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MCC receives \$12,000 grant to support 24th Annual Fort Omaha Intertribal Powwow

OMAHA, Neb. — Metropolitan Community College has been awarded a \$12,000 grant by the Douglas County Visitors Improvement Fund for the 24th Annual Fort Omaha Intertribal Powwow scheduled for September 12, 2015, at MCC's Fort Omaha Campus, 30th and Fort streets.

Every year, visitors come to Fort Omaha to celebrate Native American cultures. The powwow honors the traditional dance, music, artistry, oral history and foods of various tribes across Nebraska and the surrounding region. Dancers in colorful regalia perform throughout the day, including the Gourd Dance that honors military veterans.

"The Annual Fort Omaha Intertribal Powwow welcomes a diverse audience to celebrate and learn about Native American cultures and the contributions of indigenous peoples throughout history," said Barbara Velazquez, coordinator for international and intercultural education at MCC. "We appreciate the support of Douglas County to recognize and honor Native Americans with funding that helps to make the powwow even more special."

Stay tuned for future announcements regarding the 24th Annual Fort Omaha Intertribal Powwow in the coming months.

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Metropolitan Community College, accredited by the Higher Learning Commission, is a comprehensive, public community college that offers affordable, quality education to all residents of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington counties. Founded in 1974, MCC has the largest enrollment out of six community colleges in Nebraska and is the second largest postsecondary institution in the state. MCC serves more than 40,000 unique credit and noncredit students.