November is Native American Heritage Month.

Community Service Officer, William Torres is a member of the Lakotah Nation. CSO Torres, or “Mato Tanka”, received his second out of four tribal names in 2015. He is constantly learning more about his ancestry and is active with the Lakotah Oyate and culture. Mitakuye Oyasin, Native American Heritage Month was approved by a joint resolution through President George W. Bush in 1990. It celebrates the ancestry and traditions of various Native American cultures. The tribe living in Lisle around the area of the Benedictine University Campus was the Kaskaskia tribe. Illinois was named after one of the Native American tribes that occupied the land, the Illiniwek. Be on the lookout for information for the Winter Powwow, a community gathering with staples in Native American art, culture, crafts, and food; scheduled for January 28th, 2017 in the Krasa Student Center. Hope to see you there! Toksa.

Chief’s Commendation Award

Sgt. Brian Sawyer received a Chief’s Commendation for his efforts in Campus Safety with 10 recent arrests ranging from burglary to motor vehicle, narcotics, and criminal trespass. Sgt. Sawyer was acknowledged for his commitment to the Benedictine Community.

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Women’s Self Defense Course
Presented by Benedictine University Police

Tuesday, 11/08/2016
6:30 p.m.
Founders’ Woods Clubhouse

Space is limited, reserve your spot with Officer Kevin Triplett by emailing ktriplett@ben.edu

BenU Officer Kevin Triplett in addition to his current duties, has been selected as a certified Law Enforcement Instructor, by a regional State Criminal Justice training agency. He will be responsible for providing in-service training to area police officers. Kevin has also provided training to police officers in Central American.

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CPR Courses for first time applicants & re-certifying card holders is offered free of charge periodically throughout the year by the Benedictine University Office of Emergency Preparedness at the BenU Police Department. Courses are taught by instructor Mike Egan from LifeLink Emergency Management Systems, Inc. The course includes CPR, AED, and Heimlich Maneuver Instruction.

Our last series of CPR Courses were held in the middle of October and had a good mix of faculty, staff, and students. The course takes only one work day and can give you life saving training.