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Native American Heritage Month 2015

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Wednesday, November 4
College Hour: Opening Ceremony Cultural Celebration
Featuring Native American Heritage Month information and live entertainment by Medicine Road, the nation's number one folk rock band, according to numberonemusic.com. By using the Native American flute and incorporating Native American philosophy into its music, Medicine Road band members believe their music provides healing through lyrics and song. A complimentary Native American meal will be served after a blessing by Pablo Eagle (Yaqui/Mayan) to kick off festivities for an epic Native American Heritage Month.

Time: noon–1 p.m.
Location: Campus Center Dining Room (Room 2201)

Thursday, November 5
Lecture Series I: Rochelle Diver
International Indigenous Treaty Council representative Rochelle Diver (Fond Du Lac) explains ecological and environmental issues directly impacting contemporary tribal lands and contemporary peoples. She will also speak about defending human rights, food sovereignty, environmental health, treaties and standard setting. Learn more about the speaker at iitc.org.

Complimentary refreshments.

Time: noon–1:30 p.m.
Location: Hearthside Lounge, Campus Center (Room 2313)

Friday, November 6
Short Film Two Spirits Screening & Discussion: Gender in Pre- & Post-Colonial Native American Societies
Foothill’s GSA will show a short film and facilitate a discussion on gender roles in pre-colonial culture, including two-spirited peoples, as well as what gender and sexuality look like in modern post-colonial society. Complimentary refreshments.

Time: 1–4 p.m.
Location: Hearthside Lounge, Campus Center (Room 2313)

Tuesday, November 10
Lecture Series II Honoring The Ancestors
Ohlone Nations Elder Anne Marie Sayers (Ohlone) discusses honoring the ancestors on whose land you work, live and study. An author, activist and the elected chairwoman of California’s Esselen Tribe, Sayers will also share details about the past, present and future of the Ohlone Peoples, and their remarkable stories, art, history and music. Learn more about the speaker at indiancanyon.org.

Complimentary refreshments.

Time: 11 a.m.–noon
Location: Hearthside Lounge, Campus Center (Room 2313)

Wednesday, November 11
College Hour: Indian Canyon, A Safe Haven for Generations
Kanyon Sayers (Ohlone) speaks about the history, ceremonies and gatherings that take place in nearby Indian Canyon. Nestled in the Gavilan mountain range, just 15 miles south of Hollister, Indian Canyon served as a safe haven for the local indigenous peoples who were abducted, recruited, bribed and transported to California’s missions by the Spaniards during the 1700s and 1800s. The local Ohlone peoples knew the terrain and were able to traverse the territory into the secluded valley of Indian Canyon. Sayers and her mother, Ann-Marie Sayers (Ohlone), have opened up the canyon for all indigenous peoples in need of land for ceremony. They host fieldtrips, at-risk youth groups and organizations, indigenous botanical restoration projects and more. Learn more about the speakers at indiancanyon.org.

Complimentary refreshments.

Time: noon–1 p.m.
Location: Hearthside Lounge, Campus Center (Room 2313)

Tuesday, November 17
Lecture Series III: Ayse Gursoz
Foothill College alumna Ayse Gursoz, a producer for The Mending News, will discuss a variety of global issues that affect Native Americans and indigenous peoples, including climate change and the increase in advocacy by women from North and South America. Next month, Gursoz will present at the World Climate Summit in Paris with the Indigenous Environment Network. The presentation includes her experience attending and photographing the 2014 People’s Climate Conference in New York. Learn more about the speaker at facebook.com/ieneverth.

Time: 2–3 p.m.
Location: Hearthside Lounge, Campus Center (Room 2313)

Wednesday, November 18
College Hour: Diversity Day
Celebrate International Education Week by attending the Diversity Day information fair. Stop by the Native American Heritage Month booth and other cultural booths to learn more about the rich diversity of Foothill College students, faculty and staff.

Complimentary refreshments.

Time: noon–1 p.m.
Location: Campus Center Dining Room (Room 2201)

Monday, November 23
Stress Less Fest Featuing Native Folk Music & Relaxation Stations
Before the rush of finals and the holiday season, take time to pamper yourself at this event sponsored by the Foothill College Financial Aid Office. Honor Native American Heritage Month by enjoying the soothing, spiritual music by Buffalo Spirit Band. Featuring the relaxing sounds of acoustic instruments, including the Native drum and the Navajo flute, Buffalo Spirit Band will take you on an enlightened journey throughout their performance piece The Journey to a serene place inside your mind, body and spirit. Additionally, you can visit several relaxation stations and enjoy raffle prizes and giveaways.

Complimentary refreshments.

Time: noon–1 p.m.
Location: Campus Center Dining Room (Room 2201)

Wednesday, November 25
College Hour: Closing Ceremony Cultural Celebration
Medicine Road performs a special acoustic/electric show to close out Foothill’s fifth annual Native American Heritage Month. Enjoy a complimentary Native American meal that will be served after a thank-you statement for joining us for Native American Heritage Month and a blessing by Pablo Eagle (Yaqui/Mayan).

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