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El Camino College All Nations Pow Wow a Success

About 2,000 people representing tribes from all over the country came to El Camino College this past weekend to enjoy Native American music, dancing, art, crafts, shopping, and food at the Ninth Annual All Nations Pow Wow.

The El Camino College History Club, Anthropology Club and Native American Club sponsored the event.

"What I heard by the head staff, dancers, drums, and elders was that this was El Camino College's best Pow Wow yet," said Celso Jaquez, student chairman of the Pow Wow, who traces his ancestry to Tongva-Yucatec Maya. "I am humbled by the praise my committee received and the support exhibited by the Native American community.

"The Ninth Annual EI Camino College All Nations Pow Wow was a huge success, largely due to the incredible work of the Anthropology, Native American, and History Club student members and a great organizing committee."

Visitors also had the opportunity to check out the annual dance contests, featuring a variety of traditional dance styles. More than 100 colorful dancers participated and prizes were awarded.

Food specialties such as fry bread tacos and traditional Hawaiian foods were sold all day, and shoppers browsed through a variety of wares such as Native American jewelry, clothes, and instruments. Admission was free to this lively community event.

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