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FNUniv to Host the Annual Spring Celebration Powwow over the Long Weekend

Regina, Saskatchewan – The First Nations University of Canada (FNUniv) Spring Celebration Powwow will host the annual Spring Celebration Powwow over the long weekend, Saturday, April 19th and Sunday, April 20th, 2025. With an anticipated attendance of over 8,000 throughout the weekend, the Brandt Centre, REAL District, Regina, SK., will be the place to be. The doors will open at 9:00 am for this 2-day event, with the first grand entry on Saturday, April 19th, at noon and again at 7:00 pm. The last grand entry will be on Sunday, April 20th, at noon, with all competition dancing and singing contest finals.

The two-day agenda includes dance category competitions, family and committee dance specials, and the singing contest. Dancers, singers and the head staff come from Treaty 4 Territory and across Canada and the United States. The reigning Miss FNUniv Ambassador, Calista McArthur-Moser, will host her out-going Women's 35 yr and Older Traditional Special on Saturday evening and proceed to transfer her crown during the Miss FNUniv Ambassador presentation on Sunday, April 20th, before the noon grand entry.

A must-stop while at the powwow is the Indigenous Tradeshow! Browse and purchase authentic Indigenous arts, crafts, and clothing from Indigenous artisans and businesses! Check out Chili for Children, the Indigenous Food Vendor, for a warm bowl of soup & bannock or an Indian Taco. The entire market will be an experience, and at the same time, you'll support Indigenous artisans and businesses.

"I'm extremely excited to host another celebration and see all the familiar faces dancing by in grand entry! I always say once I hear the drum of the first grand entry, I know that the weekend has officially started," says Bonnie Rockthunder, Chair of the 2025 Spring Celebration Powwow Committee. "Other celebrations are happening this weekend, and I wish the organizing committees the best of luck and to enjoy the amazing feeling our powwow culture brings to everyone."

Interested in attending? You can purchase your 2-day admission wristbands at the Brandt Centre Box Office for \$23, while daily passes are \$18, and children five and under are free. Access Communications will be on-site to broadcast live on Saturday at 7:00 pm for the grand entry and dance competition if you cannot attend in person. A new addition this year is the livestream provider - Powwows.com. You can tune in online to watch the entire powwow from the comfort of your home.

The Powwow Committee extends our gratitude to the Co-Presenting Sponsors, K+S Potash Canada and the Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority (SIGA), the Singing Contest Sponsor, SaskPower, Ochapowace Petro Canada and the many new and returning partners to join us this year.

About First Nations University of Canada

The First Nations University of Canada (FNUUniv) was founded in 1976 and is a First Nations-owned post-secondary institution that bridges our ceremonies, knowledge keepers, languages, and traditions to deliver high-quality post-secondary education. This transformative impact will lead to the pride and success of all students, First Nations communities, and Canada. For more information about FNUUniv, please visit <http://fnuniv.ca>.

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