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### **The Missing and Murdered Diné Relative Task Force recognizes Da Tribe Baseball for their efforts in raising awareness about MMIP**



**Missing and Murdered Diné Relative Task Force recognized Da Tribe Youth Baseball team and coaches.**

**WINDOW ROCK, Ariz.** – On Thursday, the Missing and Murdered Diné Relative Task Force recognized Da Tribe Youth Baseball for their commitment to raising awareness of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples movement through youth athletics, community leadership and cultural pride.

The team was honored for featuring missing Diné woman Tiffany Reid on their jerseys and using baseball as a platform to educate communities about the ongoing MMIP crisis during tournaments and games across the Southwest.

“Da Tribe has shown that our youth can be powerful advocates for change while honoring who they are as Diné people,” said MMDR Task Force Chair Amber Kanazbah Crotty. “By carrying Tiffany Reid’s name on their jerseys and helping bring awareness to the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Peoples movement, these young athletes are reminding our communities that every missing relative matters. Their leadership demonstrates that sports can unite people, preserve our identity, and inspire action for future generations.”

Before starting the recognition, Crotty explained the history and significance of the Navajo Nation Council Chamber and its murals. She highlighted the importance of understanding Diné history and honoring the sacrifices of previous generations. Crotty urged the players to keep learning their clans and to practice Navajo self-introductions, reminding them that the

leaders and ancestors shown in the Council Chamber devoted their lives to preserving Diné traditions, culture, and future generations.

The Task Force acknowledged Da Tribe for their remarkable accomplishments both on and off the baseball diamond. Demonstrating discipline, teamwork, persistence, and respect, the team has secured championship titles, tournament invites, and the respect of communities across the region.

More than just athletic success, Da Tribe serves as a positive youth leadership example by fostering cultural pride, honoring the Navajo Code Talkers' legacy, mentoring younger players, and advocating for awareness of Indigenous community issues.

Coaches were also recognized for their leadership and dedication to mentoring Navajo youth through baseball. Their commitment has helped establish a program that emphasizes character, accountability and respect while preparing young athletes for success both in competition and in their communities.

The Missing and Murdered Diné Relative Task Force commends Da Tribe's players, coaches, families and supporters for demonstrating that true champions are defined not only by victories on the field but also by their service, leadership and commitment to their people. The recognition highlights the important role young leaders play in preserving Diné culture, strengthening communities and ensuring the stories of missing and murdered Indigenous relatives continue to be remembered.

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