

AISES GRC Summer Meeting Proceedings
June 21, 2017
Department of Interior, Washington, DC 20240

- Department of Interior Welcome (Mr. Mike Black, Acting Assistant Secretary)
 - Advocate of Native Youth
 - 15 years in the technical field (Worked as a designer)
- State of AISES Address (Ms. Sarah Echohawk, CEO AISES)
 - 40th Anniversary – Special National Conference
 - Four Strategies for increasing STEM
 - Build Awareness and Increase Retention in K-12 STEM
 - Increase Access to and Success in STEM Higher Education
 - Provide leadership and promote change to Improve Professional Opportunities in STEM
 - Identify and leverage strategic partnerships and conduct research in STEM issues specific to Native Americans
 - National Conference Overview
 - Notah Begay III Golf Partnership
 - New IHS Grant: National Native Health Research Conference
 - Look at traditional native medicine, research in native health
 - Winds of Change now within AISES
 - Top 25 Native Companies engaged in STEM
 - New Programs and Partnerships in development
 - Tribal Nations
 - Gaming
 - Computer Science
 - Women & Girls in STEM Canadian Indigenous Advisory Committee
 - National Conference
 - 40th Anniversary
 - 2017: Denver, CO (Denver Convention Center)

- Approximate 2000 participants
 - Calls for Session Proposals & Professional of the Year Award
- Onsite Recruitment – USDA
 - Understand Pathways Programs
 - On-site registration with USDA
 - Agency Talent Portal: More information contact (Terri_Reeves@ios.doi.gov)
- Intern Panel Discussion
 - Intern perspective: Family has 2 PhDs, education emphasized
 - Another intern perspective: 1st generation, not interested in science due to school not being the best, wanted to do medical track to give better healthcare to others
 - Barrier: Some places native/non-native high school the end of the academic career, college was a challenge
 - Feel disconnected when away for long period from family
 - Opportunities: organization, word of mouth, family members
 - Awareness of Programs early: middle & high schools
- Interior Programs Feature
 - Pathways Program
 - Internship
 - Recent Graduate
 - Presidential Management Fellows (PMF)
 - VISTA/Americorp
 - Help poorest communities with resources
 - WaterCorp
 - Tribal members manage water resources
 - Intensive 4-week training in Tuscon, AZ
 - Direct Hire Authority Resources
 - 11-week training, receive conversion to full time employment using Direct Hire Appointment (DHA)
- Adjourn – Next Meeting: **AISES National Conference – Denver, CO (September November 21 – 23, 2017)**