



Grossmont College 20th annual celebration of life brings together the urban and rural tribal population. The College institution provides the facility. The American Indian community provides the heart and spirituality. Traditional tribal song sustains and carries the culture.

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Students
Many Native American students were honored for completing various educational programs in Southern California. The tribal nations represented in the student group include Kumeyaay, Diegueño, Luiseño... including local San Diego County Indian reservations. The successful Indian students walked around and circled the arena in traditional pow-wow honoring style. Student accomplishments ranged from earning Ph.D. degrees to completing adult and child

American Indian Cultural Festival



Bo Young Bear, Seminole-Montauk, Seminole Tribe of Florida, danced during the Grand Entry wearing spectacular Native American eagle feather regalia and custom beadwork art.

NIGA Event



The Alaska Tribal Dancers rocked the house with enthusiastic drumming and motion at the cultural opening of the NIGA Convention. Marsha Spirit Bear, (seen in the background) always ready to dance when the moment moves her took to the stage to share the fun.



Flags
Native American Indian gourd dancers, military veterans, carried the colors, including the American flag, the CA state flag, POW flag, US Army flag, US Marine Corps flag, and official US Navy flag into the pow-wow arena during a grand entry parade.



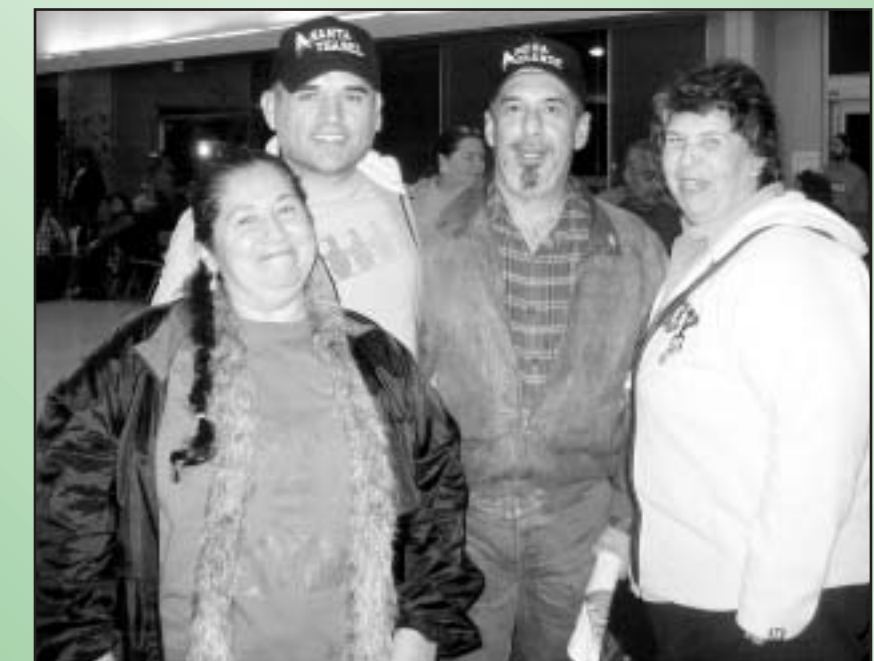
Ron Christman
Ron Christman, Ipai, Santa Ysabel Band of Diegueño Indians, lead a Dumas family honoring celebration for Brian Dumas, draped in wool Indian honoring blanket. Brian is Kumeyaay Indian of Jamul Indian Village reservation in San Diego.



Larry Benagas

Stan Rodriguez

Yuman Language Summit



Connection

Mary Oyos offers living testimony to the fact that Pow Wow's are excellent networking tools that keep families, tribes and friends connected.

Mary is pictured standing in front of long lost brother Artie. Next to Artie is brother Virgil and sister Patricia.

Mary, Virgil, Patricia and Becky (not in picture) were swept off their feet to meet their brother Artie for the first time when he showed up at the Grossmont Pow Wow. Everything is indeed connected.