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Indian Education Summit to feature Hattie Kauffman

PIERRE, S.D. –Longtime CBS broadcaster Hattie Kauffman will be among keynote speakers at the 2017 South Dakota Indian Education Summit to be held Sept. 24-26, at the Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center in Pierre.

According to Kauffman’s website, she was the first Native American reporter on national network news. She started her career in radio in Minnesota and spent more than 20 years on television with ABC and CBS News. Her memoir, “Falling Into Place,” was released in 2013.

Dr. AnnMaria DeMars will also speak at the summit. DeMars has 30 years of experience in education and is founder of 7 Generation Games, which develops video games to help students learn math. Forbes has named DeMars among its 40 Women to Watch Over 40.

In addition, this year’s summit will feature a screening of the new film “Neither Wolf Nor Dog,” along with an appearance by Kent Nerburn, author of the book upon which the film is based. The film features Dave Bald Eagle and was partly filmed in the western Dakotas.

This annual summit will include a variety of specialized sessions and cultural activities, as well as a new Youth Day, featuring student-focused programming. The summit will focus on four main topics: achievement, culture and language, success from within and building future leaders.

To learn more and register, visit <http://tie.events/ies/>.