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# Navajo President Joe Shirley, Jr., speaks to Boys & Girls Clubs during Native American Summit at Seminole Tribe in Florida

WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – Navajo Nation President Joe Shirley, Jr., honored two national leaders of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America at the Native American Summit in Hollywood, Fla., last week.

He said that because of their efforts, Navajo children have been afforded more opportunities, and early members are now in college.

Both men have been significantly involved in club development in Indian Country and continue to show their unwavering support for Club development on the Navajo Nation.



*President Shirley presents a gift to Mark Piccirilli, President of FirstPic Inc.*

The summit was held at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino as part of its strategy to further develop and strengthen more than 200 clubs that serve more than 141,000 Club members in Indian Country.

Hosted by the Seminole Tribe of Florida, the theme of the conference was *"Celebrate Our Youth and Culture: A Journey from the Past into the Future."*

Building on the premise of partnership and collaboration, participants invited to attend the conference included tribal leaders, federal and state government representatives, club professional staff, and board volunteers, as well as corporations with an interest in serving youth in Native America.

Before more than 200 participants, the President congratulated Mark Piccirilli, president of First PIC., Inc., and a Boys & Girls Clubs Native American National Advisory Council member, and Rick Goings, the former chairman of BGCA's Native American National Advisory Council and current Chairman of BGCA's Board of Governors.

The President stressed the need for people to work together for the good of the youth who are the future of the nation. He met with Eugenia Tyner-Dawson from the U.S. Department of Justice and various other tribal leaders.

