

## American Ninja Warrior Coming to the State Capitol



It's true. One of the top-rated summer TV shows is coming to town. American Ninja Warrior will be filming an episode on the south plaza of our very own State Capitol. The City of Oklahoma City and the State of Oklahoma are excited to be hosts to this nail-biting reality television program where contestants battle amazingly difficult obstacle courses requiring extensive training in grip strength, brachiate, bouldering, footwork, balance, upper body strength and other obstacle-specific disciplines.

This incredible opportunity is sure to bring quite a boon to the economy of the city and state. The set-up crew alone consists of approximately 200 people. Add the contestants and their families and friends, plus any number of tourists who are drawn here to be a part of the live audience, and it could potentially have a \$1 million dollar impact on Oklahoma City.

The filming is set to go through May 17. With the oil derrick, the stately Capitol building and our beautiful skyline as backdrops to the show, what a fantastic way to showcase what Oklahoma is all about. Not only do we welcome the financial boost to our economy, but we are proud to demonstrate again what an amazing state Oklahoma is, whether you live here or are just stopping in to become the next American Ninja Warrior. (Picture provided by NBC television.)

## American Indian Cultural Center and Museum

The unfinished American Indian Cultural Center and Museum (AICCM) is located at 659 American Indian Blvd. in OKC. Once completed, the AICCM will provide opportunities for families to experience one-of-a-kind exhibits, participate in hands-on educational programs and watch cultural demonstrations celebrating the histories and contemporary cultural expressions of the 39 Native American tribes in Oklahoma today.

The City of Oklahoma City conveyed the 210-acre site to the state in 2005, and construction began in 2006. The buildings total 184,000 square feet and occupy 60 acres on the Oklahoma River. The AICCM will showcase Smithsonian-quality exhibits and artifacts and include a welcome center. It features a large promontory mound, rising from below ground level to 90 feet high, that pays homage to the ancient mound-building practices of Oklahoma's tribes.



Native American history and symbolism are woven into every fabric of the design of the AICCM. For example, the eastern-facing "Remembrance Gates" are comprised of approximately 100,000 Mesquabuck stones from Eastern Oklahoma, representing those who endured and those who perished on the journey to Indian Territory from their original tribal homelands.

Once completed, it will deliver an authentic world-class American Indian experience and is projected to generate a \$3.8 billion economic impact over the next 20 years. Kevin Gover, Pawnee citizen and director of the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian, says, "This will be one of the most significant cultural institutions to open in the next decade." (Information provided by the Native American Cultural Authority.)

## REALS Employee Highlight



Ms. Raquel White joined the Real Estate and Leasing Services team in January 2016. Raquel's diverse customer service background includes processing titles, recovering claims, technical

support and direct customer service in the private sector. Since beginning with REALS, Raquel has been migrating REALS data to a more modern platform, thereby allowing REALS to become more mobile and technology-enabled. Additionally, Raquel serves a valuable role as part of the first line of customer service in our office. Raquel is a proud mother of three, including one college student.

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