

Area universities celebrate American Indian Heritage Month

Celebrate the rich culture, history, traditions, and recognize the achievements and contributions of Indigenous Peoples. All events are free and open to the public.

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November 9, 2020

12:00 PM Why Indigenous Representation Matters in Educational Settings
(www.minnesota.edu/diversity)

A panel of students and professional staff will discuss why Indigenous representation matters in Educational settings, both K12 and Higher Education.

This event is sponsored by MState in partnership with NDSU, MSUM, ND Indian Education, MN Indian Education, and Native Roots Radio.

November 11, 2020

12:00 – 1:30 pm Sisters Rising: Native Women Reclaiming Tribal Sovereignty (Zoom Link:
<https://minnstate.zoom.us/j/95340499033>)

Join Dragon SOS (Society of Social Workers) members in viewing the American Indian Film Festival nominated Best Documentary Feature, “Sisters Rising”. The documentary viewing will be followed by discussion. Pack your lunch and share in the must see film which “highlights Indigenous women survivors of sexual assault and their activism to fight for personal and tribal sovereignty to end the rape and murder of Indigenous women against the backdrop of an on-going legacy of violent colonization.” Please contact Rachel Hagen, Dragon SOS President, if you have any questions:
rachel.hagen@go.mnstate.edu.

November 12, 2020

3:30 PM Birch Bark Earring Class (CMU 105)

Courtney Bunker, White Earth Nation, will show you how to make a pair of earrings from the white bark of a birch tree. You will learn about how the bark is harvested and used to make baskets, containers, earrings, and other items. Supplies will be provided. **Limited to 15 participants. RSVP on Dragon Central by November 9.**

November 15-21, 2020

All Day Rock Your Mocs!

Rock Your Mocs, is a worldwide American Indian & Indigenous Peoples social media event held annually during National American Indian Heritage Month. People wear their moccasins a day(s) or the whole week, take a photo or video or story, add the hashtags **#RockYourMocs & #RockYourMocs2020** and upload to social media.

November 18, 2020

3:00 PM Jingle Dress Dancers in the Modern World: Ojibwe People and Pandemics Documentary and Q & A with Dr. Brenda Child (Zoom Room: 935 9048 4692)

Ojibwe women created a healing tradition in response to the influenza pandemic of 1918-19, which devastated native peoples across the US, Alaska, and Canada. A century later, the tradition is with us as we navigate the COVID-19 pandemic. For the Ojibwe, song and dance have the power to heal, so that art is as necessary as medicine in the worst of times.

This documentary explores the origins of the Jingle Dress Dance Tradition with Ojibwe historian Dr. Brenda J. Child, who also describes what the tradition means to dancers and Ojibwe people today, and how it has evolved to include modern protest movements such as Standing Rock and calls for racial justice. Dr. Brenda Child is Northrop Professor of American Studies & American Indian Studies at the University of Minnesota and the author of several award-winning books on American Indian History.

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Sponsored by the MSUM American Indian Student Association, Office of Diversity & Inclusion, Women's Center, Office of Student Activities, Livingston Lord Library, Society of Social Workers, and MState Moorhead.

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For more information or questions, contact the MSUM Office of Diversity & Inclusion at (218) 477-2652 or diversity@mnstate.edu.

NDSU Libraries provide a variety of resources to help you learn about and engage with the past, present and future of indigenous peoples and cultures. <https://library.ndsu.edu/collections/collection-highlight-native-american-heritage-month>

Information from the U.S. Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs:

<https://library.ndsu.edu/collections/collection-highlight-native-american-heritage-month>