

## **Special ELKNet Event: “I Care If You Graduate!”**

**Mr. Spike Bighorn, Chief of Staff, Bureau of Indian Education**

**(This event is for high school students across Indian Country.)**

Wednesday - Oct 14, 2009 10:00-10:30AM Mountain Daylight Time (MDT)

(Pre-workshop test signal from 9:30-10:00AM MDT)

The Bureau of Indian Education invites students in grades 9-12, teachers and administrators to participate in the kickoff of the “I Care If You Graduate!” live speaker series. The series will feature leaders from government, academia, science, the arts and athletics. The speakers want to share their experiences with students and deliver an important message, “I Care If You Graduate!”

The first speaker in the series is Mr. Spike Bighorn, Chief of Staff for the Bureau of Indian Education. Mr. Bighorn grew up in Montana, graduating from Brockton High School and attending Miles Community College on a basketball scholarship. For over 24 years, he has served Indian communities and students. During his career, Mr. Bighorn has held a variety of elected, school and government positions including Tribal Executive Board Member, Tribal Chairman, School Principal, Education Line Officer, and Superintendent for the Fort Peck Agency in Poplar, Montana.

Mr. Bighorn has an Associate of Arts Degree, a Bachelor of Science Degree in Communications Education, and earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration from Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington.

He understands the challenges that students in Indian Country face. He is able to engage students and share insights on how they can overcome obstacles and achieve their goals.

***We hope you and your students will join us for this special half-hour!***

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## Special ELKNet Event: “I Care If You Graduate!” Frequently Asked Questions

### **How can our school participate in this live event?**

This workshop is being presented via the Enhanced Learning and Knowledge Network (ELKNet). Students, teachers and staff can attend at a local school or facility that has the ELKNet equipment installed.

### **Do we need to register for the event?**

Yes, register for the event by sending an email to [rick\\_gividen@nbc.gov](mailto:rick_gividen@nbc.gov) with the subject line “I Care If You Graduate! – Oct 14” Include your contact information and school location in the email.

### **What date and time is the event being offered?**

The event is October 14, 2009 from 10:00-10:30AM Mountain Daylight Time. Please refer to the table below to convert the time to your local time zone.

<b>IMPORTANT! Ensure you convert the event time to your local time zone.</b>			
<b>10:00AM MDT October 14, 2009</b>			
<b>Time Zone</b>	<b>Pre-Event Test Signal</b>	<b>Event Starts</b>	<b>Event Ends</b>
Eastern	11:30 AM	12:00 PM	12:30 PM
Central	10:30 AM	11:00 AM	11:30 PM
Mountain	9:30 AM	10:00 AM	10:30 AM
Pacific	8:30 AM	9:00 AM	9:30 AM

### **Who do I contact if I have questions about ELKNet?**

For information about ELKNet or technical delivery of the workshop, contact Rick Gividen, National Indian Programs Training Center, email [rick\\_gividen@nbc.gov](mailto:rick_gividen@nbc.gov)