**Register Now!**

Dear 1994 Land-grant Colleagues and FALCON members,

The First Americans Land-Grant Consortium (FALCON) is pleased to announce that registration is now open for its 15th Annual Conference, scheduled for October 25-28, 2019, at the Denver Airport Marriott at Gateway in Aurora, Colorado.  **Please register for the conference and reserve your hotel rooms now.**

This year's conference theme will feature a celebration of the 25th anniversary of 1994 land grant status.  The conference planning committee has been working to make this a very special conference this year.  As always, the conference will include sessions on the successes in teaching, extension programs and research that benefit Native American students, communities, governments and lands.

The conference focuses on research, education, and community programs at 1994 Land-grant Institutions conducted by students, faculty and staff.  There will be a strong student focus and tribal college students are especially invited to participate and present their work.  The conference will also include USDA National Institute for Food and Agriculture (NIFA) Project Director sessions, as well as training workshops and information-sharing opportunities.

We are excited to announce a **pre-conference workshop** on Friday, October 25, 2019.  The workshop will be “Culturally-Grounded Programming:  Sharing and learning among 1994 and 1862 land grant institutions.”  The goals of the workshop are to better understand how “culturally-grounded” programming is defined in 1994 and 1862 communities of practice; to share and learn the best practices of culturally-grounded programming; and to plan for future 1994/1862 collaborative efforts that will bring high impact programs to Native communities.  Participation in the pre-conference workshop requires your RSVP when you register--other than the conference registration fee there is no separate fee to attend.

We are using Eventbrite for all conference registrations.  Registration for the full conference is $400, with a one-day rate of $150 and two-day rate of $300.  To register, click on: [FALCON 2019 Registration](https://urldefense.proofpoint.com/v2/url?u=https-3A__www.eventbrite.com_e_falcon-2D2019-2Dtickets-2D66863904739-3Faff-3Dutm-5Fsource-253Deb-5Femail-2526utm-5Fmedium-253Demail-2526utm-5Fcampaign-253Dnew-5Fevent-5Femail-26utm-5Fterm-3Deventurl-5Ftext&d=DwMCaQ&c=euGZstcaTDllvimEN8b7jXrwqOf-v5A_CdpgnVfiiMM&r=4brwGdjEvmBY6u4mib7zvtA-1LWGt3RFKc_3W53sZGQ&m=OkEDXoYPMF2bm5vF7IKLLOwjAYfgbINK0gNoECdz0KI&s=sQOvXQHKCj4yFNh7DRmBnsRLEN8wJyrcZh84tqlM1MU&e=).  Please select your tickets and proceed to Checkout, where you can select “Pay by check” or “Pay at the door,” in addition to credit card payments.  Mail your checks payable to “FALCON” to FALCON, c/o John Phillips, 1040 Creekstone Ln, Bishop, GA  30621.

Applications for faculty and student presentations and poster exhibits are being accepted now (click on [FALCON 2019 Call for Presentations](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSduNj_f0n8ykp9v3YTILbrlXKxSGLDlTY6dNpg5-RjQlQBLqA/viewform?usp=send_form)).  Applications are also being accepted for travel scholarships for student poster and panel presenters (click on [FALCON 2019 Student Scholarship Application](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSebv1kOGq3L5vQuKi_0TlXz-fpgV1WojgfgArzlYr1j8y0_6w/viewform?usp=send_form)).  **The deadline for presentations proposals and scholarship applications is September 27, 2019.**

NOTE: We are at the Denver Airport Marriott at Gateway at 16455 E. 40th Circle, Aurora, CO 80011, (303)371-4333.  (There are many other “Gateway” hotels, including a Marriott Courtyard).  You can make your hotel reservations by calling Marriott at (800)228-9290 and reference the “Denver Airport Marriott at Gateway” property and the “First Americans” rooming block.  Room rates are $129 plus tax per night.  **The group rate is available until October 2, 2019.**

We look forward to joining with you and learning about the programs being conducted within the 1994 land-grant community. Should you have any questions regarding the FALCON Annual Conference, please contact John Phillips at (706) 310-4199, and at jphillips@aihec.org.

Sincerely,

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