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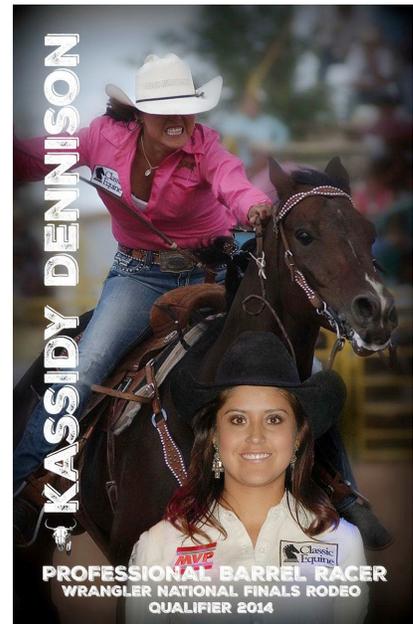
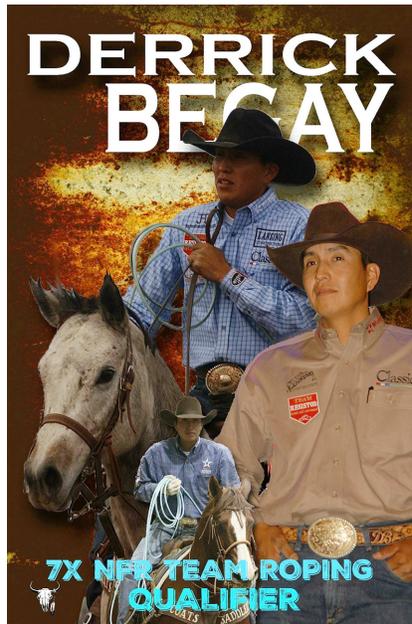
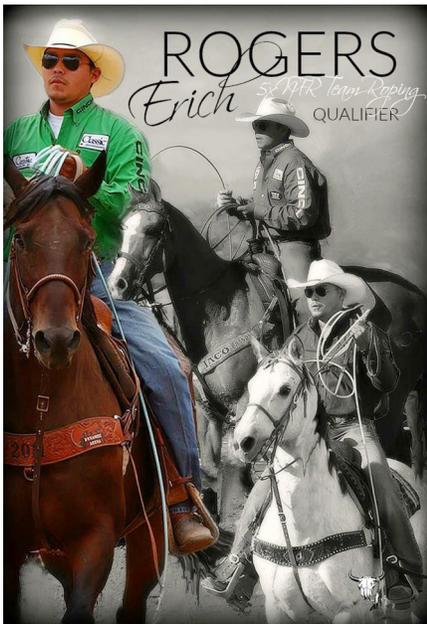
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OPVP Hosts Appreciation Dinner to Honor WNFR Competitors and Champions



WINDOW ROCK-The Office of the President and Vice-President (OPVP) will honor the Navajo cowboys that qualified for the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (WNFR) with an appreciation dinner at the Twin Arrows Navajo Casino and Resort on Saturday, January 30, 2016 at 5 p.m.

“Our Navajo athletes who participated in the 2015 WNFR have set great examples of individuals leading healthy, active lifestyles. They have pushed their athleticism to compete at top levels in their sport and have come out successfully. The Begaye-Nez administration wishes to honor these athletes and recognize their talents and true potential in excelling as champions of the sport,” said President Russell Begaye.

The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) 2015 was exceptional for our Navajo cowboys who qualified and participated at the WNFR the past couple years. Mr. Aaron Tsinigine, Mr. Derrick Begay and Mr. Erich Rogers displayed their talent in the arena, enough to crown Mr. Aaron Tsinigine the 2015 World Champion Team Roping Header, a prestigious title and honor in modern day professional rodeo.

In 2014, Ms. Kassidy Dennison was the only Navajo female to qualify for the WNFR in the ladies barrel racing. These distinguished Navajo rodeo athletes represented the Navajo Nation with dignity and respect, which was witnessed on a national level through CBS Sports Network.

“Our Navajo people have been ranchers and horsemen for a very long time. It is inspiring to see our Navajo cowboys get well deserved recognition on the national stage during the WNFR,” said Navajo Nation Vice President Jonathan Nez.

This appreciation dinner is a gesture exemplifying the Begaye-Nez Administration’s support of our Navajo Professional

Rodeo Athletes. There will be dignitaries with Special Guests: Mr. Russell Begaye, President of the Navajo Nation and Mr. Jonathan Nez, Vice-President; Mr. Joe Beaver, eight-time PRCA World Champion Tie down roper.

“This is just the start. Our rodeo athletes will continue to compete in the National Finals,” Vice President Nez added.

Entertainment will be provided by Miss Navajo Nation, Ms. Alyson Shirley, along with a country dance featuring Stateline.

The agenda will include a live auction as well as a meet and greet with Team Navajo comprised of the featured Navajo cowboys. However, 2015 World Champion Team Roping Header, Aaron Tsinigine will not be present as he declined the invitation to the event.

OPVP extends the invitation to the general public to attend this event honoring our champion Navajo rodeo athletes.

Tickets for the dinner will be available on a first-come, first-served basis and limited to 400. Tickets will be sold at OPVP through Friday at 4:30 p.m. Tickets will also be available in limited number at the door.

Registration for the dinner at Twin Arrows will open at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 30. Adult tickets are \$25 and children under 10 years old are \$10.

Cash and money order are the only accepted forms of payment. Please make money orders payable to Twin Arrows Navajo Casino & Resort and include the booking ID number: 3084.

Tickets for the dance starting at 9 p.m. featuring Stateline can be purchased separately from the dinner event. These tickets will be \$15 per person or \$25 for couples. Wristbands from the dinner event will also provide admittance to the country dance.

For further information or any questions please call Charity Sam at (928) 810-8505. Send all email correspondence to opvp.wnfr.appreciationdinner@gmail.com.

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NAVAJO NATION OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

❧ HONORING ❧
TEAM NAVAJO

**WRANGLER NATIONAL FINALS RODEO
APPRECIATION DINNER**

**JANUARY 30, 2016
TWIN ARROWS NAVAJO CASINO**

AGENDA

5:00 PM DOORS OPEN

5:50 PM MISTRESS OF CEREMONY
Ms. LA WILLIAMS

OPENING PRAYER MR. JOHN BOYD JR.

DINNER SERVED

HISTORY OF RODEO ON NAVAJO MR. AL YAZZIE

INTRODUCTION OF TEAM NAVAJO RUSSELL BEGAYE, NAVAJO NATION PRESIDENT
JONATHAN NEZ, NAVAJO NATION VICE PRESIDENT
JOE BEAVER, 8x PRCA WORLD CHAMPION

ENTERTAINMENT ALYSON SHIRLEY, 2015-2016 MISS NAVAJO NATION

CLOSING REMARKS & BENEDICTION JONATHAN NEZ, NAVAJO NATION VICE PRESIDENT

MEET AND GREET TEAM NAVAJO & JOE BEAVER

9:00 PM COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE FEATURING STATELINE

SAFE TRAVELS



Registration#: _____

REGISTRATION FORM

TEAM NAVAJO APPRECIATION DINNER

Twin Arrows Navajo Casino Resort
22181 Resort Blvd
Flagstaff, Arizona 86004

Registration: Team Navajo Appreciation Dinner. *One form per person.* Registration deadline is 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 29, 2016. Please email registration forms to cksam@navajo-nsn.gov or fax to (928) 871-4025.

(Please Print)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Please check one: Adult \$25.00 Child \$10.00
(Cash or Money Order ONLY)

Payments can be dropped off at the Office of the President and Vice President, 100 Parkway, Window Rock, Arizona 86515 (*before 4:30 p.m. Friday, January 29, 2016*) or hand-carried to Twin Arrows Navajo Casino on the day of event.

All tickets are first come first served. Limited tickets will be available at the door. Registration fees are required before entry. Tickets/wrist bands will be provided to all paid participants.

Please make money order payable to “Twin Arrows Navajo Casino & Resort” include “Booking ID: 3084” on all money orders.

For additional information call (928) 810-8505