



### Mesa Community College invites public to Spring Pow Wow



Miss Native MCC Breana Allen (By MCC, Independent Newsmedia Inc. USA)  
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American Indian dancers, drummers and authentic food are just a few of the highlights of Mesa Community College’s [Spring Pow Wow](#). The event showcases indigenous talent and provides a source of funding for student scholarships.

**When:** April 4, 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.  
Gourd dance at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Grand entry of dancers at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

**Where:** MCC’s Southern and Dobson Campus,  
1833 W. Southern Avenue in Mesa, on the south end of campus by the tennis courts

"Our American Indian Institute is looking forward to sharing our culture and rich heritage with members of the community," said Yvonne Dinehdeal, manager of MCC’s American Indian Institute. "The festivities will provide an opportunity for the public to be part of an investment in the future of MCC's American Indian students."

The Pow Wow also features Miss Native MCC, [Breana Allen](#), a freshman who plans to major in physical therapy. Allen serves as a liaison between the students and the American Indian Institute, balancing her traditional and modern sides to positively influence her peers. She has both Hopi and Navajo heritage.

Allen strives to preserve native culture and her goal is to serve as a role model and leader for all American Indians on campus. She would also like to raise awareness of the effects of alcohol and the stereotypes surrounding American Indians and alcohol.

Pow Wow attendees are invited to consider a monetary donation to the [Charleston Gray Memorial scholarship](#) fund. Charleston “Charles” Gray, a member of the Navajo Nation and the Inter-Tribal Student Organization, was a mentor, tutor and friend to students at MCC. Gray was involved in many college organizations and activities while he was a student and full time employee at MCC.

Proceeds from the Pow Wow will be awarded to several deserving members of MCC’s Inter-Tribal Student Organization, the sponsor of the event.

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