American Indian Students Association Brings Russell Means to Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- In honor of the Indigenous Peoples' Month celebration, one of the most well-known American Indian activist, author and leader, Russell Means, will be coming to Cal Poly on Monday October 21, at 7 p.m. in the Orfalea College of Business Building Rotunda, Room 213.

Means is a well-known spokesperson on Native American issues. His natural leadership abilities have brought global attention to many American Indian injustices and hardships. In 1970 Means became the first national director of the American Indian Movement (AIM). He has been involved with various landmark protests including: Alcatraz Island, Mt. Rushmore, Plymouth Rock and Wounded Knee.

Means' knowledge and experience with American Indian issues can enlighten the Cal Poly and Central Coast communities. This is of special importance to us locally because Cal Poly and the city of San Luis Obispo stand on Chumash land. In times of global tension we need to stress the importance of acceptance, tolerance and open-mindedness, which permeates through Means' message.

This event is co-sponsored by Cal Poly's Multicultural Center, American Indian Student Association, College of Liberal Arts, Ethnic Studies Department, Political Science Department, and Associated Students Inc.

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