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Debrah Garrett receives the Adai Caddo Indian Nation's highest honor

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"Named for Rufus Joseph Davis, Jr., a great chief who fought for the tribe's rights and preserved much of its history, the award is presented once a year to a member for selfless service to the tribe. The 2025 recipient is Debrah Solice Garrett."

Market Press Release ◆ The Adai Caddo Indian Nation recognized Debrah Solice Garrett with the Chief Rufus Davis, Jr. Award at their 27th Annual Powwow in Natchitoches Parish. The award is the tribe's highest honor. She received the award for her many years of outstanding service to the tribe as their advocate in the state's capital and for her leadership as powwow director, tribal councilwoman, and vice chief.

"It is right and just to present this well-deserved award to our faithful vice chief," said Chief John Mark Davis. "Debrah stood beside my father and served selflessly as a representative of our tribe on the Louisiana Native American Commission and still does so today. She has proven to be the best choice for vice chief. There is no one in our tribe more compassionate about our heritage and a defender of our culture and tradition. She serves tirelessly on all fronts for the Adai Caddo Indian Nation dutifully with no regard for herself and with no assumption of praise or gratitude. I hope this prestigious award will serve as a token of the tribe's appreciation for all that she does."

"I am humbled to receive such an honorable award," said Debrah. "The tribe is my family. I consider it a blessing to help my people in any way I can."

Debrah is the vice chief and tribal councilwoman of the Adai Caddo Indian Nation. She assists the chief in all matters and presides over the tribal council in his absence. She oversees all major events and staff, including the annual powwow. She represents the tribe on the Native American Commission of the Louisiana Office of Indian Affairs in Baton Rouge. Beyond her service to the tribe, she is an active member of the Krewe of Centaur in Shreveport. She has been the float lieutenant, winning numerous art awards. Debrah graduated in Control Systems from Bossier Parish Community College and had a successful career, working for companies such as Eastman Chemical Company and Kinder Morgan.

"The award is named in honor of our beloved Chief Rufus," said Tribal Councilman Robert Brevelle. "The award recognizes a member's selfless service to the tribe whose actions have gone above and beyond, greatly benefited or protected the tribe, and honors the sacrifices, service, and memory of Chief Rufus. Like Chief Rufus, Debrah's service will have a profound impact on the tribe for generations to come."

Recipients of the annual award are memorialized on a large bronze plaque at the Adai Caddo Cultural Center. The tribe presented Debrah with a personalized walnut plaque and a tomahawk that also functions as a peace pipe.

Learn more about the Adai Caddo Indian Nation by attending the annual powwow on the third Saturday of October at the Adai Caddo Cultural Center and Ceremonial Grounds, 4460 LA-485, Robeline, LA 71469.
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