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NASNTI TO HOST AI SYMPOSIUM-SEPTEMBER 2024!



Renita DiStefano, President & CEO
of Second Derivative.

Seminole State College NASNTI was awarded a supplemental grant to support the revitalization and preservation of Native American Language. To support the grant, NASNTI (*Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions*) is hosting an Artificial Intelligence (AI) Symposium featuring innovative ideas to aid in the support of preserving and revitalization of Native American Languages.

The goal of the symposium is to 1) educate communities on AI and its potential effects on rural communities 2) share ideas on how to increase visibility of Native American Languages in communities and 3) enlighten communities on the pros and cons of AI and the potential impact on protection of Native American intellectual property. Look for additional information to come throughout the summer NASNTI Newsletters! For now, meet one of the breakout session speakers **Renita DiStefano!**

Renita DiStefano is the founder, President & CEO of Second Derivative, a Native woman-owned business that provides a broad complement of technology services including Cybersecurity advisory, design, engineering, and assurance services. Her career and passion for IT began over two decades ago and she worked her way tirelessly through the spectrum of IT disciplines to become the respected leader that she is today.

With 17 years dedicated to the Tribal Gaming & Hospitality industry, she is a recognized trailblazer in the industry. Renita is thought to be one of the first Native women to rise to the title of Chief Information Officer (CIO) and Chief Information Security Officer (CISO). Renita is a member of the Seneca Nation, Hawk Clan, and is regarded as one of just a handful of Native American Cybersecurity experts. She holds a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree and has earned multiple Information Security endorsements, including the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) - the world's premier cybersecurity accreditation. Her other credentials include CISM, CISA, CRISC, CSOX, and CGEIT, CMMC-RP.

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