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National American Indian Heritage Month "A Celebration of the American Indian Spirit"



Billy Mills1964 Olympic Gold Medalist and
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Casper and
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Billy Mills was born and raised on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota. Although Pine Ridge is very rich in culture and spirit it is continually recognized economically as one of the poorest communities in America.

Billy was orphaned by the age of 12 and sent to boarding schools. He graduated from high school at Haskell Indian School. Billy became involved in distance running and earned an athletic scholarship to the University of Kansas. Never winning a major race in track and field or cross-country, he continued to show promise by his performances in cross-country; making All-American seven times.

Upon graduating from the University of Kansas, Billy was commissioned an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps and continued training for the Olympic Team. He made the Olympic Team in two events, and the world was about to see the greatest upset in Olympic history unfold.

Today, Billy is an accomplished businessman, author, and national spokesperson for Christian Relief Services. As national spokesperson, he has helped raised over \$300 million in cash and in-kind for charities worldwide.

He has received five honorary doctorates and is the recipient of the Distinguished Service Citation (DSC). The DSC is the highest honor that the University of Kansas Alumni Association can bestow upon an individual to acknowledge outstanding achievement for the betterment of mankind



PROGRAM

"Celebrating the American Indian Spirit"

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Welcome Phil Hogen (*Ogala Lakota*)
Master of Ceremony Chairman, National Indian Gaming Commission

Opening Prayer Chet Eagleman (Assiniboine/Sioux)

Presentation of Colors U.S. Park Police Honor Guard

Flag and Veterans Song White Oak Singers

Musical Selections Casper and the Mighty 602 Band

Introduction of Keynote Speaker Phil Hogen

Keynote Speaker Billy Mills

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Acknowledgments and Closing Remarks

J. Steven Griles
Deputy Secretary

Closing Song White Oak Singers

Closing Prayer Chet Eagleman

Food sampling following the program in the South Penthouse