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### **Annual Indian Education Summit to be held in Pierre**

PIERRE, S.D. – The 2015 South Dakota Indian Education Summit will be held Nov. 1-3, at the Best Western Ramkota Hotel in Pierre.

This 12th annual summit will include more than 60 specialized sessions, cultural activities and student-led discussions.

The theme of this year's event is Sharing Our Heritage; Building Our Future. A pre-conference session will focus on the WoLakota Project. Attendees will get updates on the project's first two years, and hear about plans for ways this work on cultural awareness and understanding will continue in South Dakota and beyond. For more information on this project, visit [www.wolakotaproject.org](http://www.wolakotaproject.org).

Keynote speakers include Donald F. Montileaux and Joseph Marshall III. Montileaux was born in Pine Ridge. He is a noted ledger artist who creates striking images of the Lakota way of life. He has exhibited in national art shows, illustrated book covers, and recently wrote and illustrated the award-winning book "Tasunka: A Lakota Horse Legend."

Marshall was born and raised on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation. He is a writer, historian, actor, teacher, craftsman, administrator and public speaker. He has written several award-winning books, appeared in television documentaries and helped found Sinte Gleska University where he is a charter board member.

Kevin Locke, known throughout the world as the preeminent player of the indigenous Northern Plains flute, will perform at the summit. This year's summit will also feature a special exhibit entitled "Lakota Emergence," which integrates the Lakota emergence narrative with museum objects and contemporary Lakota artwork.

To learn more and register, visit <http://indianeducation.sd.gov>.