

## Lawrence University holds 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration

APPLETON - Lawrence University held its 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Indigenous Peoples' Day Celebration Oct. 10 on the lawn in front of Main Hall.

The event drew hundreds of people from the Fox Valley community. [See a photo gallery from the event here.](#)

Many cities and states across the United States have replaced the Columbus Day holiday with the official recognition of Indigenous Peoples' Day. Lawrence welcomed the entire Fox Cities community to join in celebrating and learning about the many contributions of Indigenous people through song, dance, food, and local Native American guest speakers.

The event included speeches from Dennis Kenote, a Menominee elder, and Ron Corn Sr., tribal chair of the Menominee Nation, as well as singing performances by Appleton Area School District high school students; a Drumming Dreams guided meditation by Navajo artist and community healer Kristina Nez Begay; Native American and Hawaiian music, singing, and dancing demonstrations; and Indigenous food.

The event was sponsored by LUNA (Lawrence University Native Americans), AASD (Appleton Area School District), D&IC (LU Diversity & Intercultural Center), S&RL (LU Spiritual & Religious Life), and NEH (National Endowment for the Humanities).

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*Lawrence University, a private liberal arts college situated along the Fox River in the heart of Appleton, is celebrating the 175th anniversary of its founding in 1847. With about 1,500 students drawn from nearly every state and more than 40 countries, Lawrence features a college of arts and sciences and a conservatory of music, both annually ranked among the best in the nation.*