

# Dr. Henrietta Mann's 80th Birthday Celebration Dance Planned Saturday

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The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College, H.O.P.E. (Honoring Our People's Existence), and Southwestern Oklahoma State University will host an 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday Honor Dance for Dr. Henrietta Mann this Saturday, April 19, in the Wellness Center on the Weatherford campus.

The event is free and open to the public. Dr. Mann is the founding president of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College located on the campus of SWOSU, her alma mater.

Gourd dancing is scheduled for the afternoon and early evening with an evening meal scheduled to begin at 5 p.m. Grand Entry is set for 6 p.m. Contests with cash prizes are scheduled for the evening events, including: a drum contest, men's fancy dance, men's straight dance, women's jingle, women's buckskin, and ladies' prettiest shawl.

Staff for the event includes: Masters of Ceremony – Burl Buffalomeat; Head Singer – Max Watan; Head Gourd Dancer – Bob Vetter; Head Man Dancer – Bruce Neconi; Head Lady Dance – Beth Giles; Head Teen Boy – Marcos Avila; Head Teen Girl – Shayla Miller; Head Little Boy Dancer – Larynz Spottedwolf; Head Little Girls Dancer – Ariana "AJ" Spottedwolf; and the Color Guard includes students from Riverside High School.

Dr. Mann is full-blood Cheyenne of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma and was the first individual to occupy the Endowed Chair in Native American Studies at Montana State University, Bozeman, where she is currently Professor Emeritus and is Special Assistant to the President.

Dr. Mann has taught at the University of Montana – Missoula; the University of California, Berkeley; Harvard University; and Haskell Indian Nations University. She served as Director of the Office of Indian Education Programs and Deputy to the Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. She was the National Coordinator of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act Coalition for the Association of American Indian Affairs.

For further information regarding the event contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College, 580.774.3742.