

## IAC's Youth Farm Bill Advocates Wow Leadership at NCAI 2017



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Pictured from back: Ellise David, Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs; Cindy Farlee, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe; Zachary Ilbery, Cherokee; Karli Moore, Lumbee; Zach Ducheneaux, IAC Technical Assistance Director; Kelsey Ducheneaux, IAC Youth Programs Coordinator; Ross Racine, IAC Executive Director; Masewa Mody, Cochiti Pueblo; Chance Crutcher, Paiute; Sequoyah Osborne, Blackfeet; Mackenzie Martinez, Choctaw Apache Tribe of Ebarb. Front row: Calico Ducheneaux, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe; Azelya Yazzie, Navajo & Blackfeet and Nicholas Naranjo, Santa Clara Pueblo.

Recently, Eleven young leaders from across Indian Country successfully competed to attend the 2017 National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) Conference to assist in the recruitment of Tribal Leaders from across the nation to join the efforts of the Native Farm Bill Coalition. They also had the opportunity to participate and experience firsthand the processes and policy making of NCAI. This valuable experience not only assisted the Native Farm Bill Coalition's efforts it also allowed tomorrow's leaders a chance to see what their future holds.

The Native Farm Bill Coalition is a new effort to give Native Americans a strong, united voice to advance a common Farm Bill agenda benefiting Indian Country. It is a joint project of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community's Seeds of Native Health campaign to improve Native dietary health and food access; the Intertribal Agriculture Council; the National Congress of American Indians; and the Indigenous Food and Agriculture Initiative. The Coalition is co-chaired by Keith B. Anderson, Vice-Chairman of the Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, and Ross Racine, Executive Director of the Intertribal Agriculture Council. Visit [www.IndianAgLink.com/FarmBill](http://www.IndianAgLink.com/FarmBill) for more information.

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