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**RCC to Host Rappahannock Tribe Assistant Chief Mark Fortune**

In recognition of Native American Heritage Month, Rappahannock Community College, welcomes Rappahannock Tribe Assistant Chief Mark Fortune to speak on November 21 at 12:30 pm. The presentation will be held in the lecture halls at both the Glenns and Warsaw campus as well as on Zoom for those who can’t attend in person.

Fortune is the director of river programs and a Tribal citizen with the Rappahannock Tribe. He began serving as the assistant chief in 1994, was project manager of the construction of the Tribe’s three-building government complex, and is responsible for the Youth Leadership Council. Fortune is a member of the Tribe’s Maskapow Drum group and led the Pow Wow planning committee while training one of his sons to assume leadership in 2022. Chief Anne Richardson and Fortune developed the Return to the River Youth Education Program.

Fortune will talk about the Rappahannock Tribe, life in the Tribe, its programs, traditions, and community outreach initiatives.

To receive the Zoom link you must register at <https://vccs.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZErcemtrzkrGNG0VQZKBCeQ7tBRKkntUs4R> or email Tychier Nickens at tnickens@rappahannock.edu

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