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First Nations University of Canada Hosts Spring Celebration Powwow Once Again

Regina, Saskatchewan – After a two-year postponement, the First Nations University of Canada Spring Celebration Powwow Committee welcomes everyone to the largest indoor powwow in Treaty 4 Territory for a chance to experience the culture of the First Nations people. The 2-day event, held at the Brandt Centre, REAL District, Regina, will kick off Saturday, June 4th, with grand entries at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm. If you've missed Saturday's event, Sunday, June 5th, we will have two grand entries at 12:00 pm and 7:00 pm with dancing and singing contest finals.

Among the twenty-three dance categories competing over the weekend, drum groups from across Canada and the United States will also bring the heartbeat of the powwow to compete in the Singing Competition. Scheduled throughout the weekend are several family and committee dance specials as well. After a 2-year reign, the current Miss FNUUniv Princess, Kaleigh Starblanket, will hand over the crown during the Miss FNUUniv Princess Pageant on Sunday, June 5th.

The Tradeshow Market is a must-stop for anyone who wants to purchase authentic Indigenous crafts and clothing from Indigenous artisans and businesses. While touring around the market, visit the food vendors and try some Bannock or have a brisket sandwich. There will be much to see and do this weekend.

"We look forward to reuniting with the powwow community and seeing new visitors this weekend," says the 2022 FNUUniv Spring Celebration Powwow Co-Chair, Bonnie Rockthunder. "We value the continued support of our sponsors such as Presenting Sponsor, K+S Potash Canada, Saskatchewan Indian Gaming Authority (SIGA), and the Singing Contest Sponsor, SaskPower."

In 2019, our celebration attracted more than 7,500 visitors, over 850 registered dancers, and 19 drum groups. We anticipate the 2022 celebration to have similar numbers. Weekend admission is \$15, while daily passes are \$10 and children five and under are free.

"It is exciting to gather once again to celebrate life through song and dance. Connecting with one another, watching the dancers dance their style, listening to the drums and seeing our community reconnect is one thing I enjoy about pow wow. I hope to see you all there, especially those who may attend for their first time," says the 2022 FNUUniv Spring Celebration Powwow Co-Chair, Robyn Morin.

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 FNUniv, please visit <http://fnuniv.ca>.

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