

Dear Campus Community,

The tipi on Worner Quad signifies the cultural and historical heritage of indigenous people in the United States, in particular the people of the plains. The word tipi means “dwelling,” but a tipi is also a sacred place, symbolizing the interconnectedness of all things.

This week and in the past, some individuals have chosen not to honor our interconnectedness, and instead have posted divisive, hurtful messages about indigenous people on social media and disrespected the sacred space of the tipi.

On Monday, April 4, we invite the campus community to join us as we show our support for indigenous students, faculty, and staff, and as we reaffirm our respect for First Peoples, cultures, and histories. We will gather at the tipi at 12:30 p.m.

In addition, students of CC's Native American Student Union are hosting events on campus including a film festival with One Nation Walking Together on [Friday](#) and [Saturday](#), and an exhibition powwow from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on [Sunday](#). All are welcome.

Sincerely,

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