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SFCC Celebrates National American Indian Heritage Month

Santa Fe, NM — Santa Fe Community College is honoring Native American Heritage Month with a series of upcoming events celebrating diversity on the campus. The events are sponsored by the President's Diversity Advisory Committee, which works to highlight different aspects of diversity throughout the college.

A special director's presentation of the film "Surviving Columbus: The Story of the Pueblo People" takes place 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Tuesday, **Nov. 24**, in SFCC lecture hall, Room 216 on the college campus, 6401 Richards Ave. The film's director, Diane Reyna of Taos Pueblo, will discuss the Peabody Award-winning film, present images and film clips and hold a question and answer session. Reyna is the director of IAIA's Learning Support Center and has worked for the institute for the past 18 years as a faculty member and administrator.

Erwin Rivera (Taos Pueblo), director of SFCC's ENLACE Program, will present "From a Unique Perspective: the American Indian Movement and its impact on American Indians and their relationships with the U.S. government" on **Nov. 30**, from 4 to 6 p.m. in Jemez Room 1. Rivera's experience provides unique insight into the turbulent AIM group of the 1970's.

On Oct. 30, 2009, President Barack Obama proclaimed November 2009 as National Native American Heritage Month, stating "I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate Nov. 27, 2009, as Native American Heritage Day." The community college's celebration of National American Indian Heritage Month kicked-off on Nov. 18 when students from the Institute of American Indian Arts joined SFCC staff and Jemez Pueblo dancers to perform traditional music in the SFCC Campus Center. For more information, contact (505) 428-1843.

About Santa Fe Community College

For more than 25 years, Santa Fe Community College has been the gateway to success for individuals and the community by providing affordable, high quality educational programs that serve the social, cultural, technological and economic needs of a diverse community. The college serves more than 14,500 students per year in its credit, noncredit and adult basic education programs. For further information, visit www.sfccnm.edu or call (505) 428-1000.

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