



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

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We are devastated to learn this week of a report of sexual assault involving a photographer contracted by NABS to document our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Boarding School Healing Conference in November 2019. We condemn the reported actions by Adam Sings In The Timber.

The individual who has come forward was not a registered attendee of the NABS Boarding School Healing Conference and NABS was not aware of any misconduct allegations until this week.

We set a very high standard for anyone we work with and bring in contact with boarding school survivors and descendants. We have zero tolerance for unethical behavior or impropriety by any participants in NABS events.

Under our new executive leadership, we are committed to providing safe spaces that are mindful of the needs of trauma and abuse survivors. We are actively reviewing our vetting process for all contractors present at NABS events.

We are immediately starting the process of removing all assets from Adam Sings In The Timber taken at our 2019 conference from NABS's website, social media channels, and digital platforms. We have not worked with him since 2019—the sole instance we have contracted with him—and we will not in the future.

We unequivocally stand with survivors of sexual abuse. Our work is deeply linked to the legacy of sexual violence in our communities. We are committed to confronting abuse in our communities and supporting healing for survivors of sexual violence.