



## Sustainable Breakfast Series: Wellness & the Built Environment

### Panelist Bio



**Panelist: Laura LaMere,  
Environmental Services  
Manager at Ho Chunk  
Gaming Madison**

Laura LaMere, Hiinuk MaaXii Ha Je Hu, is a tribal member of the Ho-Chunk Nation and was born and raised in Wisconsin. She received her Associate's Degree from UW-Baraboo, is finishing her Bachelor's Degree from UW-Platteville, and will pursue her Master's Degree in Sustainable Management at UW-Oshkosh. Laura has been with Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison as the Environmental Services Manager for two years, in that time, boosted their sustainability program. As one of the leaders of the Green Team, she performed a comprehensive audit on services and a waste management system and executed a complete overhaul and established new protocols. Laura implemented new sustainable technology utilizing antimicrobial products to keep the facility sanitized and environmentally safe for employees and guests. Laura incorporated changes with her desire to earn LEED certification utilizing products meeting USGBC LEED standards, including paper products from responsibly managed and sustainably sourced eucalyptus and acacia tree fibers. She spearheaded a community cleanup project on Earth Day, in collaboration with The Beacon (a homelessness day resource center). In her personal time, she has been involved in sustainable initiatives with One Sauk Naturally and has made contributions to a community mural through the Little Eagle Arts Foundation. This mural will be a permanent public display on The Great Sauk Trail. The mural, an Earth, Sky, Water project, was created by multigenerational Ho-Chunk families embracing their connection to the natural world. Laura is currently in the conceptual planning stages for a local Baraboo area motel, to earn LEED certification.