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Angel Goodrich and Schimmel Sisters to be Honored at NABI Championship Games

Rick Schimmel & CeCi Moses scheduled to speak at NABI Educational Seminars

Angel Goodrich, a NABI alumnus who recently was drafted into the WNBA/Tulsa Shock and Shoni & Jude Schimmel, the first Native Americans to play in a NCAA Championship game, were named the recipients of the Phil Homeratha Leadership Award. The award, named after the late Coach Phil Homeratha/Haskell Women's Basketball Coach, will be presented during the NABI Championship games taking place at US Airways Center, Sunday July 21, 2013.

Since the inception of NABI in 2003, NABI has selected an individual that is making a difference in the advancement of Native American athletes to receive the award. "This year we chose to honor all three talented young ladies. Their achievements in the sport of basketball have been inspirational and will continue to inspire our Native American youth for years to come. It was an easy selection" says GinaMarie Scarpa Co-founder & CEO of the NABI Foundation.

Rick Schimmel and wife CeCi Moses, parents of Shoni and Jude, are also scheduled to speak at the Educational Seminars held during NABI week. The seminars are organized during NABI to bring positive messages that inspire the athletes participating in the NABI tournament. Previous speakers have included: pro-football & baseball great Bo Jackson, legendary LSU Coach Dale Brown and local Fox Sports Broadcaster Jude LaCava.



2012 "Phil Homeratha Awardee"
Ralph Marchetta, General
Manager/ US Airways Center.
Presenter: NABI Foundation
President Tex G. Hall

This year's tournament is expecting 128 teams- the largest NABI tournament to date. Games start on July 18th in 10 Phoenix area gyms with the Championship Games being played immediately following the Phoenix Mercury game on Sunday July 21st. People wishing to purchase NABI Championship Game tickets (\$10) will be allowed entrance into both the Mercury game and NABI Championship games. Tickets can be purchased by contacting the NABI Foundation or at US Airways Center/NABI booth prior to the start of the Mercury game. All proceeds to benefit the NABI Foundation.

NABI, co-founded by Mark West of the Phoenix Suns, the late Scott Podleski and GinaMarie Scarpa, started out as a small local tournament in 2003 and since has become a youth non-profit organizing one of the largest all Native American tournaments; bringing exposure to thousands High School athletes from all over North America.

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For more information about the NABI Invitational and the NABI Foundation, log on to the NABI official website www.nabifoundation.org or contact info@nabifoundation.org

NABI.....for the advancement of Native American Athletes!

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