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## **17<sup>th</sup> Annual Grossmont College Pow-Wow February 26**

**El Cajon** - The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Grossmont College pow-wow will feature head staff of more than 20 dancers and drummers, including the Red Tipi Descendents and the Whitecloud Singers, beginning with Gourd Dancing and Giveaways at noon February 26 in the Grossmont College Student Center. The Grand Entry is scheduled at 6 p.m. Master of Ceremonies is Randy Edmonds.

The event 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 opportunity to showcase 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. Head Man Dancer is Steve Campos; Head Woman Dancer, Tiffany Workman; Head Young Man Dancer, Kenny Garcia, Jr., Head Young Woman Dancer, Sadie Red Eagle; Head Gourd Dancer, Joseph Red Bear. Arena Director is Tom Gamboa, Water Person is Nancy Gamboa, and Pow-Wow chairs is Vickie Matheny.

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

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