



**Native American 40 Under 40 Honorees  
INPRO 2009  
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**1. Mr. Adam Kennedy**

Seneca Nations of Indians  
*General Manager, Kennedy Wendel  
Amherst, NY*

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Coastal Band Chumash Nation  
*Director of Institutional Research and Planning, Las Positas College  
San Ramon, CA*

**3. Ms. April Whittimore Locklear**

Lumbee  
*Clinical Counselor/Substance Abuse Residential Unite, Robeson Health Care Corporation  
Fairmont, NC*

**4. Mr. Brandon YellowBird Stevens**

Oneida Nation of Wisconsin  
*Councilman, Oneida Nation of Wisconsin  
Oneida, Wisconsin*

**5. Mr Brian Busey**

Cherokee  
*Vice President of Human Resources and Operations, Delaware Resource Group of Oklahoma  
Oklahoma City, OK*

**6. Ms. Cara Cowan-Watts**

Cherokee  
*Council Person, Cherokee Nation  
Claremore, OK*

**7. Ms. Carmen Davis**

Makah Nation/Chippewa-Cree/Yakama Tribe  
*Vice President, Litefoot Enterprises, LLC  
Seattle, WA*

**8. Ms. Cherrah Quiett**

Muscogee (Creek) Nation & Cherokee  
*Director of Operations, The Horizon Companies  
Tulsa, OK*



**9. Mr. Chris Province**

Cherokee  
*Casino Shift Manager, Cherokee Casino Will Rogers Downs  
Claremore, OK*

**10. Ms. Christina S. Theodorou**

Lumbee Nation of NC  
*Program Manager, NC Indian Economic Development Initiative  
Raleigh, NC*

**11. Ms. Clara Pratte**

Navajo  
*Director of the Office of Native American Affairs, Small Business Administration  
Washington DC*

**12. Mr. Craig Cooke**

St. Regis Mohawk  
*CEO & Co-Founder, Rhythm Interactive Inc.  
Irvine, CA*

**13. Mr. Cyrus Ben**

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians  
*Pearl River Rep., CEO/Owner of Choctaw Office Supply, Tribal Council, M.B.C.I  
Choctaw, MS*

**14. Ms. Danelle Smith**

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska  
*Partner, Law Firm of Fredericks, Peebles & Morgan  
Winnebago, NE*

**15. Ms. Deborah Reed**

Cherokee  
*Legal Assistant, Cherokee Nation Business, LLC  
Catoosa, OK*

**16. Ms. Donna Bach**

Oorutsaramiut Native Council - Yupik Eskimo-Calista Region  
*Director of Public Relations, Yukon-Kushokwin Health Corp.  
Bethel, AK*

**17. Mr. Douglas Fifer**

CIRI  
*Owner, Police Officer, Director, Wine Styles, Anchorage Police Dept. Cook Inlet Region Incorporated  
Anchorage, AK*



**18. Mr. Gabriel Galanda**

Round Valley Indian Tribe  
Member, Williams Kastner  
Seattle, WA

**19. Ms. Gena Timberman**

Choctaw  
Executive Director, Native American Cultural and Education Authority  
Oklahoma City, OK

**20. Mr. James Anderson**

Choctaw/Ojibwe  
Director of Education and Head Trainer, Lifeskills Center for Business Leadership  
Minneapolis, MN

**21. Mr. James Robinson**

Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians  
President, Choctaw Ikhana Laboratory Services, Inc.  
Choctaw, MS

**22. Mr. Jason Coochwytewa**

Isleta Pueblo/Hopi  
President/Owner, Red Note, Inc.  
Tempe, AZ

**23. Mr. Jason Giles**

Muscogee (Creek)  
Deputy Executive Director/General Council, National Indian Gaming Association  
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**24. Mr. Jeremy Marshall**

Cherokee Nation  
Student Program Assistant, University of Wisconsin Remington Center  
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**25. Ms. Jessica Moore**

Osage/Otoe/Pawnee/Sac & Fox  
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Fairfax, OK

**26. Ms. Kerry Patterson**

Seneca  
Associate, Fennemore Craig, P.C.  
Phoenix, AZ



**27. Ms. Kimberly Teehee**

Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma

*Senior Advisor on Native American Affairs, The White House Domestic Policy Council  
Washington DC*

**28. Mr. Nikishna Polequaptewa**

Hopi

*Director of American Indian Resource Program, University of California Irvine  
Irvine, CA*

**29. Mr. Philip Busey**

Cherokee

*Vice President of Communication, Busey Group of Companies  
Oklahoma City, OK*

**30. Mr. Richard Tall Bear**

Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate

*Owner and President, The Tall Bear Group  
Los Angeles, CA*

**31. Ms. Robin Williams**

Kiowa/Apache/Nez Perce/Umatilla/Assiniboine

*Sr. Academic Counselor, Oklahoma State University  
Stillwater, OK*

**32. Ms. Sahar Nouri, MD**

Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians

*Physician, Indian Health Services  
Fort Defiance, AZ*

**33. Ms. Sarah Lukin**

Native Village of Afognak

*Executive Director, Native American Contractors Association  
Washington DC*

**34. Ms. Stacey Thunder**

Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians

*General Council, General Council to Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians  
Minnesota*

**35. Mr. Stuart Paisano**

Pueblo of Sandia

*Councilmember, Pueblo of Sandia  
Bernalillo, New Mexico*



**36. Ms. Tiffany Ellis**

Muscogee (Creek) Nation  
*Public Relations Manager, River Spirit Casino*  
Tulsa, OK

**37. Ms. Vernelle Chase**

Gros-Ventre  
*Tribal Liaison, The Flintco Companies, Incorporated*  
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**38. Ms. Veronica Hix**

Cherokee  
*Entrepreneur Development Manager, Cherokee Nation (Commerce Group)*  
Tahlequah, OK

**39. Mr. Wayne Don**

Cupik  
*Chairman, NIMA Corporation*  
Anchorage, AK

**40. Mr. Zackeree Kelin**

Caddo Nation  
*Managing Attorney, DNA-People's Legal Services, Inc.*  
Window Rock, AZ