I’ve learned as Native American people and Indian Country, we have faced many challenges and we’re certainly not anywhere finished.

- NCAI Youth Commission Member
NCAI Youth Meet With Secretary Ryan Zinke

Immediately following the Secretary of the Interior’s remarks at the First General Assembly, the NCAI Youth Commission had an opportunity to speak with Secretary Zinke. One Native youth, who is passionate about the river that surrounds her reservation, asked about the preservation of sacred lands and the amount of importance the Secretary puts on the Clean Water Act.

"I learned a lot about Native American issues, such as mental health, and I realized that my community is not alone."

Personal Branding on Social Media

The Native youth in attendance also had a chance to learn about how to develop a professional personal brand on social media. During this session, the youth wrote personal mission statements, within which many of the youth touched on the importance of being open-minded and compassionate leaders.

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