



**The National Native American
Boarding School Healing Coalition**

Dear Tribal Leader,

We are reaching out to extend a warm invitation to Indian Boarding School Survivors to join the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) in **Bismarck, North Dakota, June 24-28, 2024 at the United Tribes Technical College.**

As part of the U.S. Department of the Interior's Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative, NABS will be visiting North Dakota to honor boarding school survivors and to invite them to share their experiences toward the creation of a permanent national oral history collection. This historic project (boardingschoolhealing.org/oral-history-project) aims to shed light on stories that have long gone untold and is a lifeline to preserving the voices and memories of Indian boarding school survivors.

We will begin the week with an opening ceremony and meal on Monday, 6/24, and hold a closing ceremony and meal on Friday, 6/28. We humbly welcome your participation in the ceremonies as well as the encouragement of those that attended boarding school. NABS endeavors to host this week of events in a manner that can bring about healing for our relatives, communities, and Tribal Nations. Boarding school survivors will receive an honorarium, a travel stipend, a care package with items made by Native artisans, receive a copy of their interview, and will have the opportunity to receive ongoing support from our team.

Tue. June 11	1pm CT	Register for the zoom link: https://bit.ly/ND-OHP	VIRTUAL Community Gathering (Learn more about the project and ask questions)
Mon. June 24	1pm CT	United Tribes Technical College Skills Center - Commons Area	Opening Ceremony & Community Luncheon
Tue. June 25- Fri. June 28	9am- 5pm CT	United Tribes Technical College Skills Center	Interviews To schedule an interview, email OralHistoryProject@nabshc.org or call (651) 650-4445 or sign up at https://www.tfaforms.com/5092936
Fri. June 28	3pm CT	United Tribes Technical College Skills Center - Commons Area	Closing Ceremony & Community Luncheon

We invite you to join us in encouraging boarding school survivors to share their story, and to contribute to the movement of truth-seeking and truth-telling as we work together to create a first-of-its-kind Oral History Collection. Please see the enclosed attachments that may assist in spreading the word. **If you have any questions, we can be reached at (612) 354-7700.**

Sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer

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