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WADE NAMED PRESIDENT OF INDIAN ARTS SCHOOL

Jon C. Wade, an enrolled member of the Santee Sioux Tribe, has been appointed President of the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA) at Santa Fe, New Mexico, Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs Sidney Mills announced today.

Wade has been director of the Division of Education Assistance for the Bureau of Indian Affairs since 1975. He had previously been Superintendent of the Phoenix Indian School and educational assistance officer for the BIA's Aberdeen, South Dakota area office.

The art institute, started in 1962, is a post-secondary school serving Indians from all tribes.

Wade, 40, completed course requirements for a Ph.D. in Educational Administration at the University of Minnesota in 1971. He received a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics at Northern State College, South Dakota and a Master of Arts from the University of South Dakota.

Wade was a member of the Special Education Subcommittee of the National Council on Indian Opportunity and from 1964 to 1966 served as Vice Chairman of the Flandreau Santee Sioux Tribe.

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