

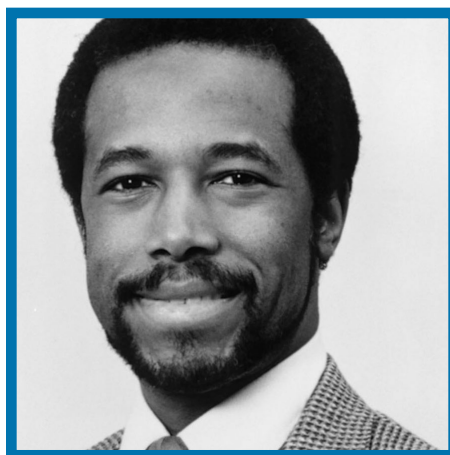
diversity 2003 – 2004 lecture series IX



N. SCOTT MOMADAY



KEVIN JENNINGS



DR. BENJAMIN CARSON



CRISTINA GARCIA

**Wednesday,
October 8, 2003**

N. Scott Momaday

Native American Scholar,
Poet and Author, and
Pulitzer Prize Winner

**“Heritage, Healing and
the Land: The Spiritual
Aspect of Landscape”**

An important voice on the American literary landscape, Momaday was awarded the Pulitzer Prize for the novel, *House Made of Dawn* and has received countless other awards, ranging from a Guggenheim Fellowship to the “Mondello,” Italy’s highest literary honor. He is the founder of The Buffalo Trust, a Native American non-profit foundation.

**Wednesday,
November 12, 2003**

Kevin Jennings

Executive Director
of GLSEN, Author

“The American Dreams”

Co-founder and Executive Director of GLSEN, the Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network, Jennings is a leader in education and civil rights communities. He is best known for his work creating safe schools for all lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) students. Newsweek recognized Jennings as one of “100 people to watch in the new century.” Mr. Jennings is the author of several books, and won a Sundance Film Festival “Best Documentary” award, for *Out of the Past*.

**Wednesday,
February 11, 2004**

Dr. Benjamin Carson

World-Renown Pediatric
Neurosurgeon, Author

“Think Big”

A brilliant and gifted surgeon, Ben Carson emerged from a childhood of poverty and violence to become the director of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Hospital. World-renowned for his skill and courage in performing radical procedures, Carson’s own struggle with an aggressive form of cancer has opened a new chapter in his life. His three books, *Gifted Hands*, *THINK BIG*, and most recently *The Big Picture*, provide inspiration and insight for leading a successful life.

**Wednesday,
March 10, 2004**

Cristina Garcia

Award-Winning Author

**“Beyond the Hyphen:
Identity in the Age
of Multiculturalism”**

In 1960, Cristina Garcia’s family fled Cuba in the wake of Fidel Castro’s Communist revolution. Drawing on her personal experiences in an expatriate family with strong connections in Cuba, Garcia has become one of the world’s best-loved novelists. Her novels *Dreaming in Cuban* and *The Agüero Sisters* trace the pain and promise of national detachment, as well as the delicacy and strength of family ties across generations.

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Free and open to the public, however, due to limited seating, tickets will be required. All lectures begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Grand Rapids Community College Applied Technology Center (Corner of Fountain St. and Ransom Ave.) A book signing will follow each lecture. **For tickets and/or information, please call (616) 234-3390.**