

Native American Author Joseph M. Marshall, III to Visit CSUB

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Native American Author, Joseph Marshall III, author of *The Lakota Way* and of *The Power of Four*, will be sharing an evening of discussion, question-and-answer, and book signing on Wednesday, November 4, 2009 at 7:00pm in the CSUB Icardo Center.

Thanks to a generous donation from Target Corporation, CSUB will be giving away 100 free copies of *The Lakota Way*. Free copies will be given to the first 100 high school students who present a valid high school ID.

The Lakota Way by Joseph M. Marshall III is this quarter's book selection for the Runner Reader Program. The Runner Reader Program is a common book program serving to support the CSUB Roadrunner First-Year Resources for Undergraduate Success and High Achievement (RUSH-A) Program. The RUSH-A program allows students to experience CSUB as a university that encourages student participation and recognize the value of active involvement in the intellectual life of the campus through reading, discourse, and engagement with faculty and students. With a record number of true freshmen, more than 1,000, enrolled for the fall quarter, the RUSH-A Program could prove to be an important key to foster an educational community

committed to the academic and personal success of our undergraduate students that are transitioning to college life.

Each year, The Runner Reader Program chooses a book to serve as the focus of the program, allowing students to share their views about the book in various activities, including the Runner Reader Discussion Groups coordinated by Sigma Tau Delta, the International English Honor Society. The program ends with a campus visit by the author of the chosen book. This free event has been a success in previous years exposing students to a variety of cultural experiences, with such authors as Julie Otsuka, author of *When the Emperor was Divine*, and Firoozeh Dumas, bestselling author of *Funny in Farsi: A Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America*, and is looking forward to highlighting the African American experience next year.

Joseph Marshall III was born and raised on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Because his maternal grandparents raised him in a traditional native household, his first language is Lakota. In that environment, he also learned the ancient tradition of oral storytelling, providing a framework for his own work. Joseph has published six nonfiction works, and one novel, and was contributing author in four other publications; and has written several screenplays. One of his most treasured and meaningful experience was to be one of the founders of Sinte Gleska University (1971) on the Rosebud Sioux Indian Reservation. For more information of Joseph Marshall III, see his website: www.thunderdreamers.com.

CSUB, the Roadrunner First-Year RUSH-A program, the Indigenous Native American Club, and Sigma Tau Delta, the international English honor society are fortunate to provide an opportunity to supplement the first year experiences with this free, open to the public event, offering different perspectives within Native American culture.

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