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UMN Morris Circle of Nations Indigenous Association to Host 35th Annual Powwow

- *The Circle of Nations Indigenous Association will hold its 35th Annual Powwow on Saturday, April 13.*
- *The contest-style powwow celebrates the social and cultural ties American Indian students have with Native communities across the United States and Canada.*

The University of Minnesota Morris Circle of Nations Indigenous Association (CNIA) will hold its 35th Annual CNIA Powwow on Saturday, April 13, in the P.E. Center Gymnasium (626 East Second Street, Morris, MN 56267). The CNIA Powwow introduces the Morris campus and community to a contest-style powwow and celebrates the social and cultural ties American Indian students have with Native communities across the United States and Canada.

Jerry Dearly, Lakota, will MC. Gabe Desrosiers '05, Anishinaabe, will be arena director. Vince Gillette, Arikara and Hidasta, will be head judge. Host Drum will be Motown, Ojibwe and Ho-chunk, and the Lakota Women Warriors, Lakota, will be Honor Guard.

Dance contest categories will include:

- Golden Age(55+ Men/Women)
- Adult Men (Ages 18–54)
- Adult Women (Ages 18–54)
- Teen (Ages 12–17): Traditional, Grass, Fancy; Girls' Traditional, Jingle, Fancy
- Junior (Ages 6–11): Traditional, Grass, Fancy; Girls' Traditional, Jingle, Fancy
- Tiny Tots (Ages 0–5)

Specials will include Hand Drum (One Man), Two Step, Chicken Dance, Street Dance, Potato Dance, and Outgoing Brave: Jr. Boys Fancy Dance. There also will be a drum payout for the first 10 drums (must have five registered singers).

At 3 p.m. there will be an honor song for the late Mike Miller. Miller was a longtime leader in the UMN Morris Multi-Ethnic Student Program, an advisor to the Circle of Nations Indigenous Association, and a resource for UMN Morris students from 1987–2008.

Doors open and registration will be at 9 a.m. Grand Entry, a procession of all dancers into the arena, will take place at 12 and 7 p.m.

Free parking is available in the South Parking Lot. To learn more, contact the Equity, Diversity, and Intercultural Programs Office (EDI) at 320-589-6095 or ummcnia@morris.umn.edu.

A nonprofit student organization, the CNIA Powwow Committee depends on University, local, and tribal support for its yearly event.