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Native American Heritage Month
2023

Friday, October 20th
NAHM Powwow Kick-Off
LSC Plaza
11 am - 2 pm
To celebrate Native American Heritage Month, a preview of Saturday’s Annual AISES Powwow will be held with drum groups and dancers in full regalia. Frybread will be sold at the event!

Saturday, October 21st
Colorado State University
Annual AISES Powwow
Powwow 10 am - 10pm
Grand Entry 1 pm & 7 pm
Powwow Feed 5 pm
In an effort to increase awareness of Native cultures at Colorado State University, the American Indian Science & Engineering Society, Native American Cultural Center, Associated Students of Colorado State University, and Ram Events will sponsor the CSU Powwow. Community members and students alike are welcome and encouraged to attend this free event, which will feature Powwow dancers, drum groups, food, vendors, social events and more (Co-sponsored by the Associated Students of Colorado State University and Ram Events).

Thursday, November 2nd
Queer Connections: Indigiqueer Experiences
NACC (LSC 327)
4:00 pm - 5:00 pm
Join NACC and the Pride Resource Center in dialogue about Indigiqueer and Trans Experiences. (Co-sponsored by the Pride Resource Center).

Monday, November 6th
Presentation -- Dr. Greg Cajete
LSC Ballroom D
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
"Bringing Cultures and Knowledge: Honoring Indigenous Wisdom to Enrich Academic Research"

Dr. Gregory Cajete will be joined by CSU scientists, a tribal elder, and educators discussing the potential of indigenous wisdom to enrich academic research, and the rich cultural heritage, contributions, and challenges of Native American communities. The Native American Heritage Month Keynote is open to all, so please join us! (Co-sponsored with Vice President for Research and College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences).

Wednesday, November 8th:
Indigenous Educational Experiences and Survey Research
LSC Longs Peak (Room 302)
12 pm - 1:30 pm
Dr. Jameson Lopez’s describes his previous research through his personal educational stories as a Native American veteran that look at what it means to be a successful Indigenous college student. His most recent research, he further explores the relationships among Kwanamii (warrior spirit), nation-building, and postsecondary education. The research challenges us to look at educational outcomes based on the values of community, and argues that these value-based outcomes are likely better measurements of educational achievement than other mainstream educational achievement metrics.

*Lunch will be provided* Please register at the following link: https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUDurr-JMuHV89KqXK-AgfEZ7_xFN4qU9l-registration

(Co-sponsored by Adult Learner Veteran Services)

Tuesday, November 14th:
Harvest Dinner
Roe Buban and Ron Hall, owners of Arikara Farm worked the farm this year to engage students, family, and the community to support the farm as they grew traditional food and heritage turkey to bring about the Harvest for our Community Dinner. Arikara Farm and NACC are pleased to support this Indigenous Community Dinner.

Please contact Rasa.Humeypumptewa@colostate.edu for more information.

The Native American Cultural Center would like to thank and acknowledge the following organizations for their participation:

Roe Buban and Ron Hall, American Indian Science & Engineering Society, Warner College of Natural Resources, Ram Events, Lory Student Center Arts Program, Associated Students of Colorado State University, Northern Colorado Intertribal Powwow Association, Office of Inclusive Excellence, Native Women’s Circle, The Lory Student Center, Housing and Dining, Jan Iron & Family.
The Native American Cultural Center (NACC) celebrated October 9 as Indigenous People’s Day. It is a reclamation of “Columbus Day” to recognize that Native Peoples existed before colonization. Pictured above is CSU President Amy Parsons (second to left) with the NACC staff. (Photo description: A group of people smiling and standing under a tent outside. There is a table of information, buttons and giveaways in front of them and an Indigenous Peoples’ sign behind.)

(Photograph: A group of people under a tent from NACC, The Pride Center and the Women and Gender Advocacy Center. Photo to the right: Three indigenous women stand outside smiling. They are all wearing colorful beaded jewelry, colorful skirts and jean jackets.)
More NACC Event Highlights with El Centro and Pride Center

NACC celebrated coming Into Queerness day in solidarity with those in the Native community that may identify as “Two-Spirit.” This refers to, “Native American people who are male, female, and sometimes intersexed individuals who combined activities of both men and women with traits unique to their status as two-spirit people.”
More photos from Indigenous Peoples’ Day. Special thanks to Raza Humeyumptewa and Ty Smith.

(Photo descriptions previous page. Top left: A Native American drummer and singer. Top right: A group of Native American women dancing in a circle. Middle left: A pride flag with Native American feathers in the center hangs from a tree. Middle right: A group from The Pride Center are holding flags and standing outside a closet door prop. Bottom left: Tent and table outside on the CSU plaza waiting to greet students. Bottom right: Two Indigenous students smile and hold up the peace sign with their fingers. Above: CSU President Amy Parsons on the far right stands with a group of smiling people from NACC outside. Photos below are a traditional beaded Native American moccasins and a colorful Indigenous-made beaded earring.)
(Photo shows a group of people from the Native American Cultural Center and Asian Pacific Americans Cultural Center sitting on a picnic table outside in an open grass area. Mountains, trees, and houses are in the background.)

Now more than ever it’s important to get a flu shot.

Flu shots by appointment only. Call (970) 491-7121 or scan the QR code.

Protect yourself and those around you.
Thanks for stopping by our Homecoming Tent! Check out more pictures on our Facebook page.

Image description: Two people stand in front of the Symposium for Inclusive Excellence backdrop with a dressed up skeleton in between. They are holding signs that say, “Give a little <3” and “Together We Are Stronger” with a heart. They are both wearing hats and jackets.
The Asian Pacific American Cultural Center (APACC) welcomed over 60 students and families from the Pacific Islands to CSU during welcome week. (Photo shows a large group of students gathered in front of the APACC office. Some students are sitting on the ground while others are standing.)
MURALS First Year Scholars Picture Day for the 2023-24 Academies was a great success with roughly 60 out of 80 of our Scholars in attendance, as well as several Faculty Guides and Collaborators/ Graduate Students. Discover how you can volunteer with MURALS at https://murals.colostate.edu/volunteer/. (Photo shows a large group of students wearing matching shirts outside standing behind the Mary Ontiveros House sign with flowers. The house is in the background on a sunny day.)
October
National Disability Employment Awareness Month
LGBTQ+ History Month
Domestic Violence Awareness Month
Down Syndrome Awareness Month
Filipino American Heritage Month

9 Indigenous People’s Day
9 Latina Equal Pay Day
10 World Mental Health Day
11 National Coming Out Day
18 National Pronoun Day
26 Intersex Awareness Day

November
National Native American/Alaska Native Heritage Month

1 and 2 Dia de Los Muertos
12 Diwali
16 International Day of Tolerance
18 Fall Recess Begins, No Classes Next Week
20 Transgender Day of Remembrance
23 –24 Holiday – University Offices Closed
23 National Day of Mourning (Indigenous holiday)
23 Thanksgiving
27 Classes resume

December
World AIDS Day
3 International Day of Persons with Disabilities
10 International Human Rights Day
11–15 Final Examinations
12 Fiesta of Our Lady Guadalupe
15–17 Commencement
16–24 Las Posadas
25 Christmas
25–27: Holiday – University Offices Closed
26th–January 1st: Kwanzaa

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