



## REMEMBERING A MODERN DAY WARRIOR

*This issue of Indian Time is dedicated to the life and memory of the late Chief Jessie W. Richardson, former Chief of the Haliwa-Saponi Indian tribe.*

*The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs honors Chief Richardson, who passed away on Dec. 15, 2011, by recognizing the great value he placed on the pursuit of education. His family established "The Chief Jessie W. Richardson Memorial Scholarship Award," which was presented to Ralph Evans, a Haliwa-Saponi student, during the 37th Annual North Carolina Indian Unity Conference held in March.*

Chief Jessie, as he was known, was sworn into office Nov. 18, 1999, after serving as Vice Chief for three consecutive terms of office. He was appointed Chief following the resignation of Chief W.R. Richardson, who resigned due to failing health after 44 years of service.

Chief Jessie was first elected to the Tribal Council in 1967. His service to the tribe spanned nearly 46 total years as Chief, Vice Chief, and as a Council Member. He took pride in the fact that he and his family were among the original enrollees of the tribe after reorganization back in the 1950s. He not only took on leadership roles within the tribe, but he was also instrumental in the development of the old Haliwa Indian School in 1957, Mount Bethel Indian Baptist Church in 1958, and the first Tribal Office building in the 1970s.

In the 1950s, along with other concerned Indian leaders in the community, Chief Jessie worked to ensure that the rights and needs of American Indians were addressed. He traveled throughout the state and nation meeting with government officials in an effort to further the American Indian agenda and identify funding resources for the tribe. As a result, the tribe received its first government grants and work was begun to

improve the socio-economic conditions that befell the Indian community.

Today, the Haliwa Indian School operates as a tribally-based Charter School, the only one of its kind in the State of North Carolina. The Haliwa-Saponi Powwow, held there each year to commemorate the tribe's state recognition in 1965, remains the largest traditional Powwow in North Carolina.

Chief Jessie always stated that, "I want my children to have a better life than I had and not have to work so hard." He and his wife made sure their children graduated from high school, went on to higher education, or pursued a professional career or government employment. This life goal was accomplished.

Chief Jessie is survived by his wife, Bertha M. Daniel, and their children; Gregory, Executive



*Chief Jessie W. Richardson*

Director of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs; MeSheila, a trained social worker; Cecelia, who works with a major pharmaceutical company; and Angela, a teacher with the Halifax County School System.





## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

The 40th anniversary of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs was commemorated with an official ceremony held in November, but the Commission continues to mark its "40 Years of Commitment, Service and Accomplishments" with dedicated service to our tribal constituents.

The yearlong celebration was launched on Nov. 18, when the Commission invited tribal leaders who represent the state's eight recognized tribes and four urban associations to its quarterly meeting held at N.C. State University Club in Raleigh.

That evening, a 40th anniversary commemorative banquet was held in Kerr Hall at Edenton Street United Methodist Church in Raleigh. Current and former Commissioners, staff, tribal leaders, and others gathered to mark this significant milestone. Special guests and performers included Arnold Richardson, renowned Haliwa-Saponi flutist, Adrienne Blanks, *Miss Indian North Carolina*, Kristina Hyatt, *Miss Cherokee*, Whitney McFarland, *Miss Lumbee*, Alaina Malcolm, *Teen Miss Lumbee*, and Calista Deal, *Little Miss Lumbee*.

The Commission also participated in the 16th annual American Indian Heritage Celebration on Nov. 19 at the N.C. Museum of History in downtown Raleigh. Gov. Bev Perdue and First Gentlemen Bob Eaves invited tribal leaders to a reception at the Governor's Mansion. This was a very impressive event and for many tribal leaders it was the first time

they had visited the Governor's Mansion. During the reception, Gov. Perdue said, "North Carolina's trailblazing history and economic strength can be traced back to the contributions of our state's earliest inhabitants."

Additionally, Gov. Perdue presented a proclamation proclaiming November as American Indian Heritage Month in North Carolina and urged "its citizens to recognize and celebrate the many achievements and contributions made by the native inhabitants of North Carolina." The proclamation specifically honors members of the Coharie, Eastern Band of Cherokee, Haliwa-Saponi, Lumbee, Meherrin, Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, Sappony, and Waccamaw-Siouan tribes, and

the Cumberland County Association for Indian People, Guilford Native American Association, Metrolina Native American Association, and Triangle Native American Society.

I believe that North Carolina has set a great example of a true government-to-government relationship with Indian tribes for other states to follow. Indian tribes and Indian citizens have made, and continue to make, substantial contributions to the state in terms of generating jobs and producing other economic stimuli. Today, many of our tribes are the largest employers in their community and contribute greatly to their economic growth.

The Commission has served as an effective advocate



Gregory A. Richardson

for Indian tribes and Indian communities and continues to bring a wide range of needed services to constituents. Among them are education support programs designed to assist disadvantaged students, as well as help motivated high school students transition successfully to college and the workplace. Tribes and Indian organizations provide workforce-skills training opportunities which enable Indian youth and others to get a job and remain gainfully employed.

As the state's leading voice on Indian issues, the Commission will continue to address issues related to the economic downturn and anticipated recovery. Additionally, the Commission will focus resources on the needs of the homeless, on health issues, including the high rate of diabetes among American Indians, and Indian Child Welfare.





## Recognition of Commission Staff - 2012 Service Awards



Four employees were recognized for their years of service to the State of North Carolina during the April 2 Commission staff meeting. Joining Executive Director Greg Richardson are (from left):

*Cynthia (Jill) Mantych, Housing Inspector, Section 8 Housing Program, 25 years of service; Kimberly Hammonds, Economic Development Director, Supporting Undergraduate Native Students (SUNS) Program, 20 years of service; Hermione Ruffin, Processing Assistant, Section 8 Housing Program, 5 years of service; and Kerry Bird, Project Coordinator, The Uppowoc Project/Teen Tobacco Prevention Program, 10 years of service.*

### Coharie Tribe's Video Released

The Native American Resource Center at the University of North Carolina at Pembroke has released the DVD "Our People: The Coharie," one in a series of DVDs highlighting the history of state-recognized tribes in North Carolina. The project is a collaborative effort between the university and the Commission.

Dr. Stanley Knick, NARC Director, served as the director, editor and producer of the video. For more information or to purchase a copy of the video, please contact the Native American Resource Center at (910)521-6282 or email [native\\_museum@uncp.edu](mailto:native_museum@uncp.edu).

### GAO targets funding for State Recognized tribes

State and national tribal leaders are concerned that a federal General Accountability Office (GAO) study is designed to target cuts in federal funding for state-recognized tribes. The GAO team visited the Commission last September to initiate a study. Its objective was to determine: (1) which federal agencies and programs are explicitly authorized to provide funding to non-federally recognized tribes, and for what purpose; and, (2) for fiscal years 2006 through 2010, how much federal funding did non-federally recognized tribes receive by agency and program, and to what extent eligibility was based on their status as Indians.

GAO is conducting the study in response to a request made by

the House Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs, Committee on Natural Resources. The Commission sent letters to Congressional representatives expressing concerns about the study and the fact that non-federally recognized tribes and organizations are being singled out.

The GAO team visited the Commission, the Lumbee, Waccamaw-Siouan, Coharie and the Haliwa-Saponi tribes in North Carolina, and the tribes in Virginia to gather information for their report. A confidential draft of the study was released in January, and a final report on the study is scheduled to be released this spring.



## Grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust

The Commission has received a two-year grant from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust to support a new statewide initiative known as Healthy, Native North Carolinians. The state's tribes and urban Indian organizations are targeted to participate in the program. Funds will be used to develop, implement and evaluate community changes needed to foster healthy eating and active living.

The program will be administered through a partnership between the American Indian Center in Chapel Hill and the Center for Health Promotion and Disease Prevention at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The Commission will be working with tribes to build capacity and foster sustainable tribally led community changes centered around healthy eating.

In January, a meeting was held with 25 of the project partners and tribal liaisons at the Commission's office. The tribes and organizations have developed action

plans and are implementing strategies addressing access to healthy foods and healthy eating behaviors.

As an example, the Sappony have used funds to improve a walking path in their tribal community. They are promoting exercise and encouraging tribal members to walk, run, or bike on the new path.

At the 37th annual N.C. Indian Unity Conference in Charlotte, the Commission participated in a workshop where participants shared lessons learned on the development and implementation of their community projects.

Dr. Sheila Fleischhacker, lead collaborator on the project, presented research gathered through the American Indian Healthy Eating Project that initiated this partnership around tribally led community changes at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Healthy Eating Research grantee meeting held Feb. 15.

## Harlan appointed to Domestic Violence Commission

Lynne Harlan, a member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee, was appointed to the N.C. Domestic Violence Commission by Sen. Phil Berger in September. Members of the Domestic Violence Commission, a program of the N.C. Council for Women develop and govern programs addressing domestic violence issues across the state. The Council provides funding to domestic violence programs which provide shelter services, counseling, 24-hour crisis line services, transportation, court and advocacy services and assistance to children who witnessed violence.

"It is an honor to receive the appointment to the Domestic Violence Commission," Harlan said. "I look forward to working



*Lynne Harlan (second from left) is sworn in as a member of the N.C. Domestic Violence Commission. District Court Judge Sharon T. Barrett (left) administered the oath to Harlan, Marie White, Cathy Cloninger and Beth Williams.*

with the Commission to support domestic violence programs at both the state and tribal level."

Harlan is the public relations coordinator for the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians.



## Dr. Ruth Dial Woods inducted into Women's Hall of Fame

Dr. Ruth Dial Woods was inducted into the N.C. Women's Hall of Fame during a special ceremony held in November at the N.C. Governor's Conference for Women in Charlotte. Dr. Woods is the first American Indian woman to receive this special honor.

A native of Robeson County, Dr. Woods has had a long and distinguished career. She was the first American Indian to attend Meredith College, where she earned a bachelor of arts in English and Spanish. She later obtained a master of education in School Administration from Pembroke State University and a doctorate in Educational Administration from S.C. State University. She completed a Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 2001.

For 27 years, Dr. Woods was employed by the Public Schools of Robeson County as a teacher, educational media specialist, director of federal programs, and assistant and associate superintendent. In the fall of 1993, Dr. Woods became a full-time faculty member at Fayetteville State University.



*Dr. Ruth Dial Woods*

Dr. Woods is the recipient of numerous community, civic, state and national awards. Selected honors and awards include the Leo Reano Award for Service to Education from the National Education Association; the N.C. Human Relations Award from the N.C. Association of Educators; the Community Leadership Award from the N.C. Human Relations Commission; the Henry Berry Lowry Award from Lumbee Regional Development Association; the Governor's Distinguished Woman of North Carolina Award, and the Woman of Distinction Award from United Tribes of North Carolina.

In 1985, Dr. Woods became the first woman to receive an at-large appointment by the N.C. General Assembly to the University of North Carolina Board of Governors. Dr. Woods is a former Tribal Administrator for the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina and, in 2007, was one of the founders of Sacred Pathways, a faith-based outreach ministry that provides a safe haven for those in need.

## NCAI Annual Convention

The National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) will hold its 69th Annual Convention and Marketplace Oct. 21-26 in Sacramento, Calif. At this year's convention, an amendment to change the NCAI Constitution and restrict its membership to only federally recognized Indians may be proposed. State-recognized tribes and their representatives have been NCAI members for many years, held key NCAI leadership positions, and have been active in assisting NCAI in accomplishing its national agenda.

The Commission encourages all North Carolina tribes to monitor this issue and to contact NCAI President Jefferson Keel to encourage him not to exclude state-recognized Indians from being members of NCAI. Tribal leaders are also encouraged to join the NCAI and send delegates to the 2012 NCAI Convention to support this cause.

For information or to submit comment, contact NCAI, 1516 P Street NW, Washington, DC 20005; Phone 202-466-7767, Fax 202-466-7797; or email, [ncai@ncai.org](mailto:ncai@ncai.org).



## President supports Tribal education

President Barack Obama has signed an executive order, "Improving American Indian and Alaska Native Education Opportunities and Strengthening Tribal Colleges and Universities." The order is designed to improve educational performance and options for American Indians and Alaska Native students from early education through college.

The President signed the Executive Order in conjunction with the third White House Tribal Nations Conference in December, which gathered hundreds of tribal leaders at the Department of the Interior's headquarters to hash out Indian issues with administrative officials.

The order reads, in part: "It is the policy of my Administration to support activities that will

strengthen the Nation by expanding educational opportunities and improving educational outcomes for all AI/AN students in order to fulfill our commitment to furthering tribal self-determination and to help ensure that AI/AN students have an opportunity to learn their Native languages and histories and receive complete and competitive educations that prepare them for college, careers, and productive and satisfying lives."

The order establishes a White House Initiative on American and Alaska Native Education, which the Secretary of Education and the Secretary of the Interior will co-chair. The initiative is then charged carrying out efforts to affirm the federal government's commitment to American Indian education.

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## Dr. Linda Oxendine Honored on University Day at UNC-Chapel Hill

Dr. Linda Ellen Oxendine, a member of the Lumbee Tribe, received a Distinguished Alumna Award from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill last October. The award recognizes Carolina alumni who have made outstanding contributions to humanity.

Awards were presented on University Day, which marks the laying of the cornerstone of Old East, the institution's first building and the oldest state university building in the nation. Dr. Oxendine is one of the first American Indian women to graduate from Carolina. From 1989 to 2006, she served as professor and chair of the American Indian Studies Department of the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. She was also director and curator of the Native American Resource Center at Pembroke from 1982 to 1986.



*Dr. Linda Ellen Oxendine*

Dr. Oxendine's teaching and scholarship have contributed significantly to the preservation of knowledge of Lumbee history, language and culture. She holds degrees from UNC (A.B., 1967), Pennsylvania State University (M. Ed., 1973) and the University of Minnesota (Ph.D., 1993). She has a long association with UNC-Pembroke, an institution cofounded by her great-grandfather. Her father had served as dean of the faculty at Pembroke, and her uncle founded the department she eventually came to chair.

Dr. Oxendine has served as elder in residence for the American Indian Center at Carolina and is a trustee of the N.C. Humanities Council.



## March Commission Meeting

By Greg Richardson

The March meeting of the Commission of Indian Affairs was held in Charlotte in conjunction with the 37th Annual N.C. Indian Unity Conference. The Conference was very successful and attended by 250 conference participants including Commission members, tribal leaders, tribal staff, Commission staff, American Indian artists and traders.

During the Commission meeting, Bud Berro, Director of Gov. Perdue's Piedmont Office, presented the Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Rev. Simeon Cummings, a member of the Lumbee Indian tribe. Rev. Cummings was recognized for a lifetime of contributions to the American Indian community, especially the American Indian community of faith.

Additionally, Anita Lena, Trainer and Outreach Coordinator with the National Indian Parent Information Center from Grants Pass, Ore., presented information to the Commission about the Center and outlined potential collaborative efforts. Lena was also a workshop presenter during the Indian Unity Conference.

Kevin Fitzgibbons, Administrator of the Eastern Woodlands Office of Native American Program U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Chicago provided the Commission with information regarding a new veterans and homeless housing initiative. Fitzgibbons was also a keynote speaker and workshop presenter during the conference.

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## REPORTS FROM PROGRAM DIRECTORS

### Sadie Barbour: Community Development Program

### Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP)

Many thanks to our LIEAP Outreach Workers, Jerri Perry (Harnett), Frances Mitchell (Columbus/Bladen), and Colmorene Wilson (Halifax/Warren) for a job well done. These ladies were very creative as to how they got the word out this year about changes in the application process.

Our Outreach Workers have collaborated with local agencies in identifying other programs that provide energy-saving services and made this information available to the client population in their tribal communities.

Feedback has been positive from our elderly population. We look forward to keeping you updated on any changes that may occur. Our service area remains the same: Harnett, Sampson, Columbus, Bladen, Halifax, and Warren counties.

LIEAP is a federally-funded program that provides for a one-time vendor payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills. Priority in eligibility is given to disabled persons receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult

Services, or households in which all members are age 60 and older. Applications for those households will be taken Dec. 1 through Jan. 31, or until funds are exhausted.

Applications for all other households will be taken from Feb. 1 through March 31 of each year, or until funds are exhausted.

A household that applies must:

- Have at least one U.S. citizen or non-citizen who meets the eligibility criteria
- Meet an income test
- Have reserves at or below \$2,200
- Be responsible for its heating bills

Energy assistance is important to all that receive it, but more so if someone in your home may be especially at risk for a life threatening illness or death if their home is too cold in the winter.

In addition to the LIEAP program, local departments of social services offer energy assistance through the Crisis Intervention Program.



## Missy Brayboy, Director, The Uppowoc Project Healthy Eating Program

Missy Brayboy attended the "Ensuring the Ethics and Integrity of CBPR: The Role of Community-Based Processes for Research Ethics Review" Conference held in March in New York City. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and decide the advantages of Institutional Review Boards (IRBs) within the framework of community engagement.

An American Indian Youth Addiction Education Day will be held May 12 at the Lumbee Boys and Girls Club in Pembroke. American Indian youth will learn skills to advocate for smoke-free lifestyles and promote other risk reduction behaviors. The event is a collaborative effort with the Lumbee Tribe Tobacco

Prevention and Cessation Program and the Burnt Swamp Association.

Missy attended the American Indian Physician's Association National Health Conference held March 13-14 in San Diego, Calif. The theme of the conference was "Fostering Sustainable Strategies to Create Healthy, Active Native Communities." Missy and Dr. Sheila Fleshhacker, Co-Principal Investigator, reported on a Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust grant aiming to develop planning and policy strategies to improve access to healthy eating within North Carolina American Indian communities (see page 4).

## Melody Gates, Director of Section 8 Housing Program Section 8 Housing

The Commission's Section 8 Housing choice voucher Program is funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Program. The program provides rental assistance for eligible families in the counties of Granville, Hoke, Person, Sampson and Warren. Additionally, the program provides limited assistance in Halifax and Columbus counties through a special agreement with local Public Housing agencies.

The program is administered by a director, three housing inspectors and three processing assistants. The Section 8 Housing Program

is funded to serve up to a maximum of 936 Housing Choice Vouchers through an Annual Contributions Contract with the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Calendar year 2011 was a challenging year in that funding was insufficient to assist all 936 families as intended. Cost per unit has been on the rise with the poor economy and subsequent loss of jobs as major contributors. However, for the months of January, February and March 2012 the Commission received

a much needed boost from HUD to assist more families. We are now in the lease-up phase with a recent issuance of 130 new housing vouchers. The waiting list remains closed as there are approximately 1,000 families waiting for assistance.

A Section 8 training session was held in May in High Point. David Grigsby, Sonya McIver and Hermione Ruffin participated.







## Kim Hammonds, Economic Development Director and SUNS Program

The Supporting Undergraduate Native Students (SUNS) Program is funded by a grant from the NCDHHS/Office of Economic Opportunity, Community Services Block Grant. President Obama has proposed a 50 percent cut to the \$700 million dollar 2012 Community Services Block Grant allocation.

At this time, we are unsure of how this may affect our application for 2012-13 funding. Best case, we would see our small funding amount of \$38,000 reduced by half. This would cause us to reduce the number of students and services offered. Worse case, our funding would be eliminated, thereby eliminating the SUNS Program, unless alternative funding could be secured. American Indian students already

struggling with the rising costs of college and diminishing financial aid may be forced to abandon their dreams of a college education.

SUNS is a college educational access and retention program sponsored by the Commission's Economic Development Program. The purpose of SUNS is to identify qualified American Indian students enrolled full-time in an accredited North Carolina community college or university and assist them in the pursuit of their educational goals. Students must meet 100 percent federal poverty income guidelines to be eligible to participate.

SUNS is designed to provide financial assistance to income eligible American Indian students



during the fall and spring semesters only. We assist approximately 50 students each year in pursuit of their educational goals. If funding is approved for fiscal year 2012-2013, SUNS Program Applications for Enrollment will be available in late July. Please contact Kimberly Hammonds at 919-807-4440 for information.

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## Mickey Locklear, Director of Educational Talent Search Program

The 33rd Annual N.C. Native American Youth Organization Indian Youth Unity conference will be held June 13-16 at Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount. The annual conference provides an opportunity for 250 American Indian students to learn more about their Indian heritage, explore educational opportunities, and work together on issues and concerns of Indian youth. For information, contact Mickey Locklear, Director, Educational Talent Search Program at 919-807-4449.

### **ETS Students Visit with Secret Service**

Alina Freeman and Jasmine Jacobs, both members of the Waccamaw-Siouan tribe and juniors at East Columbus High School; and Deitrick Richardson, Haliwa-Saponi, a senior at Warren County Early College, traveled to Washington, D.C. in February to participate in the United National Indian Tribal Youth (UNITY) midyear training. While there, the students spent an afternoon with the U.S. Secret Service

and met senior staff from each department as they encouraged American Indian students to consider public service careers.

The midyear UNITY Meeting is designed primarily for the National UNITY Council representatives (one young woman and one young man from each affiliated youth council) and their advisors. In addition to leadership training, interacting with government officials, and visiting elected representatives on Capitol Hill, youth provided valuable input into finalizing plans for the 2012 National UNITY Conference. Time was also allocated for students to walk Capitol Hill and meet with Congressional staff to advocate for continued funding in regards to programs that affect American Indians, youth and education.



## Elk Richardson, Director of Workforce Development Program

The Commission has submitted its PY 2012-13 application to the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration for designation as a WIA Section 166 (Indian and Native American Programs) grant operator. The designation will authorize the Commission's American Indian Workforce Development Program for continued receipt of WIA Section 166 funding and services for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2014. The published funding allocation is \$247,991.

### **Tribal Consultation Policy proposed by U.S. Department of Labor**

The U.S. Department of Labor seeks comments on a proposed tribal consultation policy. According to the request for comments notice published in the Federal Register Volume 77, Number 75 (April 18, 2012), this policy would establish standards for the improved consultation with federally recognized Indian tribes to the extent that a conflict does not exist with laws or regulations. It would apply to any USDOL action that affects federally recognized Indian tribes and would require that the Department's government-to-government consultation involve appropriate tribal

and departmental officials. The Department of Labor will consider all comments received by June 18, 2012.

The Commission encourages state-recognized tribes to provide comments to this tribal consultation policy as the policy will exclude representation of and consultation with state-recognized tribes.

For more information, review the posting at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2012-04-18/pdf/2012-9372.pdf>.

### **Crocker Recognized as Outstanding Volunteer**

Carolyn Crocker, a member of the Lumbee Tribe, was presented a Certificate of Appreciation as the Workforce Development Outstanding Volunteer 2011 during the Cape Fear Council of Governments Annual Meeting held March 27 in Wilmington.

Crocker is a member of the Cape Fear Workforce Development Board Youth Council and a board member of the Columbus County Dream Center, a local community agency. As the Commission's WIA Program Services Coordinator in the Waccamaw-Siouan tribal area, Crocker is an active partner with the local JobLink Career Centers in the Cape Fear region. She is dedicated to working with youth and youth-related activities and is an active fundraiser for church activities. She is an American Red Cross disaster volunteer and has received several awards for her active participation throughout Columbus County.

Crocker's Certificate of Appreciation states, "For selfless dedication and faithful public service to the citizens of the Cape Fear Region, Workforce Development and the principles of honor, integrity and professionalism."

"Congratulations to Carolyn for the outstanding commendation," said Elk Richardson, Director of the Workforce Development Program. "I enjoy working



*Chris May, Executive Director, Cape Fear Council of Governments (COG); Margie Parker, Workforce Development Director, Cape Fear COG; Carolyn Crocker, Waccamaw-Siouan Area WIA Program Coordinator, N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs; and Elk Richardson, WIA Program Director, N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs.*

with Carolyn, and I appreciate her commitment to network locally on behalf of the American Indian citizens that she serves."



## UNC Pembroke marks 125th anniversary

*Courtesy UNC Pembroke*

On March 7, 1887, the General Assembly of North Carolina enacted legislation, sponsored by Rep. Hamilton McMillan of Robeson County, creating the Croatan Normal School. The law, which was in response to a petition from the Indian people of the area, established a Board of Trustees and appropriated \$500 to be used only for salaries. Local people constructed a building at a site about one mile west of the present location.

The school opened with 15 students and one teacher in the fall of 1887. The normal school was founded to train American Indian public school teachers. For many years, the instruction was at the elementary and secondary level, and the first diploma was awarded in 1905.

The school moved to its present location in Pembroke, the center of the Indian community, in 1909. The General Assembly changed the name of the institution in 1911 to the Indian Normal School of Robeson County, and again in 1913 to the Cherokee Indian Normal School of Robeson County. In 1926, the Board of Trustees added a two-year normal program beyond high school, and phased out elementary instruction. The first 10 diplomas were awarded in 1928, when the state accredited the school as a "standard normal school."

Additional college classes were offered in 1931, and in 1939, a fourth year was added with the first degrees conferred in 1940. In recognition of its new status, the General Assembly changed the name of the school in 1941 to Pembroke State College for Indians. Until 1953, it was the only state-supported four-year college for Indians in the nation. The scope of the institution was

widened in 1942 when non-teaching baccalaureate degrees were added, and in 1945, when enrollment, previously limited to the Indians of Robeson County, was opened to people from all federally-recognized Indian groups. A few years later, in 1949, the General Assembly shortened the name to Pembroke State College.

The Board of Trustees approved the admission of white students up to 40 percent of the total enrollment in 1953 and, following the Supreme Court's school desegregation decision, opened the college to all qualified applicants without regard to race in 1954. Enrollment growth of more than 500 percent followed during the next eight years. In 1969, the General Assembly changed the name again to Pembroke State University and made the institution a regional university.

In 1972, the General Assembly established the 17-campus University of North Carolina with Pembroke State University as one of the constituent institutions. The Board of Governors approved the implementation of master's programs in professional education at Pembroke State University in 1978, as well as several new undergraduate programs. Since that time, additional baccalaureate programs have been added, including nursing. Master's level programs have been implemented in Business Administration, Public Administration, School and Service Agency Counseling.



*Pembroke State College for Indians in 1941.*

Pembroke State University celebrated its centennial in 1987. On July 1, 1996, Pembroke State University officially became The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

In 2000, a major in applied physics and four new Master of Arts programs were added. An office of International Programs and the Esther G. Maynor Honors College were also instituted to enhance scholarship. Since then, the University has added new baccalaureate programs, including Spanish and environmental science, as well as new graduate degrees, including the Master of School Administration (MSA) and the Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT). Many classes at the undergraduate and graduate levels are available through distance learning at satellite locations in the region and via the Internet.

On July 5, 2005, Gov. Mike Easley signed into law Session Law 2005-153, declaring The University of North Carolina at Pembroke as "North Carolina's Historically American Indian University."

Today, The University of North Carolina at Pembroke has approximately 6,900 students from diverse backgrounds. The University offers 41 undergraduate programs and 17 graduate programs.



## 2012 Calendar of Events

### June 1

N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs Quarterly Meeting  
Raleigh  
Contact: 919-807-4440

### June 5-7

National American Indian Housing Council Convention  
Anchorage, Alaska  
Contact: 202-789-1754

### June 9

27th Annual Occaneechi-Saponi Powwow  
Burlington, N.C.  
Contact: 336-227-4594

### June 13-16

33rd Annual N.C. Indian Youth Unity Conference  
North Carolina Wesleyan College  
Rocky Mount  
Contact: Mickey Locklear  
919-807-4449

### June 16

Sappony 5K Trail Run  
Roxboro, NC  
Contact: Lisa King  
706-271-7085

### June 17-20

NCAI Mid-Year Conference  
Lincoln, Neb.  
Contact: 202-466-7767

### June 30-July 7

43rd Annual Lumbee Homecoming  
Pembroke  
Contact: 910-521-8602

### July 13-14

Festival of Native Peoples  
Cherokee Fairgrounds  
Cherokee  
Contact: Barbara Duncan  
828-497-3481

### Sept. 1

Open Air Indian Art Market  
Qualla Arts & Crafts  
Cherokee  
Contact: Tonya Carroll  
828-497-3103



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*Layla Locklear, Lumbee (left), the newly-crowned Miss Indian North Carolina, and Katy Locklear, Lumbee, Miss Metrolina, a preliminary title holder to the Miss North Carolina pageant, attended the 37th Annual N.C. Indian Unity Conference in Charlotte.*

### Sept. 7

N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs Quarterly Meeting  
Raleigh  
Contact: 919-807-4440

### Sept. 7-8

Coharie Powwow  
Coharie Intra-Tribal Center  
Clinton  
Contact: 910-564-6909

### Sept. 14-15

Guilford Native American Association Powwow  
Greensboro  
Contact: 336-273-8686

### Sept. 14-15

Southeast Tribes Celebration  
Cherokee Fairground  
Contact: Barbara Duncan  
828-497-3481



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**Sept. 20-21**

American Indian Women of Proud Nations Conference  
UNC-Pembroke  
Contact: Becky Goins  
910-775-4323

**Sept. 22-23**

Indian Trail Powwow  
Crossing Paths Park, Indian Trail  
Contact: 704-926-1524

**Oct. 2-6**

Cherokee Indian Fair  
Cherokee Fairground  
Contact: Howard Wahnetah  
828-554-6471

**October 12-13**

3rd Annual Running Water Singers Powwow  
Fayetteville  
Contact: William Maiden  
910-308-7249

**Oct. 18-21**

National Indian Education Association Convention  
Oklahoma City, Okla.  
Contact: 202-544-7290

**Oct. 19-20**

Waccamaw Siouan Powwow  
Tribal Grounds, Bolton  
Contact: 910-655-8778

**Oct. 21-26**

National Congress of American Indians Convention  
Sacramento, Calif.  
Contact: 202-466-7767

**Oct. TBD**

Meherrin Powwow  
Ahoskie  
Contact: [meherrinpowwow@aol.com](mailto:meherrinpowwow@aol.com)

**Oct. 26-28**

Lumbee Fall Powwow  
LRDA Grounds  
Pembroke  
Contact: 910-521-8602

**Nov. 2**

N.C. Indian Senior Citizens Coalition Conference  
Fayetteville  
Contact: Helen Cook  
910-424-3846

**Nov. 3**

Native American Cultural Festival  
Guilford Native American Art Gallery  
Greensboro  
Contact: 336-273-6605

**Nov. 17**

17th Annual American Indian Heritage Celebration  
N.C. Museum of History  
Raleigh  
Contact: 919-807-7979



*Tribal dancers during the Indian Heritage Month Celebration Grand Entry in downtown Raleigh.*

**Nov. TBD**

4th Annual Charlotte Mecklenburg  
American Indian Heritage Month Celebration  
Charlotte Museum of History  
Contact: 704-568-1774

**Nov. TBD**

Annual Sappony Stew  
Virgilina, Va.  
Contact: 434-585-3352

**Dec. 7**

N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs Quarterly Meeting  
Raleigh  
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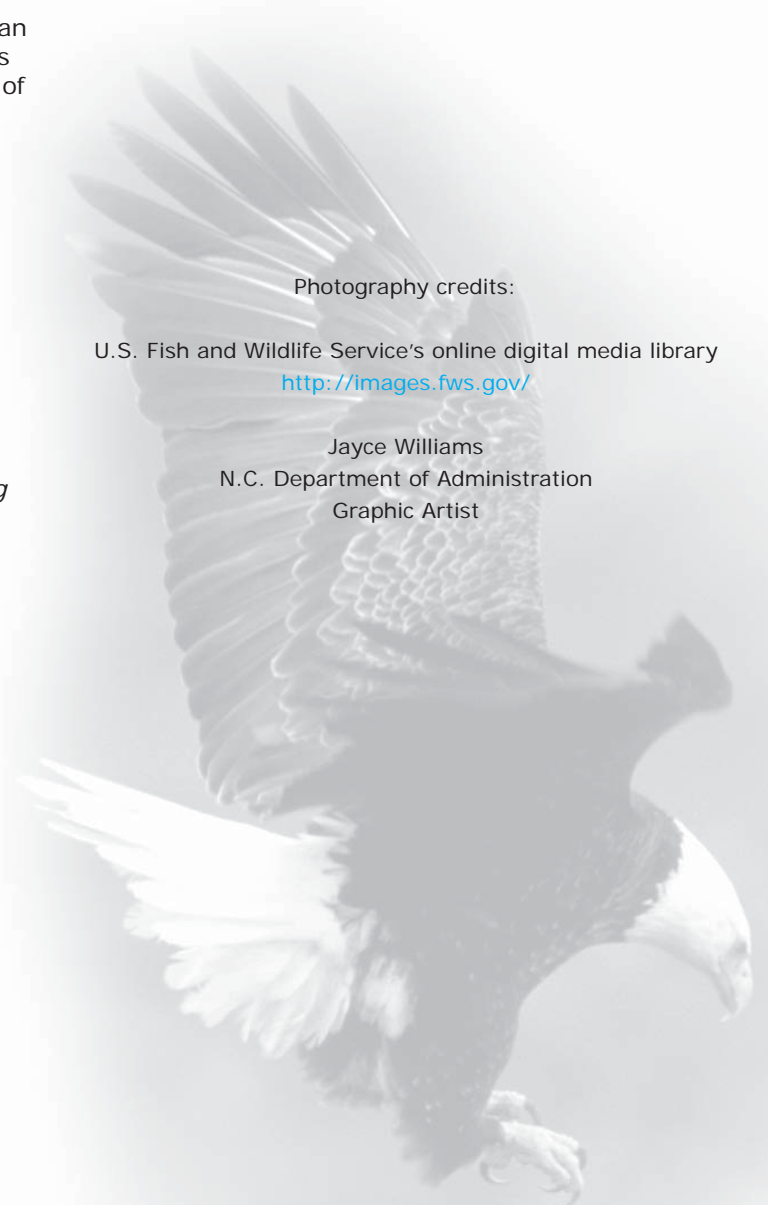
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