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[Circle of Nations Indigenous Association to Host 33rd Annual Powwow](#)

MORRIS, Minnesota (March 23, 2017)—The University of Minnesota, Morris [Circle of Nations Indigenous Association](#) (CNIA) will hold its 33rd Annual CNIA Powwow on Saturday, April 8, 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 in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.

This year Jerry Dearly, Lakota, Pine Ridge, will serve as master of ceremonies. The host drum will be Eyabay of Red Lake Band of Chippewa. Gabe Desrosiers '05, Anishinaabe language instructor and cultural programs and outreach coordinator, will be arena director, and Clay Crawford, Dakota/Lakota, will be head dance judge. The Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate Desert Era Veterans will act as honor guard.

Dance contest categories include: Golden Age (55+ men/women) combined/separate; Adult Men (18–54 years) Traditional, Grass, Fancy; Adult Women (18–54 years) Traditional, Jingle, Fancy; Teen (12–17 years) Traditional, Grass, Fancy; Teen Girls' Traditional, Jingle, Fancy; Junior (6–11 years) Traditional, Grass, Fancy; Junior Girls' Traditional, Jingle, Fancy; and Tiny Tots (0–5 years). Specials include UMM Brave. There also will be a drum payout for the first 10 drums (must have five registered singers). Other features of this year's event include a Powwow Feast and American Indian arts and crafts.

Registration for drums and dancers begins at noon. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Grand Entry, a procession of all dancers into the dance arena, will occur at 12 and 6:30 p.m.

Free parking is available in the [South Parking Lot](#). For more information contact Darren Cook '20, CNIA public relations, at [cookj003@morris.umn.edu](mailto:cookj003@morris.umn.edu), or the Office of Equity, Diversity, and Intercultural Programs at [320-589-6095](tel:320-589-6095).

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

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