



From the AIR PROGRAM

National Tribal Forum on Air Quality

In May 2022, the Bishop Paiute Air Quality & Meteorology Specialist attended the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality Conference, where she was a recipient of the Virgil Masayesva Award, in Technical Excellence category, awarded by the Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center and Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals and EPA. The conference was hosted by the Muscogee Nation in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Some photographs at this exciting event are below:

1. Mvskoke Youth Council arts demonstration



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2. Virgil Masayesva Award Recipients: Kris Ray, for Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Emma Ruppell, Bishop Paiute Tribe, with Special Honoree April Hathcoat, Cherokee Nation

(photo courtesy of ITEP)

3. Guest speakers, the Waters family

4. Games night - Climate board game from Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Air Quality Staff.

5. Breath of Fresh Air Run and Walk Line-Up *(photo courtesy of ITEP)*

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