



Kiarra Alma Gordon

July 26, 2005 - August 28, 2022

On August 28, 2022, 17-year-old student Kiarra Alma Gordon was killed and six others injured during an accident involving a bus from the Holbrook Indian School (HIS) in Arizona. According to the Arizona Department of Public Safety, the bus slowed down in traffic near a rollover crash when it was struck from behind by a semi-truck. The bus, transporting a group of staff and students on a field trip to Window Rock, Arizona, was pushed into the vehicle in front of it.

“I am finding it difficult to find the right words to express our grief on the loss of our dear student Kiarra. She brightened our world. I continue to pray for our students who were injured and for all the students and staff who were on the bus,” said Pedro Ojeda, principal of Holbrook Indian School, who issued a joint statement about the incident with Berit von Pohle, HIS board chair and Pacific Union Conference vice president for education, on August 30 (statement is below).

Gordon, from the Wide Ruins on the Navajo Nation, was a talented young woman who loved sports and was focused on her education. The six other students were treated at Flagstaff Medical Center; three were released after medical evaluation, and three remain hospitalized in stable condition. The families ask for privacy.

Donations can be made to the Holbrook Indian School <https://www.holbrookindianschool.org/currentprojects>

Tribute Wall



“ *Reflecting on Memories created a Tribute Video in memory of Kiarra Alma Gordon*



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“ *Such a sad and tragic loss. We send our heartfelt sympathy to your family for your great loss of Kiarra. Please know that others do care. Always she will be sadly missed and lovingly remembered.*

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