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AMERICAN INDIAN
LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT
INSTITUTE
BENEFIT DINNER

JOIN US IN RAISING FUNDS
FOR INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE STUDENTS AND
EDUCATORS TO ATTEND AILDII

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009
COCKTAILS 6:00 PM
DINNER 6:30 PM
SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE

DESERT DIAMOND CASINO & HOTEL
7350 S. NOGALES HWY
TUCSON, AZ 85756

INVITED GUEST SPEAKERS:
DARRELL ROBES KIPP
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Celebrating 30 years of commitment
to Indigenous language education.
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Dinner Tickets*
- $75 Students & Indigenous Community Members ($50 is tax-deductible)
- $100 General Admission ($75 is tax-deductible)

Program Advertisements
- Full Page (7”x9”) $300
- Half Page (7”x4.375”) $200
- Quarter Page (3.375”x4.375”) $100

Monetary Donations (Fully tax-deductible)
No Minimum—Please make check payable to the University of Arizona Foundation or if you prefer to bill your credit card, contact the AILDI office for more information.

Silent Auction & Raffle (Fully tax-deductible)
Non-cash donations—Please indicate whether you would like your item as part of the silent auction or raffle.

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“Again, (AILDI) has only confirmed what I have always believed about language teaching. I know my strengths and creativity and how I can be of service to the community.”

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Sponsorship Opportunities*

Documentation Sponsor
$500-$2,499 (Donations above $150 are tax-deductible)
• Priority dinner seating for 2
• Sponsor-level acknowledgement
• Quarter-page black & white advertisement in the dinner program
• Recognition on AILDI website and other promotional materials

Revitalization Sponsor
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Preservation Sponsor
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Stabilization Sponsor
$10,000+ (Donations above $500 are tax-deductible)
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• Sponsor-level acknowledgement
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Supporting Indigenous Language Students and Educators Worldwide!

American Indian Language Development Institute (AILDI)

AILDI was founded in 1978 with the support from the National Endowment for the Humanities to support communities in Indigenous language education. The proposal was drafted by Lucille Watahomigie, a Hualapai educator and language activist and Dr. Leanne Hinton, a linguist, from the University of California, Berkeley. Also involved were Dr. Akira Yamamoto, Dr. Teresa McCarty and Dr. Ofelia Zepeda.

Each year, those interested in Indigenous language education attend our four week summer residential program centered around a specific theme. Our participants enroll in two 3-unit courses that are transferable to UA degrees and other universities and college. AILDI courses are designed to train participants to apply their knowledge and skills in their teaching at school or in the community, as well as to learn methods that incorporate appropriate linguistic and cultural knowledge into the curriculum. In addition, participants share their “microteaching” lessons (short lessons that are taught in an Indigenous language) that integrate concepts and ideas from classes taken during the month.

Over the past 30 years, participants and faculty members travel from different parts of the country and bring with them rich experiences of working with Indigenous language communities. AILDI has continued to expand its program to include conferences, symposia, workshops, poetry readings, cultural activities and performances, and guest lectures by internationally know language educators and researchers. And in 2009, AILDI will hold its 1st annual benefit dinner.

Mission

AILDI’s mission is to mobilize efforts to document, revitalize and promote Indigenous languages, reinforcing the processes of intergenerational language transfer. AILDI plays a critical role in ongoing outreach, training and collaborative partnerships with educators, schools and Indigenous communities nationally and internationally through the use of multiple resources.
Purpose

To raise funds for AILDI participants and to celebrate 30 years of AILDI’s commitment to Indigenous language education.

Goal

To provide $25,000 or more in scholarships for Indigenous language students and educators to attend AILDI.

An invaluable & worthwhile cause


Impacts

AILDI has made significant contributions to Indigenous communities in all areas of language learning, teaching and research. These include:

- Bridging language communities and academic communities: Dr. Sheilah Nicholas (University of Arizona & Hopi Language Institute), Jennie DeGroat (Northern Arizona University & Cibecue Immersion)
- Drafting of the Native American Languages Act (NALA) of 1990 (Public Law 101-477)
- Sister programs: Oklahoma Native American Language Development Institute (ONALDI), Canadian Indigenous Languages and Literacy Development Institute (CILLDI), Northwest Indian Language Institute (NILI)
- Funding received by NSF-NEH DEL grant (2005-2008) #0549189. SGER: Increasing Competitive Research among Tribal Communities for Documenting Endangered Languages. Funded 20 participants to enroll in Grant Writing & Language Documentation. 3 of 11 teams were awarded grants.

How your monies are used

- $10,000 Tuition and Registration for four students to attend an AILDI Summer Program.
- $5,000 Tuition and Registration for two students to attend an AILDI Summer Program.
- $2,500 Tuition and Registration for one student to attend an AILDI Summer Program.
- $1,000 Partial tuition and registration for one student to attend an AILDI Summer Program.

How scholarship recipients are determined

Participants are required to submit an application along with their registration forms, as well as meet criteria set forth by the AILDI Scholarship committee. Scholarship recipients will be recognized at the closure of the summer AILDI program and will be asked to write a letter of gratitude to their sponsor who made this funding possible.