



The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition

Dear Relative,

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 **Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, March 18-22, 2024 at the Skirvin Hotel.**

As part of the U.S. Department of the Interior’s Federal Indian Boarding School Initiative, NABS will be visiting Oklahoma 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 dinner on Monday, 3/18, and hold a closing ceremony and meal on Friday, 3/22. 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 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.

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| Tue. Mar.12 | 12pm CT | ZOOM: Bit.ly/OKohp | VIRTUAL Community Gathering | Learn about the Oral History Project and our agenda for the week in Oklahoma City. |
| Mon. Mar. 18 | 6pm CT | The Skirvin Hotel | Opening Ceremony & Community Dinner | Please RSVP here: https://bit.ly/OHP-RSVP |
| Tue. Mar.19- Thu. Mar 21 | ALL DAY | The Skirvin Hotel | Interviews with Boarding School Survivors | To schedule an interview, email OralHistoryProject@nabshc.org or call (651) 650-4445 |
| Fri. Mar. 22 | 11am CT | The Skirvin Hotel | Closing Ceremony & Community Lunch | Please RSVP here: https://bit.ly/OHP-RSVP |

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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