Honoring Dr. Donald Warne

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In recognition of National Native American Heritage Month, HLB honors Dr. Donald Warne, a nationally recognized physician, public health scholar, educator, researcher, and advocate for Indigenous health equity.

A member of the Oglala Lakota Tribe, Dr. Warne comes from a long line of traditional healers and medicine men. His early work included clinical roles serving the Pima Indian community in Arizona and with the National Institutes of Health. He then transitioned into education, becoming a professor and holding senior faculty positions at several colleges, where he helped establish the first MPH and PhD programs specializing in Indigenous health. In 2022, Dr. Warne was appointed professor and co-director of the Center for Indigenous Health at Johns Hopkins University.

Through public policy leadership, Dr. Warne has made significant strides in advancing health initiatives for Indigenous communities. He has served in leadership, membership, and consulting roles with numerous organizations, including the Great Plains Tribal Chairmen's Health Board, the Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona, the American Cancer Society, the Public Health Foundation, and the March of Dimes. His innovative approach and impactful contributions earned him election to the National Academy of Medicine.

Learn more about Dr. Donald Warne here.