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Braided Paths: Conversations in Indian Country

Seminole State College will host a unique Native American cultural program provided by The American Indian Cultural Center and Museum on Thursday evening, Oct. 13, 2011.

“Braided Paths: Conversations in Indian Country,” a three-part series project funded by the Oklahoma Humanities Council, will conclude with this final program at the Enoch Kelly Haney Center on the campus of Seminole State College. The public is invited to the free event which will begin with a reception at 6 p.m. and the program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

“The American Indian Center is excited for this special opportunity to partner with Seminole State College, the Seminole Nation and other tribes in the College’s service area to share stories and histories about how tribes have helped shape our great state and in particular, the region of Seminole County,” said Gena Timberman, Executive Director of the Native American Cultural and Educational Authority (NACEA). The Authority is the state agency building The Center located at the crossroads of Interstate 40 and Interstate 35 in Oklahoma City.

Timberman added, “We hope the public will come out and join us.” The *Braided Paths* public program will explore the historic and contemporary contributions of the region’s Native communities and will share stories and interviews on topics such as culture, tribal history, partnerships, and what tribes are doing today to perpetuate culture.

Following a welcome reception at 6 p.m., brief presentations will be made by the President of Seminole State College, Dr. Jim Utterback and The American Indian Center's Executive Director, Gena Timberman. Special guests and tribal representatives have been invited, and a cultural demonstration is also planned as part of the program. In addition, the program will feature the screening of a DVD with film clips from tribal community interviews. Interviews include members of the Seminole Nation, Citizen Potawatomi Nation, and Choctaw Nation.

Seminole State College President, Dr. James Utterback stated, "The partnership between Seminole State College and the Tribal Nations in the surrounding area grows stronger each year. Our campus reflects the Native history and culture present in Oklahoma. We look forward to this opportunity to celebrate all of our shared histories. Our partnerships and relationships are critical to the future of our great state. Seminole State College appreciates the tremendous support we get from the tribes in our service area. We are honored to be asked to participate in The American Indian Center's Braided Paths program."

The Haney Center is located one-half mile west of the intersection of Highways 3 and 9 on the northwest side of Seminole. For more information please contact Nancy Fields at (405)239-5500, nancyf@aiccm.org or log onto www.aiccm.org.