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FDIHB Chief Candidate Receives National Human Resources Leader of the Year Award

Fort Defiance, AZ- Just a few weeks after becoming the first FDIHB employee to be promoted into the Mentorship Advancement Program (MAP) Candidate for the Chief Human Resources position, Margaret Lynch received another honor, this time from the National Native American Human Resources Association (NNAHRA), which named Lynch as its Human Resources Leader of the Year for all of Indian Country.

NNAHRA has more than 800 members representing Human Resources professionals from throughout Indian Country, including tribal owned businesses and enterprises, tribal governments and programs and departments, and businesses serving tribes.

Hospital staff and leadership, including the board of directors honored Lynch on Monday, September 28, 2015 with a HR Leader of the Year sash, a fun tiara, and a lunch. Lynch stated she is “extremely humbled and overwhelmed.” She further stated “we are changing the face of healthcare. It is no longer a *cookie cutter* mold sent to us from the Federal Government. And it starts with Human Resources growing our own. I am humbled by this. Thank you so much,”

Board of directors congratulated Ms. Lynch and Vivian Santistevan, Chief of Human Resources, summed up comments of all who attended by saying “this is a tremendous honor not only for Margaret but also for all Navajo people, our patients and our organization (FDIHB, Inc.)”

Lynch, is Navajo from Window Rock and has more than 14 years of experience in the Human Resources profession. She has a wealth of knowledge in HR issues and is an expert of employee benefits issues. She is married with two children who are born for the *Deeshchii'nii* clan. Her mother is from Spain and her father is the late Dr. Lloyd House (*Oneida and T'ízi táni*) of Teesto, AZ.

FDIHB, Inc. congratulates Margaret Lynch on her National Award as Human Resources Leader of the Year.



Mrs. Lynch being congratulated by FDIHB, Inc. Board of Directors President Dr. David Tsosie

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