Native American Heritage Month 2016

Saturday, October 22, 11:45 a.m.—4 p.m.
University of Rochester Ganondagan Trip
Ganondagan State Historic Site, 1488 State Route 444, Victor
Ganondagan was once the site of a village of thousands of Seneca Native American people. Watch an interactive retelling of the Iroquois creation story, tour a full-size replica of a 17th-century Seneca bark longhouse, explore the newly built Seneca Art and Culture Center, and play traditional Seneca games. A bus will depart from Interfaith Chapel at 11:45 a.m. and return to campus at 4 p.m. This event is cosponsored by the Offices of Admissions and Financial Aid and the Native American Student Association (NASA).
To RSVP, contact Campbell Halligan at campbell.halligan@rochester.edu or at (585) 275-8627.

Friday, November 4, 4—5:30 p.m.
Club Rochester: The Two-Spirit Self: Celebrating Gender Diversity in Indigenous Culture
Douglass Ballroom, Frederick Douglass Building
A great place to meet, eat, and relax with students, faculty, and staff. Enjoy delicious free appetizers and low-cost beverages at this monthly happy hour! This event is hosted by the Offices of Admissions and Financial Aid, the Native American Student Association (NASA), and Pride Network.

Saturday–Sunday, November 5–6, 11 a.m.—3 p.m.
Haudenosaunee Days
Rochester Museum & Science Center, 657 East Avenue, Rochester
Celebrate Haudenosaunee (Iroquois) culture—past and present—with artisans from the community. Learn firsthand about the tradition of making cornhusk dolls, jewelry, beadwork, and baskets from local Haudenosaunee artists as they bring the traditions of their culture to life through their art. Hear storytellers and join Rochester Museum & Science Center educators to learn more through the museum’s world-renowned collection. With staff and volunteers, get an up-close view of artifacts rarely on display for the public, including art from the Works Progress Administration (WPA) Indian Arts Project. Immerse yourself in the vibrant art and culture of today’s Haudenosaunee nations. This program is funded by grants from the New York State Council on the Arts (NYSCA) and the New York Council for the Humanities.

Thursday, November 10, 7:30—9 p.m.
Keepers of the Game
Film Screening and Discussion
Hoyt Auditorium
Lacrosse was born in Akwesasne Mohawk Territory as a sacred game, traditionally reserved for men. Just off the reservation at Salmon River High in Fort Covington, New York, an all-Native-girl’s lacrosse team comes together, seeking to be the first Native women’s team to bring home a section championship. As the season comes to a head, the team is faced with increasing ambivalence in their own community, and the girls must prove that the game of lacrosse is their rightful inheritance. With more than just the championship on the line, the girls fight to blaze a new path for the next generation of Native women while still honoring their people’s tradition in a changing world. This event is cosponsored by UR Women’s Lacrosse, the Paul J. Burgett Intercultural Center, the Native American Student Association (NASA), and UR Cinema Group.

Friday, November 11, 10:30 a.m.—5 p.m.
Canandaigua Treaty Day
Canandaigua Primary School, 96 West Gibson Street, Canandaigua
Following a longstanding tradition, members of the Six Nations and the U.S. government will gather on the front lawn of Ontario County Courthouse on Main Street in Canandaigua at 2 p.m. to commemorate this seminal federal treaty.

Monday, November 14, 5—6:30 p.m.
Iroquois White Corn Cooking Workshop
Community Kitchen, Frederick Douglass Building
Iroquois White Corn is an heirloom seed dating back at least 1,400 years that holds symbolic importance for the Haudenosaunee people. In this cooking workshop, learn about the significance of the corn, help prepare a tasty and nutritious meal, and gather together to enjoy the prepared cuisine. With a holistic approach, Lauren Jimerson (Seneca) will lead the class not only to produce healthy food but to generate healthy community as well. The menu will include pumpkin chili and roasted corn muffins with wild leek butter. This event is cosponsored by the Offices of Admissions and Financial Aid, the Native American Student Association (NASA), and the Paul J. Burgett Intercultural Center.

Wednesday, November 16, 5:30—6:30 p.m.
Native American Student Association (NASA) Annual Dinner
Admissions Conference Room, Wallis Hall
Join Native American members of the University community over traditional Native American food and hear a Thanksgiving address by Rosehouse-Ellison LaBarge of the Mohawk Language Group in Rochester. This event is cosponsored by the Offices of Admissions and Financial Aid, the Native American Student Association (NASA), and the Office of Faculty Development and Diversity.
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