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SIAST Aboriginal cultural awareness group marks 20th anniversary

Committee fosters spirit and pride through education, culture, community

April 15, 2010 – Students and staff at SIAST Wascana Campus will be participating in workshops and traditional Aboriginal activities today as part of the 20th Annual Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Event. Keynote speaker Don Burnstick will inspire and entertain in his workshop Healing Through Humour – "Laughter is Good Medicine." The event includes activities and workshops touching on education, culture and community.

Attendees will also be treated to an Aboriginal fashion show with special guest Tracey George Heese. Tracey is a Regina designer of Cree descent, who has achieved her own level of Olympic gold by becoming one of only seven Canadian Aboriginal clothing designers to be invited to show fashions at this year's Olympic Winter Games. Heese will be showcasing both traditional and contemporary First Nations apparel during the show.

Event: 20th Annual Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Event
Place: SIAST Wascana Campus
Date: Thursday, April 15, 2010

*Please see accompanying agenda for workshop topics, times and room locations.

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AGENDA

20th Annual Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Event

MEDIA ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

Thursday, April 15, 2010

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| 7:30 a.m. | Tipi Raising followed by Pipe Ceremony |
| 9 a.m. | Greetings (Auditorium) |
| 10 a.m.-12 p.m. | Don Burnstick Workshop – “Healing Through Humour” (Auditorium) |
| 10 a.m.-11:30 p. m. | Lacrosse (Front lawn) |
| 12 p.m.-1 p.m. | Lunch and Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none">- BBQ Lunch (Front lawn)- Mini Pow Wow featuring Tiny Tots- Scott Collegiate Hip-Hop Group |
| 1 p.m.-1:30 p.m. | Year of the Métis—Order of the Sash—Lori Campbell (Auditorium) |
| 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. | Lacrosse (Front Lawn) |
| 1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m. | Fashion Show - Tracey George Heese (Auditorium) |
| 2:15 p.m.-2:30 p.m. | Break |
| 2:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. | Don Burnstick Comedy Hour (Auditorium) |
| 3:30 p.m.-4 p.m. | Closing Prayer, Cake and Tea (Auditorium) |

From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., displays will be on “Main Street” on the first floor at SIAS Wascana Campus.