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## **El Camino College to Celebrate 13<sup>th</sup> Annual All Nations Pow Wow**

Native American music, dancing, art, crafts, shopping, and food will be featured at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual All Nations Pow Wow at El Camino College, scheduled from noon to 7 p.m. April 9 and from noon to 6 p.m. April 10 at the track field. Admission is free to this family-friendly event.

The El Camino College Native American Club sponsors the Pow Wow, the college's largest annual student-run event that celebrates Native American traditions. More than 2,000 people are expected to attend this two-day festival, with tribes represented from all over the country.

"The Pow Wow is such an amazing event – from the energy of the drums to the dancers in regalia, it all comes together for an unforgettable cultural experience," said Native American Club President Azere Wilson, who is of Cherokee descent.

"Being a part of this club and this event, I have the opportunity to meet a lot of different people from different tribes. I'm also learning more about Native Americans, and the diversity within the tribes. For people in our area, who never had a chance to experience this culture, the Pow Wow makes it so accessible – it's free and very kid friendly."

Visitors will have the opportunity to check out the annual dance contests, featuring a variety of traditional dance styles. More than 100 colorful dancers in regional regalia will participate; 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; Head Man Dancer: Julian Phoenix, Tohono Oodham/Paiute; Head Woman Dancer: Kathy Peltier, Lakota/Ojibwa/Navajo; and Head Gourd Dancer, Saginaw Grant, Sac and Fox Nation.

Food specialties such as fry bread tacos will be sold all day, and shoppers can check out a variety of wares such as Native American arts and crafts, jewelry, clothes, and instruments. Drawings for 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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