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## **El Camino College to Celebrate 12<sup>th</sup> Annual All Nations Pow Wow**

Native American music, dancing, art, crafts, shopping, and food will be featured at the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual All Nations Pow Wow at El Camino College, scheduled from noon to 8 p.m. April 3 and from noon to 6 p.m. April 4 at the track field. Admission is free.

The El Camino College Native American Club will sponsor the event that is a celebration of Native American traditions featuring ceremonies and regional regalia. More than 2,000 people are expected to attend this two-day festival, representing tribes from all over the country.

“The Pow Wow is a longstanding tradition for the college and the South Bay, and has become a loved and respected event in the Native American community,” said Native American Club member Natalie Lindsey, who is of Cherokee and Choctaw descent.

“It is here, at this Pow Wow, that Native people and their families from all nations/tribes may congregate and celebrate their cultures together. It is also a fun and relaxing way for non-Native people to come and learn about traditional dance, music, art, culture, and issues that face the Native community today.”

Visitors will have the opportunity to check out the annual dance contests, featuring a variety of traditional dance styles. More than 100 colorful dancers will participate and dance prizes will be awarded.

The master of ceremonies will be Michael Reifel, San Carlos Apache; Arena Director: Victor Chavez, Diné Nation; Host Northern Drum: Wild Horse Singers; Host Southern Drum: Sooner Nation; Head Man Dancer: David Patterson, Sac and Fox/Kickapoo, Oklahoma; Head Woman Dancer: Marcia Patterson, Northern Cheyenne; and Head Gourd Dancer, Saginaw Grant, Sac and Fox Nation.

Food specialties such as fry bread tacos and traditional Hawaiian foods will be sold all day, and shoppers can check out a variety of wares such as Native American and Hawaiian arts and crafts, jewelry, clothes, and instruments. Door prizes will also be handed out throughout the event.

Admission is free and parking on campus costs \$2. For more information, call 310-660-3593 ext. 3757.

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