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### **American Indian Convocation Ceremony for 2025 Graduates within the Maricopa Community College District to be hosted by Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community**

**Salt River Indian Community, AZ** – March 28, 2025 – In response to the cancellation of all convocation ceremonies by the Maricopa Community College District, the Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community (SRPMIC) will host a special convocation ceremony for American Indian graduates of the 2025 academic year. The event will take place on Friday, May 2, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Salt River Fields at Talking Stick. The ceremony is open to American Indian graduates from all campuses within the Maricopa Community College District, including Scottsdale Community College, Mesa Community College, Paradise Valley Community College, Gateway Community College, Glendale Community College, Chandler-Gilbert Community College, Estrella Mountain Community College, Phoenix College, Rio Salado Community College, and South Mountain Community College.

The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community has a longstanding relationship with Scottsdale Community College, which is located on tribal land within the SRPMIC. In light of the cancellation of traditional convocation ceremonies for all students, including minority groups, the SRPMIC Tribal Council, with the support of the Gila River Indian Community, Ak Chin Indian Community and Tohono O'odham Nation, has volunteered to host this event as a meaningful way to celebrate the achievements of American Indian graduates and honor their hard work and perseverance.

## **Statement from Martin Harvier, President, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community**

“The Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community is proud to host this convocation ceremony to celebrate the academic accomplishments of American Indian graduates within the Maricopa Community College District. While we are deeply disappointed by the cancellation of convocation ceremonies for minority students, we believe it is important to come together as a community to honor our graduates and their families. This ceremony provides a space for celebration and support as our students prepare to step into the next chapter of their lives.”

The event will feature a cultural celebration, keynote speakers, and an opportunity for graduates to be recognized and celebrated for their academic achievements. Graduating American Indian students from the Maricopa Community College District are encouraged to RSVP to [tinyurl.com/MCCAIC2025](https://tinyurl.com/MCCAIC2025).

This heartfelt and inspiring ceremony will serve as a powerful reminder of the strength and resilience of American Indian students, as we unite to honor their hard work and perseverance.

### **Event Details**

Date: Friday, May 2, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: Salt River Fields at Talking Stick, 7555 N Pima Rd

American Indian MCCD Graduates, please RSVP by April 25, 2025:  
[tinyurl.com/MCCAIC2025](https://tinyurl.com/MCCAIC2025)

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