

# Ninth Annual Pow Wow will Kick Off Homecoming Week

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The American Indian Student Alliance (AISA) will host the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual CSUSM Pow Wow from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 6 and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 7.

"There is truly something for everyone at the upcoming Pow Wow," said Karin Giron, Pow Wow co-chairperson, and AISA president. "AISA looks forward to carrying on this most precious tradition, and warmly welcomes any support that you may have to offer."

This is the second year that this student organization has served as the main organizer for the event. AISA expects that approximately 10,000 people from all cultures and tribes from the Indian Nation will attend the Pow Wow.

The theme for this year's Pow Wow is honoring the past, and celebrating the future. The tradition of the Pow Wow is social,

cultural, and sacred, according to Giron. Some of the scheduled events include native drumming, singing, intertribal dancing, and native arts and crafts. Organizers expect 50 vendor booths, which will provide native foods, arts and crafts, and beverages outside the dance and drum arena.

"What makes this year's Pow Wow different from last year's is that we will have Hawaiian dancers performing during the dinner break Saturday evening, Oct. 6," said Giron.

Sponsors of this year's Pow Wow include Nordstrom, CSUSM President Alexander Gonzalez, CSUSM's Instructionally Related Activities Board, and several individuals, departments, and organizations on campus.

The Pow Wow is free to the public and will be held on the field on the corner of Twin Oaks Valley Road and Craven Drive. Those who would like more information regarding the scheduled events at the Pow Wow

are asked to call (760) 839-1634.

Homecoming activities will continue on Monday when the university hosts the first Cal State San Marcos Squares. Student veterans on campus will also hold a free BBQ lunch at the Dome Plaza for students. On Tuesday, the men's soccer team will play a homecoming game at 4 p.m. on Mangrum Field against UCSD.

The homecoming celebration will continue Wednesday, with Angela Davis, a featured speaker for the Intercultural Speaker Series. The lecture will be held at 7 p.m. at the California Center for the Arts, Escondido. The homecoming celebration will conclude on Friday evening with a masquerade dance in the Dome. Those who would like more information on homecoming week are asked to contact ASI at (760) 750-4990.

*(Right) A dancer performs during last year's Pow Wow. (Pride Photo/Cheryl Cline)*

