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Native American culture is celebrated at Portland Community College's annual powwow, returning Saturday, Jan. 23 in the Health Technology Building on the PCC Sylvania campus.

Native Traditions

Cultural event
inspires and
enlightens

Portland Community College expects more than 1,000 people to attend its leading cultural event, a traditional Native American powwow, returning Saturday, to the PCC Sylvania campus in southwest Portland.

The 17th annual "Wacipi" or "They Dance" powwow will begin at noon in

the Health Technology Building with activities continuing through 9 p.m.

Drum groups and dancers from across the region will participate. Native American crafts and food, activities for children, and raffle prizes are also planned. The event is free and open to the public. Campus parking is also free.

"One of the main goals of the day is to focus on youth," said powwow volunteer Daniel Soucy. "The powwow enlightens visitors about Native American culture and provides inspiration, fellowship and encouragement to Native American students at the college as they work toward their goals in education."

Proceeds from the powwow support the Native American Student Scholarship fund, which aims to increase access and retention of Native American students at PCC.