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Last November, I, along with Pte Ska Poor Bear (co-chair of Omaha Education Association Ethnic Minority Affairs Committee) had the opportunity to attend such a motivating and empowering conference. The National Association of Multicultural Education (NAME) conference had various sessions daily. Networking with educators from all over the country made us all feel a part of a larger culturally competent community of educators that has a common goal in understanding the need for social justice, social healing, and equity for all.

The NAME conference's theme was *The Multicultural Lens of Equity for All*. The goal was to continue to move forward and work together to achieve equitable practices in education under a multicultural lens for ALL. We have engaged in critical discussions, collaborations and action planning. We would like to say that the conference did an excellent job of articulating the practices that enhance the human condition for our global society to effectively face the inequities of, that include but not limited to, forms of violence, inequitable distribution of resources, institutional systems that oppress (consciously and unconsciously), those who are disadvantaged and marginalized. Conferences such as these are very relevant in keeping educators aware of issues that many of our students are facing as well as creating professional support for us.

P.S. As a reminder, in lieu of the National Education Association (NEA) Asian Pacific Islander Caucus (APIC) Annual Issues Conference is the NEA JOINT Ethnic Caucus Human and Civil Rights Conference. The conference will be held in Las Vegas on June 9-11, 2017. Please save the date!



