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**Media alert: Fort Omaha Powwow to celebrate Native American history in Nebraska**

**What:** The 24<sup>th</sup> annual Fort Omaha Intertribal Powwow will be hosted by Metropolitan Community College. Celebrating regional Native American cultures, the powwow will feature traditional dances, music, artistry, oral history and foods of various tribes across Nebraska and the region.

**When:** Saturday, Sept. 12, 1–7:30 p.m.

**Where:** The parade ground on MCC's Fort Omaha Campus, 30<sup>th</sup> and Fort streets.

Background: Grand entry into the powwow will begin at 1 p.m. Additionally, study circles will be featured outside the powwow arena offering an opportunity to learn from Native experts. This year's theme, Caretakers of the Earth, recognizes that Native peoples are the original caretakers of Mother Earth. HawkQuest, an organization that seeks to raise awareness about birds of prey by bringing you face to face with the raptors, will be present to provide information and the opportunity to have photos taken with the majestic birds.

The event is free and open to the public.

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable, quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 unique credit and noncredit students.