



Bayfield, WI's Bryan Bainbridge named as 2016 Native American “40 under 40” award recipient

Bainbridge among winners of prestigious award from the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development

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MESA, AZ – The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development (NCAIED) is pleased to announce its 2016 class of “Native American 40 Under 40” award recipients. This prestigious award is bestowed upon individuals under the age of 40, nominated by members of their communities, who have demonstrated leadership, initiative, and dedication and made significant contributions in business and their community. Bryan Bainbridge, a member of the Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin and a resident of Bayfield, WI is among the 40 under 40 award winners that will be honored during the 40th Annual Indian Progress in Business Awards (INPRO) Gala at the Buffalo Thunder Resort and Casino in Santa Fe, New Mexico on Wednesday, November 16th. The awards are part of the Reservation Economic Summit New Mexico (RES New Mexico), which is a regional event for the premier economic development gathering in Indian Country. National RES in Las Vegas will celebrate its 31st year this coming March.

“The 40 Under 40 award recipients are a diverse group of young men and women from across Indian Country who have all made invaluable contributions to their communities,” said Derrick Watchman, Chairman of the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development. “We are proud to honor this extraordinary group of leaders. I have no doubt our 40 Under 40 winners will help define the future of Native American business.”

Since 2011, Bryan Bainbridge has served on the Red Cliff Band’s Tribal Council as an At-Large Member, Vice Chairman, and now Chairman. Currently and prior to being elected, Bryan has always looked beyond the norm and was instrumental in developing the Tribes Natural Resources Department, revitalizing the Business Development Corporation, and leading the effort to financial stability throughout the Tribal Government.

For more information about RES and the National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, please visit <http://res.ncaied.org>.



About NCAIED: *The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. With over 40 years of assisting American Indian Tribes and their enterprises with business and economic development – we have evolved into the largest national Indian specific business organization in the nation. Our motto is: “We Mean Business For Indian Country” as we are actively engaged in helping Tribal Nations and Native business people realize their business goals and are dedicated to putting the whole of Indian Country to work to better the lives of American Indian people- both now... and for generations to come.*