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## NABI REACHES ALL TIME GOAL OF 128 TEAMS!

Road to NABI Tournaments Planned Across Indian Country  
Schimmel Sister and Angel Goodrich to be Honored

The NABI Foundation, known for organizing high profile sporting events for Native American athletes, has reached their all-time goal of organizing a 128 team tournament for its 11<sup>th</sup> annual NABI Invitational scheduled for July 17-21 in Phoenix, AZ.

This summer's tournament will also have some very special guests to include: Rick Schimmel and Cecilee Moses, parents of Shoni & Jude Schimmel. They will be part of the NABI Educational Seminars held during NABI for all NABI athletes. In addition, NABI Alumnus Angel Goodrich who was recently drafted by the WNBA/Tulsa Shock, and Shoni and Jude Schimmel, the first women Native American players to play in a NCAA Championship game, will be honored as the recipients of the NABI Phil Homeratha Leadership Award at the NABI Championship games on Sunday July 21 at US Airways Center.

This year is going to be exciting with honoring the girls being the highlight of this year's tournament. Adding to that is NABI reaching its goal of 128 teams. This accomplishment brings NABI closer to their next major goal of working with tribes all over the US to organize ROAD to NABI tournaments. A ROAD to NABI tournament has been piloted at Ak-Chin Indian Community and for the last 2 years their tournament has filled up with teams on a waiting list.

MHA Nation (Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation) will be hosting their first ROAD to NABI tournament June 26-29, 2013. The tournament will take place in New Town, ND. Muscogee Creek Nation of Oklahoma will be next and with how fast, and big the Ak-Chin ROAD to NABI has grown- great things are expected.

For now, the ROAD to NABI tournaments will act as preparation tournaments for the teams competing in the NABI Invitational tournament held in Phoenix every summer. NABI's ultimate goal: organizing 64 ROAD to NABI tournaments and sanctioning them as NABI regional tournaments with their Championship teams competing in the NABI Invitational, and eventually going back to NCAA certification. "The NABI Invitational will truly be the best of the best" says GinaMarie Scarpa, NABI Foundation Co-founder & CEO.

NABI Invitational games kick off on Thursday July 18<sup>th</sup> in 9 phoenix area gyms. Gold Division Championship games will be played at US Airways Center on Sunday July 21. The championship games will immediately follow the Phoenix Mercury game. Tickets can be purchased for \$10 and will include a FREE Mercury Game ticket. Tickets can be purchased only through the NABI Foundation.

**Presenting Sponsor include; Ak-Chin Indian Community, Nike N7, Yavapai Prescott Indian Tribe, Beard Companies and Native Nations.**

For more information about the NABI Invitational, ROAD to NABI tournaments and the NABI Foundation log on to the NABI official website [www.nabifoundation.org](http://www.nabifoundation.org) or contact [info@nabifoundation.org](mailto:info@nabifoundation.org) To register a team for the MHA ROAD to NABI contact: Rose Bear [rosebear@mhanation.com](mailto:rosebear@mhanation.com) (O) 701-627-4415 or (C) 701-421-2150

Other sponsors include: Phoenix Suns, Phoenix Mercury, Arizona Diamondbacks, US Airways Center, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, National Indian Gaming Association & Bank of America

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