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## **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Grossmont College Powwow February 22 in Memory of Florence Shipek**

**El Cajon** - The 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Grossmont College powwow will feature head staff of more than 20 dancers and drummers, including the Red Tipi Singers and the Whitecloud Singers beginning at noon in the Grossmont College Student Center. Viejas Tribal Official Anthony Pico is scheduled to speak.

The event will honor the memory of advocate Florence Shipek, and will include displays of American Indian arts and crafts and authentic American Indian food as well as songs, dances and dancers from throughout Indian Country.

“Grossmont College welcomes this exposure to the Native American culture through dances and song,” said Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr., college president. “This annual event is a wonderful opportunity for the college community and the public to enjoy a time-honored tradition and to gain a better understanding of a diverse culture.”

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The free event is co-sponsored by the Barona Band of Kumeyaay Indians, the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians, Grossmont college Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) and the Grossmont College Cross-Cultural Studies Department.

Tom Gamboa, an instructor in the Cross-Cultural Studies Department and one of the event originators serves as faculty advisor for the event. Master of Ceremonies will be Randy Edmonds. Head Man Dancer is Jr. Jaquez; Head Woman Dancer, Lisa Garcia; Head Young Man Dancer, Tommy Lachappa; Head Young Woman Dancer, Karina Okuniewicz; Head Gourd Dancer, Fred Burrows. Arena Director is Tom Gamboa, Water Person is Nancy Gamboa, and Powwow chairs are Vickie Matheny and Jenelle Millar.

The college is located at 8800 Grossmont College Drive in El Cajon. For Directions, call Tom Gamboa 619-644-7529, or visit [www.gcccd.net](http://www.gcccd.net).

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