American Indian students face and to present successful models for educators to implement. The conference is an opportunity for collaboration among state leaders, tribal and Bureau of Indian Education schools, and individual school districts.

To learn more, visit www.doe.sd.gov and follow the “SD Indian Education Summit” link.