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Heritage University celebrates expansion with month-long celebration.

Toppenish, WA – After a year of construction, Heritage University is unveiling its transformed campus in a big way. Over the next seven weeks the University is hosting HeritageFest, a series of celebrations and cultural events for the entire family.

“We have so many great things to celebrate here at Heritage,” said David Wise, vice president for Marketing and Communications. “We want to invite the entire Yakima Valley to campus to see and experience all that is happening here.”

Kicking off HeritageFest is the official dedication, and the community’s first chance to get a good look at the new Dining Commons, the IT building, and the new Petrie Hall on Friday, September 5. The dedication starts at 1 p.m. and includes a reception and guided tours of the new construction.

Other events for the month include:

Community Day, Saturday, September 6, a celebration featuring the Yakima Herald Republic-sponsored A Taste of Home Cooking Show and Native American and Mexican cultural performances. Tickets for a Taste of Home are required. They are just \$5 each and all proceeds will be donated to the Heritage University Scholarship Fund. Tickets can be purchased online by visiting the Yakima Herald Republic Website.

HeritageFest Beats Jam, Saturday, September 13, a day-long hip-hop festival for high school and college students featuring nationally acclaimed MC Magic and a host of up-and-coming local performers. Free tickets are available to High School students through their school guidance counselors. College students can obtain tickets at the Student Services Building at Heritage University.

An art exhibit featuring Native American bead work and photography featuring images from Heritage University’s campus will be on display in the new art gallery through the month.

A lecture by local author Susan La Riviere on Thursday, September 11.

Presentations by Washington State Poet Laureate Elizabeth Austen on Wednesday, September 17 and Thursday, September 18.

Family Fun Day, Saturday, October 4, a day-long festival of arts and crafts, hands-on science activities, food, entertainment, and an outdoor movie.

The complete schedule of HeritageFest events can be found online at www.heritage.edu/heritagefest.

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