

Lionel R. Bordeaux
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Mission, South Dakota 57555

BACKGROUND

Date of Birth: February 9, 1940

Birth Place: Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation
Swift Bear Community/Log House
White River, South Dakota 57579

Marital Status: Married with four children/ten grandchildren
Wife: Barbara

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EDUCATION

Schools Attended: Horse Creek Day School/BIA – 1947-51
White River Public School/SD – 1951-54
St. Mary's Catholic School/Winner, SD - 1952
Yankton Hill Day School/Lincoln, NE - 1953-54
Everett Jr. High/Lincoln, NE - 1954-55
Lincoln High School/Lincoln, NE – 1955-56

High School Graduate: St. Francis Indian Mission - 1958
St. Francis, SD

B.S. Degree: Black Hills State College – 1960-64
Spearfish, SD
Major: Composite Social Science/History
Minor: Psychology

M.A. Degree: University of South Dakota – 1970-71
Vermillion, SD
Major: Educational Psychology

Doctoral Candidate: University of Minnesota – 1971-73
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Ph.D. – Educational Admin. (ABD)

**Other Colleges
Attended:** Adams State College, Colorado (6 hrs.) – 1965
George Washington University – 1966-67
Washington, D.C. (9 hrs.)

EMPLOYMENT

President (1973 to Present)
Sinte Gleska University
PO Box 105
Mission, SD 57555

Bureau of Indian Affairs – 1964-1972:

Teacher/Counselor (GS-5)
Jicarilla Apache Agency
Dulce, New Mexico – 1964–1967

18th Department of Interior – 9/66 – 7/67
Management Training Program – 10 months
Washington, DC

Vocational Counselor (GS-7) – November 1967–1969
Dallas, Texas

Educational Specialist/Teacher (GS-9) – 1969–1972
Pine Ridge, SD

Rosebud Sioux Tribal Government – 1974-2001

Tribal Council Representative – 1974-1982 and 1995-2001
Antelope Community – 7 terms/14 years

Former Chairman, Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council
Education Committee

Former Chairman, Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council
Governmental Affairs Committee

**Former Acting Chairman, United Sioux Tribal
Education Committee**

**Former Member, Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council
Judiciary Committee**

**Former Tribal Council Representative/School
Board Member, St. Francis Indian School (K-12)**

**Former Chairman, Rosebud Sioux Tribal Council
Economic Development Commission**

EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

**Numerous Keynote, commencement, banquet and workshop
speaking engagement throughout the country and inter-
nationally (Tribal, collegiate, educational and organizational)**

**Provided leadership for passage and reauthorization of tribal
college legislation – P.L. 95-471**

**Provided leadership for the first fully accredited reservation
based institution of higher education at the bachelor's degree
level. (North Central Accreditation Association)**

**Instituted first two reservation-based, tribally-controlled
Master's degree programs (Elementary Education and Human
Services)**

EDUCATIONAL HONORS

**Outstanding Administrator of the Year – 1975
Black Hills State College in affiliated status with
Sinte Gleska University**

**Outstanding Educator of the Year – 1976
South Dakota Indian Education Association**

**Outstanding Educator of the Year – 1983
National Congress of American Indians (Tribal Government)**

**Alumni/Special Achievement Award – 1988
Black Hills State College**

**Outstanding Indian Educator of the Year – 1988
National Indian Education Association**

**Lionel R. Bordeaux Day – 1988
State of South Dakota (Governor Proclamation)**

**American Indian Distinguished Achievement Award – 1989
American Indian Resource Institute**

**Human and Civil Rights Award – 1989
South Dakota Education Association/National Education
Association**

**Recipient of J.F.K. Aggrey Medal – 1989
Phelps-Stokes Fund (International Award)
Board of Regents Member**

**Alumni/Distinguished Achievement Award – 1989
University of South Dakota**

**Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters – 1989
Augustana College, South Dakota**

**Honorary Doctorate – 1998
South Dakota State University**

**Co-Chair, White House Conference on Indian Education – 1992
U.S. Senate Appointment**

**Leo Reano Memorial Award – June, 1992
National Education Association**

**Chairman, White House Advisory Board on Tribal Colleges and
Universities – U.S. Presidential Appointment**

**Life-time Achievement Award/First – 2003
National Indian Education Association**

**Life-time Achievement Award – 2006
National Indian Gaming Association**

**Living Legend Award – 2007
National Center for American Indians
Enterprise Development**

**Outstanding Lakota Ominiceye Club Alumni – 2008
Black Hills State University**

**Lionel R. Bordeaux Day – 2008
Annual Tribal Holiday (RST Council and Presidential
Proclamation)**

**Selected 125 Accomplished Alumni - 2008
Black Hills State University, South Dakota**

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

**Student Council on Pollution and Environment
(National Collegiate Board established by former
Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey)**

**American Indian Higher Education Consortium
(Tribal Colleges and Universities) former Chairman and three
times President and continued Board Member).**

**National Indian Education Association
Former President and Board Member (two terms)**

**National Advisory Council on Indian Education
Former Board Member – U.S. Presidential Appointment**

**Phelps-Stokes Fund – New York City
Former Board of Trustees**

**National Association of Bone Marrow Donors
Former Board Member - Appointment by Chairman Elmo (Bud)
Zumwalt, Jr.**

**Haskell Indian Nations University
Former Member, Board of Regents**

**American Indian Graduate Program
Former Board Member**

**Americans for Indian Opportunity
Former Board Member**

**National Congress of American Indians
Member and Former Officer of the Educational Concerns**

**South Dakota State Education and Planning Commission
Former Board Member – Governor Appointed**

**Bureau of Indian Affairs Task Force
Former Chairman and Board Member in developing Rules
and Regulations for P.L. 95-471 “The Tribally Controlled
Community College Assistance Act of 1978”.**

**Native American Rights Fund – Boulder, Colorado
Former Board Member**

**South Dakota State Advisory Board on Charities & Corrections
Former Member – Governor Appointed**

**American Association of Community & Junior Colleges
Commission on Improving Minority Education – 1990**

**Council on American Education
American Association of Community & Junior Colleges**

**American Indian Trust Fund
Advisory/Individual Monies
Former Board Member – U.S. Senate Appointment**

**Co-Founder of World’s Indigenous Higher Education
Consortium (WINHEC) – 2002 (with Rongo Wetere of Maori
Tribe/New Zealand)**

**Providing Leadership for Development of American Indian
University with Senator Daniel Inouye (D-Hawaii)**

**Honored by Antelope Community and the Wacipi (Dance)
Committee for services to the community and the Rosebud
Sioux Tribe – 2009**

**Honorary Captain – two (2) games
St. Francis Warrior Basketball Team – 2010**

Coach – High School Basketball Class B All Star Teams – 2010

**Honored for Educational Leadership & Achievement – 2010
Augustana College**

**Recent speaker and awarded an honorary Doctorate Degree at
the World Indigenous People’s Education Conference – 2017**

**A residence hall at Black Hills State University (Alma mater)
named “*Lionel R. Bordeaux Hall*” – 2017**

**Executive Proclamation – Rosebud Sioux Tribe President &
Tribal Council: “*Lionel R. Bordeaux Day*” – February 3, 2018**

**Executive Proclamation – Office of the Governor, State of
South Dakota: “*Lionel R. Bordeaux Day*” – February 9, 2018**

