



Summer 2003

From the Executive Director's Desk...

State Budget and the Commission

The North Carolina General Assembly approved the SFY budget for 2003-05. However, the governor's spending freeze continues. Only essential expenditures will be approved. Although the spending freeze does not apply to federally funded projects, these expenditures are carefully scrutinized and monitored.

flawed at several North Carolina hospitals. The report was issued in the form of a letter and presented to the commission membership at the June 6, 2003, meeting in Raleigh.

The Office of Civil Rights indicated that hospitals in North Carolina are NOT required to collect or maintain race or ethnic data on patients, due to a 1995 statute adopted by the North Carolina General Assembly. The office indicated that 80 percent of the hospitals in North Carolina voluntarily collect race or ethnic data. The commission has concluded that this is a major Indian health disparity and might be the reason why so little Indian health data is available in North Carolina.

2002-2003 Indian Legislative Agenda – Update

HB 746 "Amend Indian Recognition" – An act to amend and modernize the law naming the Indian tribes in this state by adding clarifying information about references to the Lumbee Tribe and by adding sections recognizing the Meherrin Tribe and the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation.

HB 745 "Indian Cultural Center Changes" - An act to revise the membership of the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center Board.

HB 355 "Redesignate Indians of Person County as Sappony" – An act to officially designate the Indians previously recognized in the General Statutes as the Indians of Person County as Sappony.

HB 710 "Add Occaneechi to Center Board" - An act to add a member representing the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation to the board of the North Carolina Indian Cultural Center.

According to the Year 2000 U.S. Census, there were 99,541 American Indian residents in the state of North Carolina, which represents one of the largest American Indian populations in any state east of the Mississippi River. Yet, American Indian health statistics remain low or non-existent. Therefore, it is critical for hospitals and other health care providers to collect and maintain data on American Indian patients. The failure of the medical community to collect and maintain American Indian health data makes it impossible for tribes and other Indian organizations to compete for health programs and services for this population.

The commission has targeted Indian health as its No. 1 priority for the next three to five years and is working toward the establishment of North Carolina's first American Indian Health Program.

U.S. Office of Civil Rights Investigates Eastern N.C. Hospitals

After receiving numerous complaints from American Indians that hospitals record them as non-Indian, the Commission of Indian Affairs requested that the U.S. Office of Civil Rights, in Atlanta, investigate several eastern North Carolina hospitals.

The U.S. Office of Civil Rights report concluded that the collection of American Indian race data might be

N.C. Voter Statistics from the 2002 Election

The 2004 election season is quickly approaching and it is important for all American Indians to register to vote in the political party of their choice.

The N.C. Board of Elections provided us with the voting statistics for American Indians in North Carolina for the 2002 general election. The following is a list indicating the number of American Indian votes cast during the last election. Counties listed represent those counties in North Carolina where state-recognized Indian tribes and organizations are located.

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Voter Statistics

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<u>Counties:</u>	<u>Indian Votes:</u>	<u>Counties:</u>	<u>Indian Votes:</u>
Bladen	221	Orange	131
Columbus	975	Person	95
Cumberland	1,573	Richmond	217
Guilford	584	Robeson	25,292
Halifax	1,031	Sampson	512
Harnett	250	Scotland	815
Hoke	1,675	Swain	1,683
Jackson	1,234	Wake	619
Mecklenburg	972	Warren	98
Nash	148		

Some 42,776 American Indians voted throughout the state; however, we believe that these numbers are low because American Indians are frequently counted as some other race on public and other records in North Carolina. Words to the wise, ALWAYS, check your records and documents to make sure you have been properly identified.

Greg Richardson, Executive Director, (919) 733-5998

Mark Your Calendar

September 4, 2003

Indian Health Summit - Holiday Inn I-95, Fayetteville, N.C.

For further information, contact Missy Brayboy, (919) 733-5998

September 5, 2003

N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs Quarterly Meeting, Holiday Inn I-95, Fayetteville, N.C.

For further information, contact Greg Richardson or Sue Ennis, (919) 733-5998.

November 2003

Date to be announced

N.C. Indian Senior Citizens Conference, Holiday Inn I-95, Fayetteville, N.C.

November Indian Heritage Month

Various events and activities will take place across the state. The 2003 Indian Heritage Month kickoff celebration will be held in conjunction with the National Indian Education Convention in Greensboro on Nov. 5. Contact Elk Richardson, 2003 Indian Heritage Month coordinator, at (919) 733-5998.

December 6, 2003

N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs Quarterly Meeting
Location to be determined

Raleigh, N.C.

For further information, contact Greg Richardson or Sue Ennis, (919) 733-5998.

Highlights and Announcements

Senior Care

The Senior Care program is specially designed to assist seniors diagnosed with diabetes, cardiovascular disease or chronic lung disease to cope with the rising cost of prescription medicine.

You qualify for Senior Care if you are:

65 years of age or older AND

a resident of North Carolina AND

your annual household income during 2001 was \$17,180 or less if you are single or widowed or \$23,220 or less if you are married AND

you have no other prescription drug insurance including Medicaid AND

you have a need for prescription drugs for the treatment of diabetes, cardiovascular disease or chronic lung disease.

Medication management centers are being established across the state to assist seniors with medication and health issues. Services will consist of a pharmacist evaluating the medications and identifying any potential drug utilization issues or interactions. A prescription assistance coordinator will help seniors in completing applications for free or low-cost medications from major drug manufacturing companies.

To request an application, please call the commission at (919) 733-5998. If you are under age 65, please call the CareLine at 1-800-662-7030 for further assistance.



Commission Member Continues to Recuperate

Please continue to keep Commission member Mr. Ray Littleturtle in your thoughts and prayers as he continues to recuperate at home. Send cards and well wishes to:

Mr. Ray Littleturtle
6259 U.S. Hwy. 74 West
Rowland, NC 28383

--- Update on Commission Program Activities ---

Community Services

Community Services Program Restructuring

The Community Services Program will undergo a restructuring in fiscal year 2003-04. Community Services will become more involved in community collaborative partnerships and development to bring about more stability and success in service delivery efforts. We anticipate that more and more of our Indian seniors and disabled citizens will be served as we continue to develop these collaborative efforts for the future. We believe that with new changes and collaborative work, each community will have the capacity to address all of the population's critical needs in the social services arena.

American Indian Health Initiative

The American Indian Health Initiative finished a successful year of building capacity within American Indian (AI) communities to work with its local community partners to bring health education to its citizens. The work of this initiative has brought enthusiasm, commitment and motivation to AI communities as they begin to "Take Charge of Health in Their Own Community."

As of today, the majority of our tribes and organizations are linked to their local Healthy Carolinians (HC). This linkage will enable the many resources of the HC groups to be available to American Indian communities. Many of the HC groups now have AI representatives on their local board. We salute all of these local HC groups for reaching out to our AI communities and opening the door for inclusion and making American Indians part of each community's public health strategic plan.

Diabetes Today Education

Once again, the Diabetes Today education project was successful. We will be bringing this education to American Indian communities again in 2003-04. Our efforts will focus on re-enforcement training and capacity building of each Diabetes Today coalition in each American Indian community. The coalition members will receive more training so they will be able to carry on the diabetes education in all of our American Indian communities. We salute all of the churches that took part this past year in making this effort a success. Our Diabetes Today team looks forward to continuing to work with churches as we go forward in ensuring that all of our people have some knowledge and understanding of this dreadful disease.

HIV-STD Survey Program

Our HIV-STD team is gearing up to survey each of our American Indian communities for the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services' HIV-STD Program. The program is interested in learning how much education and knowledge American Indians have about this dreadful virus. It is important that our people be informed about HIV-STD viruses and how to protect themselves as

well as others. Each community will receive funds to help the team carry out this work in their communities. We encourage all communities to participate in this survey to enable resources to come into the communities for HIV-STD education.

Survey of Breast Health to be Launched This Month

Two young Indian women, Jada Locklear, a Lumbee Indian, and Ursula Tsosie, a Navajo Indian, are working with Dr. Bonnie Yankaskas at UNC-Chapel Hill and the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs (NCCIA) to conduct a survey this summer.

Ms. Locklear and Ms Tsosie are graduate students in the Department of Epidemiology, and are working at the Carolina Mammography Registry (CMR) in the Department of Radiology where Dr. Yankaskas is professor of radiology and adjunct professor of epidemiology.

In collaboration with the commission's health committee, a survey has been developed, pretested and is being distributed in each Indian tribal community and urban Indian association.

The survey is supported by funds from the National Cancer Institute. The purpose of the survey is to gather information for each N.C. Indian tribe and association about the practice and attitudes about mammography use and information on risk factors for breast cancer among Indian women in North Carolina.

Ms. Locklear and Ms. Tsosie have been working with each Indian tribe to create a plan to reach every woman 40 or older in their community. The data will belong to each Indian community for its own information and for research on the N.C. Indian women taken as a total community. This is the first time a survey of this breadth has been conducted in American Indian women.

American Indian women should be watching for the survey in their own community. It will be most successful if every eligible woman completes a survey.

*Missy Brayboy, Community Services Program Director,
(919) 733-5998.*



Student researchers Jada Locklear (left) and Ursula Tsosie

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N-O-T Teen Smoking Cessation Program

We are excited to see the momentum of the N-O-T Teen Smoking Cessation Program as it becomes institutionalized in American Indian communities. This past year we experienced new ground as our teens came face to face with tobacco addiction and its health effects on the body. We heard stories of families who had tobacco-related illnesses, suffering and its compromising effects on the daily lives of our people.

This program will be continued in fiscal year 2003-04 by our partners, UNC-Chapel Hill, University of West Virginia and our local faith-based community partners. In addition, American Indian Hope and Honor, a program that will work with tobacco advisory groups and tribal leaders, aims to promote anti-smoking environmental policies in the home and public places.

Economic Development

Book Vouchers Awarded

The Economic Development Program's Youth Development Project proudly awarded nine \$500 book vouchers to eligible graduating high school seniors. The book vouchers were presented at the annual American Indian Youth Conference banquet on June 12 at Campbell University.

Students had to complete an application and meet income eligibility guidelines to be eligible to receive the book vouchers. Although this award may not cover the entire cost of a student's book fees, it will at least offset some of their expenses.

Congratulations to Erica Evans, Cricket Lynch, Erica Lynch, Shelly Lynch, Brandy Richardson, Crystal Richardson, Donovan Richardson, Patina Richardson and Wesley Richardson for completing high school and attending college. We wish you continued success.

The Youth Development Project also sponsored 28 students to attend the youth conference.

NCIEDI Update

The North Carolina Indian Economic Development Initiative (NCIEDI) and the Office of Economic Development at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill have conducted an assessment of Indian economic development in North Carolina. The findings will be released in a report later this summer.

Economic Development Program Announces SONS

Education is the key to wealth and prosperity. With this goal in mind, the commission has established the SONS Program. SONS is an acronym for Supporting Our Native Students.

The goal of the SONS Program is to provide an educational opportunity for American Indians whose educa-

tional and socioeconomic backgrounds might otherwise prevent them from successfully attending and succeeding in college.

The Supporting Our Native Students Program is a college educational access and retention program sponsored by the commission's Economic Development Program. The purpose of this program is to identify qualified American Indian students enrolled in an accredited North Carolina community college or university and assist them in pursuit of their educational goals.

The SONS Program is designed to provide financial assistance to eligible American Indian students. Financial assistance consists of a book voucher for the fall and spring semester. In addition, students will receive a "semester completion" payment for each successfully completed semester.

Students must complete a SONS Program application including supporting documents and meet income eligibility guidelines.

<i>Family Size</i>	<i>Income</i>
1	\$8,980
2	\$12,120
3	\$15,260
4	\$18,400
5	\$21,540
6	\$24,680
7	\$27,820
8	\$30,960

The SONS Program participation and availability of funds is dependant upon the number of eligible applications received and funds available. For an application, contact:

*Kimberly Hammonds, Economic Development Program Director,
(919) 733-5998*

Section 8 Housing Assistance

The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs' Section 8 Housing Program is currently funded to serve 936 families monthly under the "Choice Voucher Program." The funding level is at \$3.1 million. At the end of June 2003, 836 families were on the waiting list, and the list was closed. Applications will be taken only for those who may qualify for "homeless preference." Each month, a number of families are pulled from the waiting list to be reviewed for housing assistance. This number varies pending the number of openings on the program each month.

For information, contact the local field office in Columbus, Granville, Halifax, Hoke, Person, Sampson or Warren counties. You may also contact the Raleigh central office at (919) 733-5998.

*W.C. Groves, Section 8 Housing Director
(919) 733-5998*

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Education Talent Search

ETS Student Receives Gates Millennium Scholarship

Cricket Lynch, ETS student from Northwest High School in Halifax County and a member of the Haliwa Saponi Indian Tribe, has been awarded the Gates Millennium Scholarship. Cricket has been a participant in the Educational Talent Search Program since she was in sixth grade. She will enter East Carolina University this fall and plans to study nursing. Crystal Richardson (Warren County) and Chris Baker (Columbus County) were also finalists for the Gates Millennium Scholarship.

ETS Seniors Participate in a College Survival Skills Workshop

Forty seniors were guests on a four-day trip to Cherokee, N.C., and Atlanta. While in Cherokee, the students were guests of the Cherokee Tribe at the outdoor drama, "Unto These Hills" and toured the Oconoluftee Indian Village and the Museum of the Cherokee Indian. While in Atlanta, the students toured the CNN Studios, the Jimmy Carter Presidential Library, Ebenezer Baptist Church and the Martin Luther King Memorial site. During the trip, the students attended a College Survival Skills workshop. The workshop focused on providing information to ensure a successful transition from high school into college life. A round-table discussion of expectations and fears about college life featured current first-year college students. The students also toured the campuses of Western Carolina University, Spelman College, Morehouse College and Clark Atlanta University. Inclement weather prevented the group from having a day of fun at Six Flags Over Georgia.

Author Directs Leadership Training for Indian Youth

A well-known expert in youth leadership development participated in the 24th annual N.C. Indian Youth UNITY Conference held June 10-13 at Campbell University in Buies Creek, N.C. Stedman A. Graham facilitated the one-day training on June 12 that kicked off a North Carolina Indian youth leadership development program called "Teens Can Make It Happen." Graham is author of the book by the same name and is CEO of S. Graham & Associates, an educational company that creates customized corporate training and leadership development programs.

The conference theme was "Where There Is No Path – Begin A Trail". Students and chaperones convened to discuss issues pertinent to the lifestyles, development and enhancement skills needed in order for young American Indian leaders to develop and mature. Approximately 300 youth and adults attended the 24th annual conference.

Participants were exposed to several arenas: leadership development, cultural awareness, healthy lifestyles, and educational and career opportunities. Workshop presenters provided students with invaluable informa-



Some of the training participants gathered for a photo (above, front row, from left) with Tish Spaulding of S. Graham & Associates; Greg Richardson; Stedman Graham; Secretary Gwynn Swinson; Lynn Spaulding, Campbell University alumni; and Lila Spaulding, member, Commission of Indian Affairs. (Photo at right) Graham engaged students in learning activities.



tion and insight to various issues that directly influence their life, their well-being and their future. Presenters represented various fields of studies and many of the tribes in North Carolina.

In addition to the workshops, participants enjoyed the Annual Miss NCNAYO Princess Pageant. Victoria Bullard was crowned Miss NCNAYO 2003-04. Four contestants vied for the title. The first Mister NCNAYO Pageant was held during this year's conference. Three contestants vied for the title, and Adam Jacobs was declared Mister NCNAYO. Participants also participated in the Annual Get-Acquainted Party immediately following the pageant. The social is a highlight allowing youth to meet other Indian students from various tribes and geographical areas across the state.

NCNAYO provided four students with \$500 scholarships each. Recipients were Anson Blanks, LaKeshia Jacobs, Erica Lynch and Crystal Richardson. Students interested in additional information concerning the NCNAYO scholarship should contact the ETS director at the commission.

Newly elected NCNAYO officers are Cameron Jacobs, chairperson; Kendra Bell, vice chairperson; Katara Oxendine, secretary; Saha'whe Green, treasurer; LaKeshia Jacobs, senior female representative and Richard Locklear, senior male representative.

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--- Update on Commission Program Activities ---

Workforce Development

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Section 166 Program

In carrying out its mandate and objectives, the Commission of Indian Affairs operates a Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Section 166 Workforce Development Program that targets the needs of unemployed, underemployed and low-income American Indians in North Carolina. In its provision of Section 166 WIA services, and consistent with WIA law and regulations at 20 CFR §668.300, program applicants who are enrolled members of state or federally recognized tribes, Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians are eligible for services through the Workforce Development Program of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs.

Under WIA, the commission's geographic service delivery area spans 59 of the state's 100 counties. The remaining 41 counties are designated among six other Indian grantees in the state: Cumberland County Association for Indian People; Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians; Guilford Native American Association; Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe; Lumbee Regional Development Association; and Metrolina Native American Association. Commission of Indian Affairs WIA assistance is provided via field offices and staff located within the Indian communities.

The commission's workforce development staff in the Sampson County field office is Joanna Chance (910) 564-6726. The Columbus County WIA field office is staffed by Sue Jacobs (nccia@bellsouth.net); (910) 655-8708. Individuals seeking workforce development services can contact one of the offices or an office of one of the above service providers closest to them, or contact the nearest North Carolina Job Link Career Center office.

Commission WIA Services

In the commission's Comprehensive Services Plan (CSP), the program is designed to provide Classroom Training, Work Experience, and Job Search and Placement Assistance services to eligible clients. In addition to these services, the commission's WIA program may provide supportive services such as employment-related services, transportation assistance, temporary housing assistance for trainees, etc. Supportive services may be provided to overcome barriers to employment or training that have been identified in a client's individual training and development plan, or through an appropriate contract, referral or follow-up service.

The ultimate goals of our assistance and services are to: (1) increase academic, occupational and literacy skills among the American Indian population; (2) increase American Indian workers' abilities to be competitive in the workforce, thus helping them to achieve personal and economic self-sufficiency; and (3) promote the social and economic development in North Carolina Indian communities.

Reauthorization of Indian WIA Programs

The federal Workforce Investment Act (WIA) (Public Law 105-220), the law that funds the commission's Indian WIA programs, expires on Sept. 30, 2003. Congress must act this year to extend the law and its Indian provisions in order for the programs to continue receiving funding for programs. It is important that tribal leaders, as well as those who receive program services, contact their congressional delegates to assure that the Indian provisions of federal workforce development laws remain available.

At the 24th National Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference held in Anchorage, Alaska, conference leaders and WIA Section 166 grantees expressed opposition to measures in House Resolution (HR) 1261 that would require Indian programs to turn over a portion of their funds to the state-run one stop workforce development centers. A resolution expressing the concerns has been forwarded to the congressional leaders, the U.S. Department of Labor, and the National Congress of American Indians.

On May 8 the U.S. House of Representatives passed a bill to reauthorize the Indian and other programs in WIA. As stipulated in HR 1261, the programs would be extended for another six years. In earlier drafts of HR 1261, federal Indian set-aside services to state-recognized Indian tribes and their members were slated to be discontinued. However, the interactive efforts of North Carolina's and other tribal leaders with congressional representatives in the House of Representatives proved to be effective in getting this threat removed prior to passage of the bill on the House floor. Even though this threat to North Carolina Indian country was eliminated from the House bill, several other items were passed that would be disadvantageous to Indian workforce development programs and services nationally. Continuing work on WIA reauthorization is now being conducted in the U.S. Senate. Legislation is being considered in the Subcommittee on Employment, Safety and Training of the Senate's Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP) Committee. N.C. Sen. John Edwards is on the Senate HELP Committee.

"It is vital that every grantee and tribal leader become actively involved in this effort to make sure that the Congress and the federal government continue the provision of federal Indian workforce programs," said Elk Richardson, program director. "The best advocates for native people and American Indian programs are American Indian tribes and organizations. Let's continue to let the voice of Indian country be heard."

For more on the national conference, the U.S. Department of Labor's Native American Employment and Training Advisory Council, or WIA reauthorization issues, call Lorenda Sanchez, chairman, Native American Employment and Training Council, (916) 920-0285 or Norm DeWeaver, Indian and Native American Employment and Training Coalition, (202) 342-0594.

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State Recognition Issues

The North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs is authorized by the North Carolina General Assembly in G.S. 143B-406 to process petitions for state recognition of Indian tribes. Since 1979, the commission has administered procedures for the official state recognition of previously unrecognized American Indian groups.

Petitions for the legal recognition of Indian groups are handled according to the state recognition procedures established under Title I, Chapter 15 of the North Carolina Administrative Code. These procedures are administered by agency staff and a 12-member Special Committee on Recognition comprised of representatives of each Indian tribe and urban Indian organization legislatively seated on the commission.

The Meherrin Indian Tribe (Ahoskie) was granted state recognition under these procedures in 1986. Triangle Native American Society was granted state recognition as an Indian organization in 2000. The Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation was denied recognition under these procedures in 1995, but won state recognition on legal appeal to the North Carolina Court of Appeals in 2002.

The commission's recognition committee continues to work on developing suggested language revisions for the state's recognition procedures. Staff and the recognition committee chairman are working with North Carolina Department of Administration attorneys in reviewing and discussing key issues in administrative rulemaking and the process of recognizing American Indian tribes in North Carolina, in an effort to assure that the rulemaking process proceeds smoothly from the inception of any revised language in the rules.

At the commission's quarterly meeting held in March, a draft of the revised language was distributed to commission members for a preliminary review of the recognition committee's work. After receiving comments and suggestions regarding the draft, a final draft will be presented to the full commission for review, approval and official presentation to the state's formal rulemaking process authorized under the Administrative Procedures Act.

Upon approval of the full Commission of Indian Affairs, the revisions to the recognition procedures will proceed through the state's rulemaking process, which will include publishing in the North Carolina Register, formal public hearings, extensive reviews by the Rules Review Commission, and final approval by the North Carolina General Assembly.

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Substance Abuse Prevention

Earn Your Feather Program Gains Momentum

The Earn Your Feather (EYF) Substance Abuse Prevention and Awareness Program continues to gain momentum as more tribes request that groups be established within their communities. The Waccamaw-Siouan EYF team is setting an excellent example with its new program. As its community project, these young people chose to do something about the alcohol and drug use and general trashing of the tribal center grounds by their peers during the night. They organized cleanup parties and posted signs asking other youth to respect the center grounds. They also know that young people become involved in negative behavior often because they have nothing else to do. To remedy this problem, Waccamaw EYF has instituted drum training and other activities of interest to youth.

The EYF Substance Abuse Prevention and Awareness Program goes beyond teaching resistance skills and educating young people to the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.

The educational approach, while useful, has limited effectiveness and is difficult to track or evaluate. The program's new approach combines education and resistance skills with teen community advocacy. The goal is to reduce the occurrence of substance use by creating a shared community environment that does not support or facilitate substance use. The teams of youth and their adult leaders attempt to bring about changes in their environment that will make a difference in the lives of the entire community. The groups will work with churches, health departments, law enforcement and other community entities as necessary to carry out their projects. Each team decides what its community focus will be, based on individual needs.

All tribes were contacted earlier this year concerning the establishment of an EYF team. If you have not yet set up your program, now is the time to do so. There are mini-grants available to help defray small costs involved.

The Substance Abuse Prevention Program is proud to have provided scholarships for EYF members and other youth to attend the Indian Youth Unity Conference at Campbell University in June.

Representatives from Waccamaw-Siouan EYF team shared their project experiences with their peers during three workshop sessions.

*Substance Abuse Prevention and Awareness Program Director
(919) 733-5998*



Congratulations

Jo Ann Locklear Retires Renaë Hunt Sworn In

Jo Ann Locklear announced her retired in June after 37 years as a court employee. Ms. Locklear began her court career in 1966 and became Robeson County's first female clerk of Superior Court in 1994. Renaë Hunt will replace Ms. Locklear. She has been an employee of the court since 1977.

Larry Chavis Appointed To N.C. State Banking Commission

Gov. Mike Easley has appointed Larry Chavis to the North Carolina State Banking Commission. Mr. Chavis is the president and chief executive officer of Lumbee Guaranty Bank. The Banking Commission supervises, directs and reviews actions of the Commissioner of Banks. The commission primarily deals with the establishment of new banks, bank mergers and the granting of other business authorities to consumer finance companies. It also deals with issues regarding the opening or closing of a bank branch. The governor appoints 19 of the 22 members on the commission.

Albert Richardson Promoted

Albert Richardson was hired June 2, 2003, as marketing database analyst for RBC Centura, Rocky Mount. Currently, he is filling in as manager of customer valuation while his manager is on maternity leave.

Farewell to Harriett Southerland, April Whittemore

Harriett Southerland, director of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Awareness Program, resigned in August to accept a position with the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office. April Whittemore also resigned in August to accept a position with Southeastern Regional Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services. We want to thank to them for the contributions they made to the programs during their employment with the commission. We wish them continued success in their new endeavors.

Lumbee Tribe Welcomes Darlene Jacobs

Darlene Jacobs, tribal administrator for the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, received a warm welcome from the Lumbee community at a reception held in her honor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Townsend. The N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs previously employed Ms. Jacobs as the director of the Community Services Program.



Commission Welcomes Thai Visitor

Sombat Boonkamyueng, a participant in the International Visitor Program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State, visited the Commission of Indian Affairs on Aug. 18. A native of Thailand, Mr. Boonkamyueng wanted to learn about ethnic minority communities and how they sustain their cultural heritage. The Thai visitor is lecturer, researcher and founder of the Center for Ethnic Studies at Rajabhat Institute Chiang Rai and the director of the Political School for Community Leaders in Chiang Rai, Thailand. His visit was coordinated locally by the International Visitors Council.

Commission of Indian Affairs Job Vacancies

Director of Substance Abuse Prevention and Awareness Program

For further information, contact Greg Richardson at (919) 733-5998.

Educational Talent Search Counselor

Full-time (1 position) covering Halifax, Sampson and Warren counties

Part-time (1 position) covering Cumberland County and West Hoke Middle School

For additional information, contact Mickey Locklear at (919) 733-5998.



N.C. Commission Member, Champion of Indian Rights Dies

Lonnie Revels Remembered

William Lonnie Revels Sr., died July 10, 2003, after a long illness. A memorial service was held in Greensboro on July 13. Among the hundreds of people in attendance were U.S. Rep. Howard Coble of Greensboro and former Governor James E. Holshouser who stated "If you're lucky, you meet a few people in life who are true trailblazers. Lonnie Revels was a trailblazer and inspiration for Native Americans everywhere."

During the 1960s, Mr. Revels moved to Greensboro from Pembroke and established Arrowhead Graphics, one of the most well-known American Indian printing businesses in North Carolina

The funeral was held July 15 at Mt. Airy Baptist Church in Pembroke. Mr. Revels was a senior member of the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs, having served on the commission since 1976. During his service on the commission, he worked on the Education Committee, Recognition Committee, Ad Hoc Legislative Committee, and he was chair of the Economic Development and Employment Committee and served as chairman of the commission at one point.

Mr. Revels was extremely passionate about educational and economic opportunities, and he fought tirelessly to ensure these opportunities for Indian people. He was a visionary, establishing Guilford Native American Association for Indian People, only the second Indian urban organization to be established. He also worked to establish the newly formed North Carolina Indian Economic Development Initiative where he served as chairman.

Mr. Revels was always challenging you to make a difference, and he was always willing to give you a word of advice. He was always thinking about how the creation of business would create jobs and with it economic self-sufficiency for American Indians that would foster less dependency on government programs and services. I do not think Mr. Revels realized just how much he had made a difference in the lives of others.

He will be missed!

Paul Brooks, Chairman

November 2003
Indian Heritage Month



I N D I A N T I M E

Indian Time is published by the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs. The newsletter is designed to highlight activities and issues of importance to the Indian people of North Carolina.

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Meherrin Indian Tribe
Patrick Riddick

Metrolina Native American Association
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Occaneechi Band of Saponi Nation
Sharri Jeffries

Sappony
Julia M. Phipps

Triangle Native American Society
Latonya Locklear

Waccamaw-Siouan Indian Tribe
Elton R. Jacobs ~ Lila Spaulding

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