



# 2025 NATIVE WOMEN IN AGRICULTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES SYMPOSIUM: AGENDA

April 2 – April 3, 2025  
Host: Salish and Kootenai College

## Wednesday, April 2, 2025

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8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Registration for Attendees

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### GENERAL & WELCOMING SESSION

**Location:** Salish & Kootenai College, 58138 US-93, Pablo, MT 59855

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

#### Welcome

**Location:** Johnny Arlee &  
Vic Charlo Arlee Theater

#### Mistresses of Ceremonies

Alexendra Carlisle, M.S., Extension Agent – University of  
Arizona (U of AZ)

Ashley Mueller, M.S., Education Coordinator – Native  
American Fish and Wildlife Society (NAFWS)

#### Invocation

#### Welcoming Remarks

Symposium Overview: Alex Carlisle, U of A & Ashley Mueller,  
NAFWS

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9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Location:** Johnny Arlee &  
Vic Charlo Arlee Theater

#### **Keynote: A Woman's Journey - Harnessing Voice, Embracing Power, & Creating Change**

Speaker: Kristen Kipp, Founder & Owner of Thunderbird  
Consulting & Services LLC, Kipp Livestock LLC & Cut Across  
Construction LLC; Foreman for Kinto Excavation LLC

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10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Break, Gene's Catering

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10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

#### **College of Salish & Kootenai College Overview & Panel**

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<b>Location:</b> Johnny Arlee & Vic Charlo Arlee Theater	Moderator: Germaine White, SKC Board Member
	Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sierra Umphrey, Climate Learning Hub Director</li><li>• Frankie Wright, Forestry Student</li><li>• Mariah Durglo, SKC Wildlife &amp; Fisheries and Alumni</li><li>• Dana Hewankorn, CSKT Food Sovereignty Program Director and SKC Alumni</li></ul>
11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. <b>Location:</b> Johnny Arlee & Vic Charlo Arlee Theater	<b>University of Arizona Federally Recognized Tribal Extension Program</b>  Presenter: Alexendra Carlisle, Extension Agent – U of AZ
11:20 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. <b>Location:</b> Johnny Arlee & Vic Charlo Arlee Theater	<b>Native American Fish and Wildlife Society Overview</b>  Presenter: Ashley Mueller, Education Coordinator - NAFWS
<b>12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b> Lunch (Provided for Registered Attendees) – Qene’s Catering	
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. <b>Location:</b> Johnny Arlee & Vic Charlo Arlee Theater	<b>Storytelling for Impact: Networking, LinkedIn and Meaningful Connections</b>  Presenter: Rosie Sanchez, Carnivore Fellow - Nez Perce Tribe Wildlife Department
2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. <b>Location:</b> Johnny Arlee & Vic Charlo Arlee Theater	<b>Fostering Networking &amp; Teamwork</b>
<b>3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</b> Break, Qene’s Catering	
3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. <b>Location:</b> Johnny Arlee & Vic Charlo Arlee Theater	<b>Mentor &amp; Mentee Workshop</b>  Presenter(s):  Nicole Stiffarm, Tribal Partnerships Manager - Environmental Policy Innovation Center  Nicole Benally, Student - University of Montana
<b>5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.</b> Dinner (Provided for Registered Attendees) – Qene’s Catering	

**Thursday, April 3, 2025**

**WORKSHOP SESSION**

**Location:** Kwataqnuk, 49708 US Hwy 93 E Polson, MT 59860

8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**COMET**

Location: Michel/Victor Room

Presenter: Nikki Crowe, Extension Educator - Family Resiliency in Tribal Communities – University of Minnesota

10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

**Building an Agriculture Business Plan with Akiptan**

Location: Michel/Victor Room

Presenter: Dawn Lebeau, Senior Program Officer – Akiptan Inc.

11:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch (Provided for Registered Attendees)

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

**Designing Effective Meetings & Tools**

Location: Michel/Victor Room

Presenter: Ashley Mueller, *Acting* Deputy Executive Director & Education Coordinator - NAFWS

2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

**Fundraising Tools and Techniques**

Location: Michel/Victor Room

Presenter: Joanna Studt, Chief of Staff – Intertribal Agriculture Council

3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Afternoon Break

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Redefining Western Leadership: Fostering Empowerment, Growth and Building Resilience**

Location: Michel/Victor Room

Presenter: Kristen Kipp, Founder & Owner of Thunderbird Consulting & Services LLC, Kipp Livestock LLC & Cut Across Construction LLC; Foreman for Kinto Excavation LLC

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

**Event Closing Remarks & Barter Time**

Location: Michel/Victor Room

6:00 p.m.

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