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Ted Nolan. Photo courtesy of phpa.com

Former NHL coach Ted Nolan will be making an appearance at the University of Saskatchewan later this month.

On Monday, April 24, Nolan will be the keynote speaker at a forum with university senior administration and Indigenous leaders from around Saskatchewan. He will also talk with

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students, sign autographs and take photos.

"This is a wonderful opportunity for our students, faculty and staff, as well as members of the wider campus community, to engage with one of the most inspirational and successful leaders in the Aboriginal and hockey community," said Peter Stoicheff, U of S president and vice-provost in a news release.

"We are honoured to have the chance to hear from Mr. Nolan as we continue to strengthen relationships with our Indigenous partners and build upon our commitment to making the university the best place it can possibly be for Aboriginal peoples and their communities."

Nolan is a member of the Ontario's Garden River First Nation. He played pro hockey, but is probably best known for his time as a coach in the NHL with the Buffalo Sabres and the New York Islanders. In 1997, Nolan won the Jack Adams Award as the NHL coach of the year. He was also behind the bench for Latvia at the 2014 Winter Olympics.

"I am grateful for the opportunities that hockey has provided me in my life, but most importantly the opportunity to serve as a role model to help inspire Indigenous people across the country," said Nolan in a news release.

Nolan received an honorary doctorate from Laurentian University in 2002 and a National Aboriginal Achievement Award in 1994.

"We have so much more that we can accomplish as communities and we need to take pride and draw strength in our history and heritage as we build for the future."