

Ted Moore And Freda Tippeconnie Selected As Representatives Of CoLA

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Pawnee, Okla. Congratulations to Ted Moore, Pawnee Nation tribal planner and grant writer, and Freda Tippeconnie, division director for the Education and Training department, for their recent appointment to the Circle of Leadership Academy (CoLA). Moore and Tippeconnie will utilize their philanthropic skills to serve a much larger community.

Moore and Tippeconnie join 25 other representatives selected for this honor.

According to Daniel Lemm, director of Programs and Finance for Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP), CoLA is an 18-month leadership development program designed to “enhance and empower Native American leadership in the philanthropic and nonprofit sectors.”

Lemm further explained that a new partnership between NAP and The Center for Leadership Innovation (TCLI) allows for more resources to be accessible in order to meet CoLA’s objectives. Benefits to CoLA participants include diverse training in addition to networking and mentorship opportunities that continue after the 18-month commitment concludes.

“The CoLA program enriches leadership skills that are firmly rooted in Native values and traditions,” Lemm said “The CoLA leaders will be challenged to develop and increase their individual skills, knowledge and networks.”

Both Moore and Tippeconnie will serve the Central Region cohort and will attend the National Summit held in Los Angeles, Calif. April 24-27. Two areas of professional development offered during the convention include “Foundation Leadership and Governance” and “Non-profit Leadership and Governance.”

One way the CoLA leaders will demonstrate service is by volunteering at the Native Philanthropy Institute April 25 - 27.

“By being a CoLA leader I would eventually have the skills, knowledge and resources to assist our community to develop programs for our museum, seeds preservation, language and other Pawnee cultural projects,” Moore said. “I look forward to the challenge.”

Pawnee Tribal member Carly Hare serves as the executive director of NAP.

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