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Summary:

(November 1, 2005)-The Circle of Nations Indian Association (CNIA) at the University of Minnesota, Morris will host the campus visit of Winona LaDuke to commemorate American Indian Heritage Month.

LaDuke will speak at 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, in the Science Auditorium. A book signing will take place earlier the same day, from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the Multi-Ethnic Student Center Lounge.

LaDuke is an Anishinaabeg (Ojibwe) enrolled member of the Mississippi Band of Anishinaabeg and is the mother of three children. She is the program director of Honor the Earth and the founding director of the White Earth Land Recovery Project.

In 1989, LaDuke received the Reebok Human Rights Award, with which, in part, she began the White Earth Land Recovery Project. In 1994, she was nominated by Time magazine as one of America's 50 most promising leaders under 40 years of age, and was also awarded the Thomas Merton Award in 1996, the Ann Bancroft Award, the 1997 Ms. Woman of the Year Award (with the Indigo Girls, Amy Ray and Emily Saliers), the Global Green Award, among numerous other honors.

LaDuke and the White Earth Land Recovery Project recently received the prestigious international Slow Food Award for their work with protecting wild rice and local biodiversity. In both 1996 and 2000, LaDuke ran as a candidate for vice president on the Green Party ticket with Ralph Nader.

A graduate of Harvard and Antioch Universities, she has written extensively on Native American and environmental issues. Her books include *Last Standing Woman*, *All Our Relations*, *In the Sugarbush*, and *The Winona LaDuke Reader*. Her forthcoming book, *Recovering the Sacred*, will be released by South End Press in 2005.

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