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Note: Nebraska Education Commissioner Roger Breed will be available for questions from the press at 9:15 a.m.

NATIVE AMERICAN EDUCATION SYMPOSIUM HELD NOV. 1 AT WAYNE STATE COLLEGE

Nearly 400 educators will attend the annual Native American Education Symposium Mon., Nov. 1, at Wayne State College in Wayne.

Ron Glodoski, a national expert on bullying, substance abuse and resiliency, will speak at the symposium, offering a new perspective on how to effectively connect with students and provide practical solutions to the challenges confronting youth today.

Glodoski will present an interactive session that reinforces behavior intervention strategies. Educators will learn about classroom tools and methods that will help them better understand student learning. His own life experiences show that students labeled at-risk can become healthy, productive members of their community.

In addition to the professional development opportunities for educators, Native American student art will be displayed, and students from the Walthill Public Schools' student drum group will perform.

The annual Friend of American Indian Education Award will be presented to Ronnie O'Brien and John Cruzeiro, community volunteers at the Great Platte River Road Archway near Kearney, in recognition of their efforts to promote accurate and authentic educational experiences to students and the public about American Indians. Vernon Miller of the Omaha Nation Public School will also be recognized. Miller was recently named the National Indian Education Association 2010 Teacher of the Year at the 41st Annual NIEA National Conference in San Diego.

In addition, Native American posters developed by the Science Education Partnership Award project at the University of Nebraska Medical Center will be unveiled to promote health and science careers. Members of the Santee Sioux Tribe are featured in some posters. SEPA is a national program funded by the National Center for Research Resources, an institute of the National Institutes of Health, with the goal of strengthening mathematics and science education on reservations in Nebraska and South Dakota.

The symposium will be held at the Wayne State College's Student Center, Mon., Nov. 1, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. To register, contact Carol Rempp at carol.rempp@nebraska.gov or Peg Kirby at peg.kirby@nebraska.gov. On-site registration also will be available if space allows.