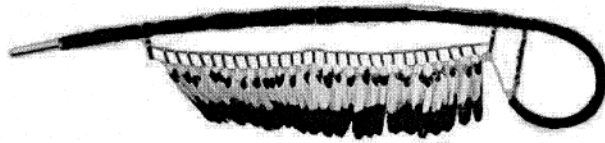


american indian student council  
thirty-ninth annual long beach pow wow

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## american indian student council and csulb alumni association: native american chapter

On behalf of the American Indian community at CSULB, we would like to welcome everyone to the 39th Annual Pow Wow celebrating forty years of American Indian Studies at CSULB. We have the unique privilege of gathering at the sacred site of the ancient Gabrielino/Tonga Village of Puvungna. This place has a long history of American Indian people gathering for prayer, celebration, unity and remembrance that far exceed the past thirty-eight years of our Pow-Wow celebration. We are privileged to have a fine head staff as well as the fine dancers, singers, vendors and their families attending this year's celebration.

We are honored to have our good friend, John Dawson, as M.C. again. We are also honored to have J.R. La Plante return as our arena director. We would like to welcome and acknowledge Donna Going Snake – Falls Down as our head lady dancer and Ben Lucero Wolf as our head-man dancer. Dona and Ben's families have a long history of participating in our celebration. We wish to acknowledge their families' role in making this celebration of life what it is today. We are pleased to have the singing talents of Gene Ray Ahboah as our Head Southern Singer and the Whitecloud Singers as our Host Northern Drum at our 39th annual celebration. We express our gratitude to the Golden State Gourd Dance Society for sponsoring this year's Gourd Dance and for their continual support of our celebration.

We are again privileged to have the Ti'at Society hosting our dinner break presentation. The Ti'at Society has been instrumental in the revitalization of the maritime culture of the Gabrielino/Tongva, the original people of Puvungna. They also provided the theme of this year's celebration, 'ekweenax tovaangara (caring for the earth).

Our community has lost many of our loved ones this past year and we dedicate our celebration to the memory of those who have contributed to our community over the years. On February 16, 2009 Dr. Lester Brown passed from this world. The past Director of the American Indian Studies Program and a professor of Social Work, he helped many students to pursue their educations and also edited the book *Two-Spirit People*, the first book on Gay and Lesbian American Indians.

We are honored that Daron Henson and Tso Yanez have selected our celebration to be brought into the arena and to Pat and Gilbert Lopez who will introduce their grandchild into the arena this weekend. We remember those who have gone before us as we welcome our new friends who have come to our celebration for the first time. We extend a special welcome to our CSULB alumni and extended family who have shared in the good times and the making of memories here at "the Beach".

2009 CSULB Executive Pow-Wow Committee

# pow-wow schedule

Saturday, March 7, 2009

11:00 am Gourd Dancing  
 1:00 pm Grand Entry  
 Roundance  
 Intertribals  
**2:00 pm** **Dancer Registration Deadline**  
 Tiny Tots  
 Intertribals  
 Contest: Junior and Teen Dance Categories  
 4:00 pm Student Council Special  
 5:00 pm Dinner Break: Tiat Society presentation  
 6:00 pm Roundance and Intertribals  
 Donna Going Snake-Falls Down Special  
 Intertribals & Contest: Adult Categories  
 Ben Wolf family Shane Zotigh Men's  
 Fancy Dance Memorial Special  
 Intertribals & Contest: Adult Categories  
 Oklahoma Two-Step (spot check)  
 Intertribals  
 10:00 pm Closing

Sunday, March 8, 2009

11:00 am Gourd Dancing  
 1:00 pm Grand Entry  
 Intertribals & Contest: Adult Categories  
 Snake & Buffalo Dance  
 Intertribals  
 Rabbit or Owl Dance  
 5:00 pm Leroy "JR" Laplante Men's Northern  
 Traditional Special  
 6:00 pm Closing

## csulb 2009 pow-wow committee

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# head staff

**Host Northern Drum:** **White Cloud**  
 Barstow, CA

**Head Southern Singer:** **Gene Ray Ahboah**  
 (Kiowa)  
 Anadarko, OK

**Head Man Dancer:** **Ben Wolf**  
 (Kiowa)  
 Long Beach, CA

**Head Lady Dancer:** **Donna Going Snake-Falls Down**  
 (UKB Cherokee)  
 Hardin, MT

**Master of Ceremonies:** **John Dawson**  
 (San Carlos Apache)  
 Lawndale, CA

**Arena Director:** **Leroy JR LaPlante**  
 (Lakota)  
 Vermillion, SD

**Host Gourd Society:** **Golden State Gourd Dance Society**

**Spoon Keeper:** **Michael Cruz**  
 (Chumash/Mexican)  
 Hacienda Heights, CA

### Photography Protocol

With respect to the American Indian Community, we ask that all photographers, cinematographers and videographers please ask permission of each individual before taking images of dancers, singers, drum groups, and vendors. Photographers are not allowed in the dance arena without authorization so please take your photographs from outside of the dance arena. Listen to the M.C. as he will announce those special times when photography is not allowed.

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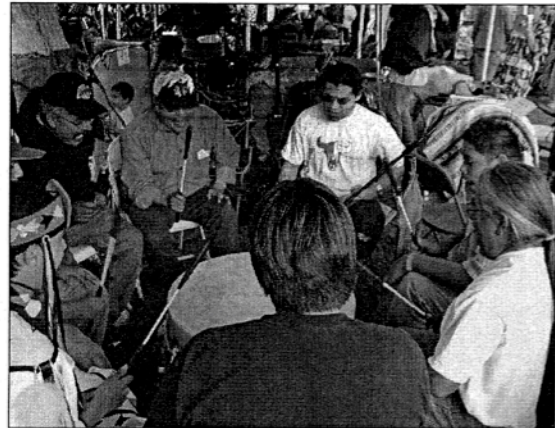
## head southern singer gene ray ahboah



Gene Ray Ahboah is Kiowa, Wichita and Pawnee and comes from Anadarko, Oklahoma. He has been singing since he was seventeen and War Dancing all his life. His father, Wilson Ahboah, was Kiowa and was one of the last old time war dancers of the O-ho-ma lodge, he is now deceased. His mother, Mildred Ahboah, is from the Wichita and Pawnee Tribes. The person that influenced him the most in his singing was his uncle Bill Kaulity of the Kiowa Tribe. I have been Head Singer on both the East and West Coast and most states in between. I have been Head Singer for various organizations in Oklahoma as well as many other states I have sung with top drums such as the Grey Horse Drum, Intertribal Singers, Eagle Claw, Cozad Drum, No Name Drum, Rainy Mountain, Sooner Nation, Red Hawk Drum, Red Teepee, Rubedoux Drum, Hale Singers in addition to being a member of the world class champion drum group Bad Medicine. I am honored. to be selected as Head Singer for the 39th Annual CSULB Pow Wow . Ah-Ho.

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## host northern drum white cloud



The Whitecloud singers are glad to be a part of this year's Pow Wow. We are a family singing group, consisting of five generations of singers. We are named after our grandfather that everyone knew as Grandpa Whitecloud. Our drum consists of Larry Whitecloud, Chuck, Adrian, Yogi, James, Marcey Garcia, Martin, Jacob Suplee and Spaz Dewitt. We would like to thank our family and friends for supporting us for the last twenty five years of our singing travels. A big thank you to the Pow Wow Committee for inviting us to sing this year at their annual Pow Wow.

The Whitecloud singers, it's Grand Entry Time!

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## head woman dancer

donna going snake - falls down



Donna GoingSnake-Falls Down, a U.S. Air Force Veteran, resides in Hardin, Montana with her husband Will, a member of the Crow Tribe, and their three children Micah, Cordelia, and Vann. With a passion for the criminal justice field, Donna obtained her bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Oklahoma and her Masters degree in Justice Administration from Norwich University in Northfield, Vermont. Donna has served as adjunct faculty at Little Big Horn College in Crow Agency, MT for the Tribal Legal Studies program and currently serves as the Court Administrator for the Crow Tribal Court. In 2007, Montana Governor Brian Schweitzer appointed Donna to the Montana State Youth Justice Council, and from there was nominated to sit on the Disproportionate Minority Contact (DMC) Committee.

Having started off her academic career at Long Beach City College and as a dancer at many CSULB pow wows, Donna is pleased to return to Southern California to visit with family and friends, and is honored to serve as this year's Head Lady Dancer.

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## head man dancer

ben wolf



Ben Lucero Wolf

I am originally from Zodletone and Hobart, Oklahoma, but I've lived in Long Beach for over seventeen years.

I am a member of the Kiowa Tribe and I love to Pow Wow. My Kiowa name is Audle Konate-thay. I am a descendant of Tanedoah, Tsoodle, Red TeePee, Hobay, Principal Chief Lone Wolf, and others.

I was raised by my maternal Grandparents, William Hovakah Wolf and Mamie Sophia Tsoodle. My mother is Darlene Hovakah Wolf. My father is Ben Lucero (Wolf) Sr.

I am honored to be the Head Man Dancer this year, and I invite you all to come and dance with me.

Thank you CSULB Pow-Wow Committee.

Aho.

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## golden state gourd dance society



Greetings out there, everyone!

The Golden State Gourd Dance Society is honored to sponsor the Gourd Dance at this year's annual Cal State Long Beach pow-wow. It's a heart-felt honor to be serving on the same head staff with these exceptional people who are representing their tribal traditions, culture and heritage. We wish also to extend our warmest regards to all the dedicated, involved students and non-students alike, the anonymous "unsung heroes," who continue to work faithfully behind the scenes. They are the ones who truly sacrificed their time and energy in the months that have led up to this event. So God be with everyone involved (committee / head staff) and especially the students in their efforts to achieve a sound education.

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## master of ceremonies john dawson



A member of the Apache Nation from the San Carlos Reservation in Arizona, John, presently employed by the Centinella Valley Union High School District, resides in the South Bay Area with his family. Mr. Dawson's long association and involvement with the Indian community began immediately upon his arrival in Los Angeles over thirty years ago, participating in athletic, social events and Pow Wows. A noted singer, John began singing alongside his grandfather at an early age, learning social and ceremonial songs. In more recent years he feels at ease singing both northern and southern songs with renowned drums, but more importantly, understanding the importance of tribal culture and the traditions of his people. Mr. Dawson is honored to have served as head man dancer, master of ceremonies, head singer and arena director, which he feels is an honor. This year John will be serving as the announcer; "I'm honored to work with the American Indian Student Council to foster and enhance higher education."

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## arena director leroy jr laplante



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JR LaPlante is Lakota from the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe in South Dakota. An accomplished Northern Traditional dancer, he holds many championships including Oglala Nation, Rosebud Fair, Standing Rock, Cheyenne River, Prairie Island Dakota, Shakopee Midewankanton, Hinkley, Black Hills Pow-wow, and the 1996 Schemitzun World Championship.

He has a degree in Sociology, 15 years of professional experience working in the Indian community and is in his last semester of Law School at the University of South Dakota. His resume includes work in environmental protection, public health research, mental health and social services, and Tribal Government.

JR is married to Kathy (Oto/Iowa) and they have one daughter, Anisah.

Wopida bukan yedo!

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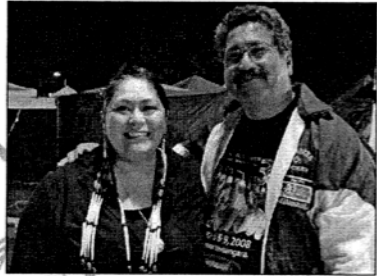
## the ti'at society



Founded in the 1980s, Ti'at Society represents the maritime culture of the Tongva tribal community. European intrusion into Southern California greatly impacted this important tradition until the canoes reappeared during dreamtime of one member. The Moomat Ahiko (Breath of the Ocean) is the first ti'at (plank canoe) built in numerous generations and is a central icon to the Tongva community. Ti'at Society continues to work within the community for protection and renewal of Island and coastal traditions.







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## csulb 2009 pow wow committee and volunteers



back row(l-r)  
Glen Ahhaitty  
Andrea Young  
Amelia Bojorquez-Ludd  
Craig Stone  
Duncan Deon, Jr.  
Denise Norris  
Harvey Chew

kneeling (l-r)  
Joshua Pinon  
Sandi Wemigwase  
Ruth Anderson

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## tribal flag project

One of the American Indian Alumni's projects is a call for Tribal American Indian Flags for CSULB. Several events are held each year at CSULB that involves a representative flag of every country to be on display. Through our flag program at CSULB we honor our Indian students. If you look around the dance arena you will see the flags we have received from the many Indian tribes and nations including: Caddo, Cheyenne-Arapaho, Dine, Iowa, Lac Vieux Desert Band of Chippewa, Muscogee Nation of Oklahoma, Oglala Sioux, Oneida, Salish & Kootenai Nation, Sisseton-Wahpeton, Warm Springs Waso Nation, and Yavapai-Apache Nation and Dine/Navajo. We have students and alumni from almost seventy-five different tribes at CSULB and we would like to see other tribal nations' submit flags on behalf of their alumni. CSULB is one of the only universities with a flag program such as this. We have non-profit status and your donation of a flag is tax deductible. Flags should be the minimum size of three by five feet.

Please contact Professor Craig Stone in the American Indian Studies Program at [cstone@csulb.edu](mailto:cstone@csulb.edu) if you wish to donate a flag on behalf of an alumni.

## csu long beach

The Princeton Review Ranks Cal State Long Beach Among Top 50 'Best Value' Public Colleges for 2009 in United States

California State University, Long Beach (CSULB) has been ranked among the top 50 best value public colleges in the nation by The Princeton Review, which teamed up with USA Today to present its list of the 100 "Best Value Colleges for 2009."

"The Princeton Review's recognition of Cal State Long Beach as a great educational value for students is a fitting and appropriate honor," said CSULB President F. King Alexander. "We recognize that the ability to afford a university degree is a key issue in terms of access to higher education, and this campus has worked diligently to hold the line on costs to students wherever possible. We also understand the value of providing education excellence of the highest quality to our students who come to us from an amazing array of diverse socio-economic backgrounds."

Founded in 1949, CSULB enrolls nearly 38,000 students, making it one of the largest four-year universities and the nation. Students are served by more than 2,400 faculty within the university's eight colleges, which offer 84 baccalaureate degrees and 66 master's degrees as well as two doctoral degrees. The American Indian Studies Program is forty years old, the oldest AIS Program west of the Mississippi.

Cal State Long Beach was the only California State University campus making the list of the top 50 public institutions and one of just four public California colleges/universities on the list. The other three were the University of California campuses at San Diego, Davis and Irvine.

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# Scholarships at CSULB

## Help Fund American Indian Student Scholarships at CSULB.

### *NASC-AISC Alumni Scholarship Fund*

This scholarship fund supports American Indian Students at CSULB based on community service, need and academic excellence.

### *Charlotte Standing Buffalo Memorial Scholarship Fund*

This scholarship supports older American Indian students returning to college. Created to honor Charlotte Standing Buffalo.

During the Pow Wow, donations can be made at the MC Tent. After the Pow Wow, please contact Craig Stone at [cstone@csulb.edu](mailto:cstone@csulb.edu) or Anna Nazarian-Peters at [anzarian@csulb.edu](mailto:anzarian@csulb.edu) or (562) 985-8528. Make checks payable to: CSULB Foundation (with a notation identifying the particular scholarship you are donating to).

Your tax deductible donation goes directly to support American Indian students at CSULB.

Recent donations have been made in the memory of:

Ralph Stover (Lakota) the son of Charlotte Standing Buffalo, Dr. Lester Brown, the former director of CSULB AIS Program and Robert "Bob" Robideau (Chippewa) Activist and Artist who was a student at CSULB in the mid 1970s.

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