



Della Warrior
Otoe-Missouria

President
Institute of American Indian Arts



Ms. Warrior brought over 30 years of professional experience in Administration and Development to her role of President of the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA), when she assumed this position in early 1998. She was IAIA's Development Director for over four years prior to assuming the presidency. In both capacities, she has raised over \$9.5 million for the establishment of IAIA's new permanent home. In her five years as President, she has led the Institute to full accreditation for its two-year and four-year academic programs.

The first and only woman elected as Chairperson and to serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Otoe-Missouria Tribe, Ms. Warrior completed her undergraduate work at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, where she majored in Sociology. She received a Master of Arts Degree from Harvard University's School of Education and has 40 credits toward her Doctoral Degree in Educational Administration from the University of New Mexico.

Ms. Warrior has extensive experience in education within Native American communities. She has served as a Consultant and Educational Specialist for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and several tribes and national organizations. As Director of Indian Education for the Albuquerque Public Schools, she was successful in substantially reducing the percentage of Native children who were performing under the average grade point level. Her innovations led to the development of the first Upward Bound project designed exclusively for Native American junior high school students. She is a Board Member of the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institute, and of the American Indian Higher Education Consortium. In July 2002 she was appointed to President Bush's Board of Advisors on Tribal Colleges and Universities. She is a Chartering member of the World Indigenous Nations Higher Education Consortium, also established in July 2002. Ms. Warrior has also served on the boards of many other organizations committed to Native American youth, women, law and education.

PROGRAM

Traditional Plains Flute Music	Geraldine Barney (Navajo) IAIA Alumnus
Welcome Master of Ceremony	Phil Hogen (Oglala Lakota) Associate Solicitor-Indian Affairs
Presentation of Colors	Vietnam Era Veterans Inter-Tribal Association
Flag Song & Veterans Song	Black Bear Singers
Opening Prayer	Jerry Cordova (Taos & Teseque Pueblo) Native American Coordinator, BLM
Traditional Navajo Song	Geraldine Barney IAIA Alumnus
Reading of President's Proclamation & Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Neal A. McCaleb (Chickasaw) Assistant Secretary-Indian Affairs
Keynote Speaker	Della Warrior (Otoe-Missouria) President, IAIA
"Journey Song"	Written & Performed by Geraldine Barney
Closing Remarks	Neal A. McCaleb
Closing Prayer	Jerry Cordova
Retire Colors	Vietnam Era Veterans Inter-Tribal Association &

Food tasting following the program in the South Penthouse

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Art Exhibition in the DOI Museum*