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## **Tahnee Robinson Appearing at NABI**

**All American to make an appearance at NABI Championship games @USAC Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Tahnee, an All American who was drafted by the WNBA and is the new Nike N7 ambassador, will be making a special appearance during the NABI Championship games on Saturday July 9<sup>th</sup>. "This is a great opportunity for our young Native American athletes to come out and meet a great role model and athlete. She truly has accomplished so much and I know she will inspire all our youth to strive for their best" says GinaMarie Scarpa NABI Foundation Co-founder & CEO.

NABI, co-founded by Mark West of the Phoenix Suns, started out as a small local tournament in 2003 and since has become a national known tournament, bringing exposure to Native American High School athletes from all over North America.

Since its inception, NABI is directly responsible for encouraging the NCAA to change their "same state" rule to allow Native American tournaments to become sanctioned NCAA summer tournaments, thus allowing NABI to become the first all Native American tournament certified by the NCAA. To date NABI has created over 75 college scholarships opportunities for NABI participating athletes and has awarded over \$75,000 in financial aid.

Along with a record number of teams (92 teams/1200 athletes) descending on Phoenix July 5-9; Nike, [Nike N7](#), Ak-Chin Indian Community and Grand Canyon University will once again be the presenting sponsor of this prestige event.

NABI Championship games will once again be played at the US Airways Center Saturday July 9 to include a spectacular slam dunk contest and show put on by Kenny Dobbs. Kenny, a Phoenix resident and enrolled member of the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, is considered one of the best slam dunkers in the world. NBA Ironman and former LA Laker AC Green, compares Kenny's dunking talent to that of the great Michael Jordan and Dr. J.

Also, the first 500 people to purchase tickets to the USAC Championship games will receive a free Nike hat.

"This year's event is sure to bring the excitement of NABI to a higher level. We are hoping for a record turnout of support, which will show our youth, that we *all* are here for them and supporting their educational dreams and goals" say Mark West NABI Co-founder.

For more information about the NABI Invitational 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)

Other sponsors of the NABI event include: Phoenix Suns, Phoenix Mercury, Arizona Diamondbacks, Phoenix Coyotes, US Airways Center, National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development, National Indian Gaming Association, Maricopa Community Colleges, City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services Department, Ivy Bridge College and 21Native.com

All proceeds from this event benefit the NAB Foundation. NABI Foundation is a 501 (c) (3) youth non- profit.  
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