



Diversity

AT THE CHIPPEWA VALLEY TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Nov, 2010

American Indian Heritage Month Reception November 9th



CVTC will celebrate American Indian Heritage Month with a campus-wide celebration beginning in the RCU Conference Room on **Tuesday, November 9th at 12pm**. There will be fry bread tacos, refreshments, cultural information displays, and a live Pow-wow drum and dance exhibition in the Auditorium from 12:30pm-1:30pm! Although the first

“American Indian Day” was declared by the State of New York in 1916, a month long recognition of Native Americans was not achieved until 1990. The purpose of National American Indian Heritage Month is to honor and recognize the original peoples of the United States of America. The 1996 proclamation details their contributions to the past and to the future, and is available for viewing [here](#).

American Indian Heritage Month falls in November every year, a month which also hosts U.S. Veteran’s Day. Veteran’s Day falls on November 11th every

year and honors those who have served in the armed forces of the United States. Given the troubled history of the American Indian experience in the U.S., it is quite surprising to



American Indian Heritage Month Reception

Tuesday, November 9th

**12-12:30pm
(RCU Room)**



Fry Bread Tacos!

**12:30-1:30pm
(Auditorium)**

Food, Info Displays,
Welcome by President
Bruce Barker!

Pow-Wow Drum/Dance
Demonstration

Sponsored by Student Government, Diversity Services, and the Diversity Student Organization.

CVTC’s Diversity Statement:

CVTC welcomes, values, and respects differences and commonalities of all people. By valuing differences, we demonstrate our commitment to treating everyone with fairness and respect. Chippewa Valley Technical College is an affirmative action employer and educational institution.

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American Indian Heritage Month continued...

learn that Native Americans have the highest record of service per capita when compared to other ethnic groups. The reasons behind this disproportionate contribution are complex and deeply rooted in traditional American Indian cultures. In many respects, Native Americans are no different from others who volunteer for military service. They do, however, have distinctive cultural values which help explain what drives them to serve their country at higher percentages. One such value is the

proud warrior tradition. As we progress into the 21st century, there are nearly 190,00 Native American military veterans from the 500+ federally recognized tribes in the US.

The warrior tradition is visibly integrated into the contemporary American Indian Pow-wow celebration with the grand entry ceremony, and the presentation of the colors. Flags carried generally include the US flag, tribal flags, POW flag, and eagle staffs of various tribes present. The flags are usually carried by tribal color guards or native veterans. Native Americans hold the United States flag in an honored position despite the horrible treatment received from this country. The flag has a dual meaning: it is a way to remember all of the ancestors that fought against the early founders of this country, and the great struggle to maintain ties to cultural traditions, but also a symbol of the United States

of which Native Americans are now a part. As sovereign entities within the United States of American, federally recognized tribal Nations reserve the right to self-govern their members. Tribally enrolled members are "dual-citizens." The federal government recognizes tribal nations as "domestic dependent nations" and has established a number of laws attempting to clarify the relationship between the federal, state, and tribal governments. More information is available [here](#).

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American Indian Veterans lead the grand entry at a Pow-Wow with the presentation of the colors. Flags presented include the US flag, the POW flag, and eagles staffs of various tribes in attendance.



CVTC Student Brandon Winneshiek, an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, served in Iraq with the United States Marine Corps.

Thanksgiving: Fact or Fiction?

by Jonathan Holmes

In the minds of many Americans, when asked the question, “When was the United States first settled?”, invariably the response will be, “in 1620 when the Pilgrims landed.” This so called “origin myth” has frequently been termed “the story of the first Thanksgiving” in many children’s books about the subject. However, beginning the story of America’s settle-

ment with the Pilgrims at Plymouth Colony in 1620 leaves out not only the Native population, but also the Spanish, African and French as well. As a matter of fact, the very first non-Indian or non-Native settlers in this country know called the United States, were African slaves left in Georgia in 1526 by Spaniards who abandoned a settlement attempt.

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- ◆ [In-Class Thanksgiving Activity](#)
- ◆ [Examining a Native Perspective](#)
- ◆ [The Real Story of Thanksgiving](#)
- ◆ [Thanksgiving Myths](#)



NOVEMBER 2010

(CLICK UNDERLINED TEXT FOR MORE INFORMATION)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 CVTC American Indian Reception	10 Veteran's Day Breakfast	11 LCO Veteran's Day Pow-Wow	12 Women's Issues in the Middle East	13 HMONG New Year Celebration
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21	22 Drop in Spanish for Beginners	23	24 Turkey Skate	25 Thanksgiving Banquet	26 Community Thanksgiving Meal	27
28 Ballet Dance Recital	29	30				

Pride Alliance to push for CVTC Inclusivity Training Initiative

In the wake of [recent teen suicides](#) resulting from anti-Gay & Lesbian bullying, the CVTC Pride Alliance student organization is working to develop an inclusivity training program for faculty and staff. The training program will provide interested participants with self-bias reflection activities, strategies for leading inclusive classroom discussions, as well as an option to participate in an expanding LGBTQ 'safe zone' type grass roots sticker program. CVTC's Pride Alliance organization brings together students, staff and faculty interested in supporting the academic and social development of [LGBTQIA](#)

(Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transsexual, Queer, Intersex and Allies) students. The organization has been largely inactive since its foundation in 2002, but has recently experienced a strong surge in membership interest. The organization meets every Monday from 12pm-1pm in BEC 248A. All who are interested are welcome to attend.

*Pride Alliance provides a welcoming atmosphere of critical reflection and dialogue for students negotiating LBGTOIA issues. Derogatory/hate speech will not be tolerated in meeting and/or online forums.

- ◆ [Stop Bullying Now Tip-Sheet](#)
- ◆ [Soul Force](#)
- ◆ [GLAAD](#)



Interested in Joining?

Attend a Meeting:

Mondays
12:00pm-1:00pm
BEC 248A

(Or contact the organization advisor, [Mike Ojibway.](#))



- ◆ [Gender Debated at Same-Sex Colleges](#)
- ◆ [Women Learn about Science at Washburn \(STEM Initiative\)](#)
- ◆ [New Study Calls For Increased Minority Representation In The Sciences](#)
- ◆ [Racial Inequalities Persist Online](#)
- ◆ [Diabetes Awareness Month](#)
- ◆ [Campus Suicides: Reality Check](#)

“We all should know that diversity makes for a rich tapestry, and we must understand that all the threads of the tapestry are equal in value no matter what their color.”

-Maya Angelou

A Message from the Diversity Coordinator:

Our strong, personalized support system is designed to increase the enrollment, placement, and retention of our students. We offer a variety of services to all multicultural and Non-Traditional Occupation students including:

- **Financial Aid Assistance**
- **Scholarship Application Help**
- **Academic Assistance & Tutoring Referrals**
- **Counseling Service Referrals**
- **Career Planning**
- **Social Support**
- **Diversity Student Organization**

Please do not hesitate to call or stop by if you have questions!



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