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## From the Desk of the Executive Director



*Gregory A. Richardson*

First of all, we want to take this opportunity to extend congratulations to our graduating seniors who have graduated from high school, college or from one of our state universities. Springtime is a season to celebrate our graduating students and to recognize them for their accomplishments.

We also want to take this opportunity to congratulate Johna Edmonds, the new Miss North Carolina, who is an American Indian and a member of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina.

Ms. Edmonds held the title of Miss Johnston County prior to being crowned Miss North Carolina on June 22nd in Raleigh. Ms. Edmonds, 24, is the fourth Lumbee woman to be crowned Miss North Carolina in the last 13 years.

The Commission held its quarterly meeting on June 7th at the Lumbee Lodge in Robeson County, North Carolina.

Mr. Jarrod Lowery, the newly appointed Community Liaison with the Governor's Office, and Mrs. Dee Jones, the newly appointed Chief Operating Officer for the NC Department of Administration, were guest speakers during the meeting. They both spoke of the Governor's priorities and indicated that they look forward to working with the Commission. Mrs. Freeman represented NC Department of Administration Secretary Bill Daughtridge. He serves on the commission by virtue of his position in state government.

The Commission members took action to make several appointments during the meeting. The Commission has legislative appointment authority for the following two organizations:

**NC Indian Housing Authority:** The Commission approved nominations to fill six vacancies on the NC Indian Housing Authority.

**State Advisory Council on Indian Education:** The Commission approved nominations to fill six vacancies occurring June 30th on the State Advisory Council.

The Commission appointed a representative to United Tribes of North Carolina and to the Legal Services of North Carolina, Pembroke Office.  
(Please see our newsletter for more information)

The Commission also adopted the following two resolutions:

- a. **Faith Hedgpeth Resolution** – A resolution calling for action regarding the investigation into the death of Faith Hedgpeth, an American Indian student at UNC at Chapel Hill, who was killed in September 2012. The case remains unresolved. The Resolution calls for the University of North Carolina and the 16 University campuses to conduct a system wide study of unresolved cases of violence against students, and to determine if there is a pattern of violence against students, female student in particular.
- b. **Eagle Feather Resolution** – The Resolution is calling for a change in policy regarding the possession of eagle feathers by non-federally recognized Indians. The current policy only authorizes federally recognized Indians to possess eagle feathers and that policy is contrary to American Indian culture and traditions of American Indians in North Carolina and the nation. Eagle feathers have been used throughout history during traditional ceremonies, blessings and are considered by all American Indians to be sacred. Therefore, the resolution opposes all forms of discrimination by the US Justice Department which prohibits state recognized Indians from possessing or using eagle feathers.

The Commission's Healthy Native North Carolinians grant will be coming to a close June 30th as the funding cycle ends. As a result of this grant, the commission was able to provide funding in the amount of \$13,500 to tribes and associations for the purpose of funding community projects that would improve health in a number of American Indian communities.



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We participated in a Veterans Administrations, Eastern Region Training summit in May. The Summit was well attended by tribal leaders and veterans from across the region. The Eastern Band of Cherokee, Coharie, and Lumbee tribes were well represented during the Summit. The purpose of the summit was to provide an opportunity for tribal leaders, veterans, veteran service officers and others, to network with and hear updates from the VA leadership regarding programs and services available for American Indian veterans. The Commission set up a display table during the conference to showcase the programs and services provided by the Commission.

**Tuscarora Petition for State Recognition:** We started the process of reviewing the Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina's Petition for state recognition this quarter. Copies of the petition were distributed to Recognition Committee members and initial discussion was held by conference call. The Recognition Committee will continue with the review process throughout the year and report to the Commission accordingly. The Committee will be holding a work session in July to continue the review process.

The Tuscarora Nation of North Carolina has engaged consultants from Native American Ancestor's out of Colorado to assist with their research and other work associated with the petition for state recognition.

**NC Indian Cultural Center Legislation:** The General Assembly has approved a bill that terminates the existing lease with the NC Indian Cultural Center Board of Directors and authorizes the opportunity for the Lumbee Tribal Government to purchase the property.

The General Assembly's action will give the Lumbee Tribal Government first option to purchase the property and the tribe will have 90 days to make the purchase after the bill is signed by the Governor. The State Property Office which is housed within the NC Department of Administration will conduct two appraisals of the property, one with restrictions and one without restrictions.

The Indian Cultural Center property consists of four parcels southwest of Pembroke totaling more than 500 acres. The largest parcel being 387 acres and includes the now closed Riverside Golf Course. According to the legislation, the state may offer it for sale to the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. The tribe has 90 days to accept the offer or negotiate a price based on the appraisal value of the property.

The legislation as proposed would not allow the Tribal Government to subdivide the land or sell or lease its natural resources. The tribe would also have to keep the property open to the public and allow North Carolina tribes and tribal organizations to use the property at cost, or for free.

The Thirty Fourth NC Indian Youth Unity Conference was held June 20-22 at East Carolina University. The theme of the conference was "Protecting our Traditions as We Soar into the Future" and was attended by over 250 American Indian students. Mr. Jarrod Lowery, Community Liaison with the Governor's Office, was one of the opening speakers. He presented a letter of recognition to the NC Native American Association leadership for their outstanding leadership in coordinating the 2013 NC Indian Youth Conference at East Carolina University.

Looking ahead we are preparing to address budget cuts, in both state appropriations and federal funding. The commission is slated to lose one position under the current state budget proposal. The federally funded programs are subject to the sequestration cuts and we will have to make adjustments in services and staffing accordingly, starting in the upcoming federal fiscal year.

## Commission Meeting held June 7, 2013

**On behalf of the Commission membership, I would like to thank you for the hospitality extended to us for our June 7, 2013 Commission meeting. The Lumbee Lodge Community Building facility is a positive influence for the community and Lumbee Tribe.**



## 2013 Indian Unity Conference – Highlights

On February 28th – March 2nd, 2013, United Tribes of North Carolina hosted the 2013 Indian Unity Conference at the Sheraton Greensboro Hotel & Four Seasons Koury Convention Center in Greensboro. “Planting for the Future from Our Traditional Roots Through Healthy Eating” was chosen as the conference theme, encouraging us to make healthy choices to improve our quality of life. The conference participants embraced the theme by engaging in physical exercise during the general assemblies.

The Unity Conference provided individuals the opportunity to learn about and take action on many matters facing the American Indian community of North Carolina both from the cultural and business professional perspectives. Workshops and general assemblies covered an array of topics: housing, education, Indian child welfare, cultural arts, Indian history, and changes in legislation. A gospel sing and American Indian powwow provided cultural entertainment. *Thank you to all of the guest speakers, workshop coordinators, and volunteers for your help in making this conference a success!*

The Indian Unity Conference is also home of the Miss Indian North Carolina Pageant. This year, Layla Locklear passed her title as Miss Indian North Carolina to Olivia Richardson. *The Commission of Indian Affairs thanks Layla for her service to the Indians of NC and looks forward to witnessing her achieve much more success! Congratulations to Olivia for becoming our Miss Indian North Carolina 2013-2014! We look forward to you representing us this year! (Read more about Olivia on page 9.)*

During the banquet and breakfast, special recognition was given to many distinguished individuals for their hard work and dedication to the American Indian community in North Carolina. The list of Community Award recipients and United Tribes Scholarship recipients are listed below. *Thank you for your diligence and dedication to the success of Indian people!*

### Community Award Recipients

Distinguished Service to the Indian Community  
**Darlene Jacobs**

Nominated by Triangle Native American Society

Distinguished Service to Indian Education  
**Brett Locklear**

Nominated by Triangle Native American Society

Unsung Hero

**Sandra Hunt Whittemore**

Nominated by the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina

Indian Elder of the Year

**Haynes Almond Graham**

Nominated by the Waccamaw Siouan Tribe

Outstanding Indian Student –  
**Cody Martin**

Nominated by the Sappony Tribe

Outstanding Indian Student –  
**Hunter Martin**

Nominated by the Sappony Tribe



*United Tribes Scholarship Recipients*



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Economic Advancement of Indian People –  
**N.C. Indian Economic Development Initiative**  
Nominated by Triangle Native American Society

### United Tribes Scholarship Recipients

Percy Richardson Memorial  
American Indian Scholarships  
**Ashley Hazel** (Sappony – UNC Chapel Hill)  
**Kirby Hazel** (Sappony – UNC Chapel Hill)  
Sponsored by Shirley Ann and Alonza J. Richardson

Chief W.R. Richardson American  
Indian Memorial Scholarship  
**Joseph Locklear** (Lumbee – UNC Chapel Hill)  
Sponsored by Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

Katie V. Robbins American  
Indian Memorial Scholarship  
**Spenser Jacobs** (Lumbee – East Carolina University)  
Sponsored by the Children of Katie V. Robbins

Waccamaw Siouan Tribe American Indian Scholarship  
**Alina Bray Freeman** (Waccamaw-Siouan – Campbell  
Univeristy)  
Sponsored by Waccamaw Siouan Tribe

The American Indian Memorial Scholarship In Memory  
of Normie and Aileen Bell Holmes  
**Larissa Lowery** (Lumbee – UNC Pembroke)  
Sponsored by Olivia H. Oxendine, Michael L. Holmes, Darlene H.  
Ransom, and Edward Holmes (their children)

Chief “Jessie” Memorial Scholarship Award  
**Jasmine Jacobs** (Waccamaw Siouan – Methodist  
University)  
Sponsored by Greg Richardson (Son of Chief Jessie and  
Executive Director of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs)

Mrs. Jessie Bell Chavis American  
Indian Memorial Scholarship  
**Zachary Jones** (Lumbee – NC State)  
Sponsored by Faline Dial Locklear and Patrick Locklear

Honoring the Chief Otis Martin Family  
**Hunter Martin** (Sappony – East Carolina University)  
Sponsored by Charlene Martin

Nannie Coleman Martin American  
Indian Memorial Scholarship  
**Cody Martin** (Sappony – UNC Charlotte)  
Sponsored by Her Family

Rosa Revels Winfree American Indian Scholarship  
**Taylor Alexis McGirt** (Lumbee – UNC Chapel Hill)  
Sponsored by The Staffing Alliance, Bob Winfree – President

Jo Jo Hunt American Indian Memorial Scholarship  
**Olivia Richardson, Miss Indian North Carolina  
2013-2014** (Haliwa-Saponi – East Carolina  
University)  
Sponsored by Lumbee Regional Development Association

## Lowry enters U.S. Naval Academy

**Daniel Alan Lowry**, Lumbee, son of Stuart and Dena Lowry of Garner, N.C., graduated from the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island in May. Lowry will be entering the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland in June to be inducted with the class of 2017.



Credit: Garnernews.net



## Healthy Native North Carolinians

Healthy Native North Carolinians (HNNC) is a capacity building project supporting 7 tribes and 3 urban Indian organizations in North Carolina to develop, implement, and evaluate sustainable community changes around healthy eating and active living. Launched in fall 2011, each participating community has identified goals and activities to address their unique needs and interests in fostering healthy eating and active living. Funding support for this two-year grant is provided by Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust.

### Project Partners and Roles:

- **NC Commission of Indian Affairs:** Administration
- **American Indian Center at UNC Chapel Hill:** Technical assistance to 10 communities to assist leaders in the development, implementation, and evaluation of action plans and budgets to promote community changes; development of 4 capacity building workshops for tribal leaders over the 2-year grant period
- **Center for Health Promotion & Disease Prevention at UNC Chapel Hill:** Principal Investigator; Evaluation Assistance Team
- **Dr. Ronny Bell, Wake Forest University:** Evaluation Assistance Team
- **Tony V. Locklear of The Healing Lodge:** Community & Faith Based Advisor
- **Dr. Sheila Fleischacker, National Institutes of Health:** Community Change Advisor

### Community Projects of Healthy Native North Carolinians:



*Elders from the Coharie garden community*

**Coharie Indian Tribe:** The Tribe maintains a community garden at the Coharie Tribal Center, which is maintained by youth with the support of elders. Another garden maintained by elders is in Harnett County. In the Coharie way, the gardens inspire hard work and unity for the common good. The gardens encourage the community to stay physically active together and provide a space for elders to share their knowledge and experience with younger generations. To learn more, please contact [Tabatha Brewer](#) at 910-564-6909.

#### Haliwa-Saponi

**Indian Tribe:** The Tribe has developed a community garden adjacent to the Multipurpose Building with a walking trail, a Farmers' Market, an annual Corn Fall Festival, a youth garden in partnership with Hollister Elementary School, and a fresh fruit concession stand at the annual powwow. To learn more or to purchase a 2013 Haliwa-Saponi Farmers' Market calendar, please contact [Karen L. Harley](#) at 252-586-4017.



*fresh fruit concession stand*

**Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina:** The Tribe is establishing sustainable agriculture programs at all 4 Boys & Girls Clubs throughout the tribal territory to encourage reconnection to the land, culture, and healthy eating. Also, in partnership with The Healing Lodge, the tribe hosts an annual Lumbee Healthy Collard Cooking Competition (April 11, 2013). To learn more, please contact [April Bryant](#) at 910-522-2189.



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Meherrin Kitchen Renovators Team

**Meherrin Indian Tribe:** Kitchen renovations are underway as an empowering strategy for preparing healthy food for community gatherings instead of bringing in food from outside. This strengthens self-determination and encourages reinvestment in the community. The kitchen will provide space for the preparation of fresh fruits and vegetables required for 13 year-round traditional ceremonies. In addition, the Tribe is establishing a community garden, Farmers' Market and walking trail. To learn more, please contact **Chief Wayne Brown** at 252-209-0934.



Tribal Farming Grounds

**Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation:** In Spring of 2013, the Tribe will have a vegetable plant and seed distribution, equipped with "knowledge kits," for all tribal families. In addition to encouraging tribal members to garden at home, the Occaneechi maintain farming on tribal grounds, including crops of sorghum. To learn more, please contact **Sharn Jeffries** at 919-563-4610.

**Sappony:** The Sappony maintain a walking trail for the community and provide healthy foods and physical activities at the annual Sappony Heritage Youth Camp. **Register today** for the second annual 5K Sappony Trail Run & 1 Mile Fun Run on Saturday, June 15th at Mayo Lake in Roxboro, NC! **Native to Native Challenge:** In honor of all NC Tribes and urban organizations, a hand-crafted Spirit Stick will be given to the tribe with the most representation at the Run. This will be the winning

Tribe's "bragging rights" for one year and the Tribe's name will be engraved on a special plaque to be displayed at Mayo Lake. To learn more, please contact the **Sappony Tribal Center** at 434-585-3352.



**Waccamaw Siouan Tribe:**

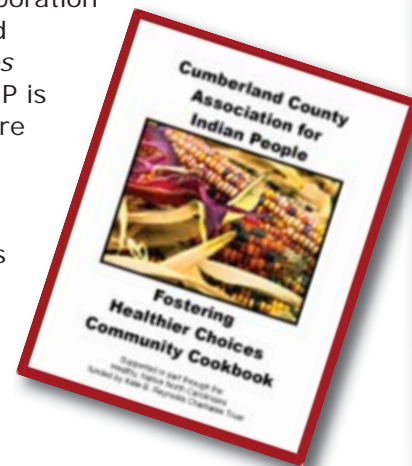
The Tribe maintains a community garden, which also includes fruit trees on tribal grounds. Additionally, healthy collards and smaller-portioned Indian frybread are offered at the annual powwow. Fresh frozen fruit pops made by youth are gaining popularity and being sold as a healthy snack at softball games. Tribal member training and participation in the "Take the Lake" (walk/bike/swim-a-thon) is building each year. To learn more, please contact **Brenda Moore** at 910-655-8778.



Youth aiding the fruit pop making process

**Cumberland County Association for Indian People:**

In collaboration with elders, CCAIP developed the *Fostering Healthy Choices Cookbook*. Additionally, CCAIP is partnering with three childcare centers in the county to strengthen policies or adopt new ones around healthy snacks and physical activities for children. To learn more or to purchase a cookbook, which directly supports CCAIP healthy activities, please contact **Sandra H. Norton** at 910-483-8442.





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Members of the GNAA community garden group

**Guilford Native American Association:** In partnership with the City of Greensboro and the Guilford Co. Indian Education Program, the GNAA community garden will encompass organic vegetables and herbs, which is symbolic of the medicine wheel. A documentary is being created on the garden and its impact to encourage others. Free workshops include organic gardening techniques, composting, canning & food preservation, and healthy cooking. To learn more, please contact [Rick Oxendine](#) at 336-273-8686.



## Carolina Indian Circle Powwow: "Keeping the Faith, Through Honoring Our Traditions"

On March 23, 2013, UNC-Chapel Hill hosted its 26th Annual Carolina Indian Circle Powwow. The very suiting theme was "Keeping the Faith, Through Honoring Our Traditions" in honor and memory of Faith Danielle Hedgepeth (Haliwa-Saponi), who passed away on September 7, 2012, in such a tragic way. Many of Faith's friends and family came out to support Faith's family and to reflect on the life Faith lived.

In addition to the traditional American Indian dancing and drumming, Marcus Collins, assistant dean for the UNC Center for Student Success and Academic Counseling and advisor to the Carolina Indian Circle, spoke on the impact Faith had at UNC-Chapel Hill and

**Triangle Native American Society:** Triangle Native American Society, in partnership with the Wake Co. Indian Education program, has created a community garden featuring plants indigenous to the Americas. TNAS is also developing an aquaponic garden, which will tie together the power of water, fish, and science to provide gardening in limited space. A database has also been created to catalogue the seeds and plants used in the garden with descriptions of their cultural and medicinal uses. To learn more, please contact [Kerry Bird](#).



Members of the GNAA community garden group

**Post-HNNC Plans:** Project partners and communities will discuss plans moving forward at the next HNNC workshop on May 17. We look forward to building on the work that is currently underway! For more information, contact the [American Indian Center](#) at 919-843-4189.

on all of those who knew her. Dean Collins presented Faith's family with a box filled with notes of memories written by many of Faith's classmates and close friends. Dean Collins reflected on his last memory of Faith visiting his office the week of her passing, and said that one of the things we could learn from Faith would be to "fully embrace life".

This is one of many events that have been held in Faith's memory. With each event, the awareness of Faith's tragic unsolved murder grows. Police have released little information about this case. If you or someone you know have details about this case, please contact officials.



## The Governor's Office Adds American Indian, Jarrod Marshall Lowery, to its Staff

Jarrod Marshall Lowery, 24, member of the Lumbee Tribe, accepted and began working in the Governor's Office as an Outreach Liaison in the Office of Community and Constituent Services. *The Commission of Indian Affairs welcomes Jarrod to the Department of Administration and to State Government.*

Jarrod, coming from humble beginnings, grew up in the Prospect community of Pembroke in Robeson County, NC. Jarrod pursued his education attending UNC-Pembroke, graduating in May of 2012 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science minoring in History and is a brother of Phi Sigma Nu Fraternity. Jarrod has spent six years in the United States' Marine Corps Reserve as a tank technician, where he traveled the country and the world. Jarrod brings great experience and leadership skills to his position as an Outreach Liaison.

Jarrod's interest in politics stems from his passion to help people.

"From the age of about 15 I have been involved in politics in some way, from going to Congressional Hearings on Indian issues in Washington, DC, to making political phone calls in Robeson County." Jarrod worked on Congressional campaigns throughout 2010 and 2012 and had the privilege to work on Governor McCrory's campaign. Jarrod says, "Too often groups like American Indians are overlooked, but I've always wanted to work as hard as I could to put myself in a position to show all young Native people that no matter what your dream or goal is, work hard and it can be achieved".



*Jarrod Marshall Lowery*

*It is always encouraging and reassuring to see our American Indian people achieve the goals they set out to accomplish. Many natives can look at Jarrod as an example of "success"!*

*We thank Jarrod for not only his service in the Marines to protect our country, but for the impact he has already made and will make politically in North Carolina.*

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## Eastern Band of the Cherokee Nation's Hall Mountain Celebration

On May 31, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. on Hwy 28, the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians, the Land Trust for the Little Tennessee, and the Wilderness Society will join forces in celebrating the conservation of Hall Mountain overlooking the Historic Cowee Mound with a Land Purchase Ceremony. The ceremony is open to the public.

A land Trust for the Little Tennessee project that began in 2005 will culminate with the celebration of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians receiving ownership of the important Hall Mountain tract overlooking the historic Cowee Mound. The Wilderness Society was instrumental in securing the

project's funding through the newly formed USDA Forest Service Community Forest and Open Space Conservation Program.

The Tribe plans to create a scenic hiking trail system through the tract that will exhibit uses of natural resources traditionally used by the Cherokee and will serve as an educational resource for the public, regional schools, and youth organizations.

Mark this date on your calendar and celebrate with the Eastern Band of Cherokee on their conservation of the Hall Mountain Property. Contact their tribal office or visit their website for more information.





## Commemoration of Fort Nooherooka

In March 1713, nearly 300 years ago, the Nooherooka Massacre of the Tuscarora War occurred not far from Snow Hill, NC. On March 23, 2013, a commemoration was held by East Carolina University and the sovereign Tuscarora Nation of New York. Individuals

from both ECU and the Tuscarora Nation spoke on this epic event's impact and historic relevancy. In recognition, a monument will be put up where Fort Nooherooka once was and a map of the battle field will be placed on display in ECU's library.

## Dr. Robin Cummings: Appointed as North Carolina's Director of Rural Health

Dr. Robin Cummings (Lumbee) of Pinehurst, NC, was recently appointed as Director of Rural Health. Robin is well-versed in health concerns throughout the state and is well known among the various Indian communities. Robin is a cardiothoracic surgeon by training and serves on the NC Medical Society's Family and Public Health Committee. Robin was the Chairman of the NC Indian Health Board before taking on his new position. Robin has served on the Commission of Indian Affairs Board for many years, volunteering his time chairing the Indian Health Committee. The Commission congratulates Robin on becoming the Director of Rural Health.

## Congratulations 2013 Graduates

Congratulations to all of the Class of 2013 Graduates! No matter if you graduated from Pre-K, kindergarten, elementary, middle, high, undergraduate, graduate, or doctoral school, you are to be congratulated for making it to the next level of education. The journey of learning does not stop here. This is only the beginning of great things for your future! The Commission celebrates your success along with you and wishes you the best of luck and happiness in your endeavors!

## Condolences and Remembrances

On behalf of the Membership of the Commission of Indian Affairs and staff, we wish to extend our condolences to the families of the following tribal leaders who recently passed away.

These individuals left a legacy of leadership and commitment to the tribal community and our state that will live on in our hearts and minds for generations to come.

- Royce McNeil (Lumbee), former employee of NCCIA
- Harbert Moore (Lumbee), former Commission member, Tribal leader
- Karen Burns Privette (Lumbee), former employee of NCCIA
- Michael Young (Waccamaw Siouan), Tribal Council Member
- Joyce Kerns Locklear (Lumbee), mother of employee
- Gayle Graham (Waccamaw-Siouan), mother of employee
- Clarine Lynch (Haliwa-Saponi), aunt of employee
- Urdis Mills (Haliwa-Saponi), Korean War Veteran
- Kenneth Jacobs (Waccamaw Siouan)
- Samuel Brewington (Coharie)
- Brantley Oxendine (Lumbee)
- Jean Williams (Sappony)
- Kathy Powers (Sappony)
- Shirley Carter (Coharie)
- Wesley Golden Maynor (Coharie)



## Miss Indian North Carolina 2013-2014 Youth Spotlight

Olivia Richardson, 22, of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe residing in Warrenton, NC, was crowned Miss Indian North Carolina 2013-2014 at the 38th Annual NC Indian Unity Conference. During her reign, she will represent ALL of the American Indians in this great state. The platform that she has chosen is entitled "Cultural Involvement and Being the Perfect Role Model." Olivia will speak on this topic at the many places she will travel over the next year! Below is a quote from Olivia about her platform and what it means to her to hold such a prestigious title.

*"My name is Olivia Richardson, and I am proud to represent the United Tribes of North Carolina and all Native Americans of this beautiful state as your Miss Indian North Carolina 2013-2014. My platform for my reign is "Cultural Involvement & Being the Perfect Role Model." I want to encourage everyone to stay culturally involved, whether it be dancing, singing, beading, storytelling...the list goes on. Find a part of your culture and keep it alive in our nation. Also, remember that no matter where you go, someone is always watching you. Set a good example for everyone, and always remember to "be the person you want others to see, and be the person you want others to be." I am extremely excited about my reign this year and hope to see you all on the powwow trail."*



Photo credit: Flashin Feathers Photography

Olivia Richardson

## NC Dept. of Administration Secretary Shows Support for NCCIA

Secretary Daughtridge showed his support of the Commission's efforts by attending the quarterly NCCIA meeting, February 28, 2013, in conjunction with the 38th Annual Indian Unity Conference in Greensboro. NC Dept. of Administration Secretary Daughtridge experienced the nature in which the business of the Commission is carried out and spent time speaking with many of the tribal leaders and representatives. While there, Secretary Daughtridge

attended workshops spanning an array of topics, covering political and social opportunities of interest to American Indians in the state.

*The Commission thanks Secretary Daughtridge for his support and attendance at the Commission meeting and the 2013 American Indian Unity Conference. Thank you for your support thus far! We look forward to working with you closely in the near future!*



## Programs and Services Offered by the Commission

### Section 8 Housing

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designated the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs as a Public Housing Agency in 1976. The program's service areas include the counties of Granville, Hoke, Person, Sampson, Warren and on a limited basis to eligible families in Halifax and Columbus counties through special agreements with local public housing authorities. For housing assistance in other counties, please contact your local public housing agencies.

### Education Talent Search Program

The Educational Talent Search Program provides one-on-one educational and career counseling to Indian youth and young adults ages 11 to 27 in the counties of Columbus, Halifax, Hoke, Sampson, and Warren. Program guidelines require that two-thirds of the program's participants be first-generation college and come from families with low incomes.

### Economic Development Program

The Economic Development Program provides information and referral services to the state-recognized tribes and organizations, American Indian citizens and organizations interested in economic development enterprises and business start-up or expansion.

### Supporting Undergraduate Native Students (SUNS) Program

The SUNS Program is a college educational access and retention program designed 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% federal poverty income guidelines to be eligible to participate in the SUNS Program.

### Low Income Energy Assistance Program

**(LIEAP)** The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) is a Federally-funded program that provides for a one-time vendor payment to help eligible households pay their heating bills. Contact the Department of Social Services in Bladen, Columbus, Cumberland, Halifax, Harnett, Sampson and Warren Counties to check your eligibility.

### American Indian Workforce Development Program (WIA Section 166)

Program services to WIA-eligible members of state or federally recognized tribes. Veterans' priority. Classroom training, work experience, job search and placement assistance, and supportive services. State, regional, and national advocacy. Partner with Job Link/NCWorks services.

## Dr. Olivia Oxendine: Appointed to the NC State Board of Education

**Dr. Olivia Oxendine** (Lumbee) was appointed by Governor Pat McCrory and officially sworn in as a member of the State Board of Education in Raleigh on April 3, 2013. Olivia formerly served as State Advisory Council on Indian Education Liaison, for the NC Department of Public Instruction, prior to her appointment. Additionally, Olivia is employed with the University of North Carolina at Pembroke. Please join the Commission in congratulating Olivia as our new representative on the State Board of Education

## Terms Expiring For Some Commission Members

Many terms of the state board members will end June 30, 2013. At the June 7, 2013 Commission meeting, newly appointed representatives were presented to the Commission for approval.

As described in North Carolina General Statute 143B-407, members are selected by their tribe or organization. The only exception is for individuals who are appointed by the Governor or state agencies. The following tables show the individuals that were presented to the Commission for approval.



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Commission of Indian Affairs		
Name	Term	Tribe/Organization
Shirley Freeman	2013-2016	Coharie
Gladys Hunt	2013-2016	Cumberland County Association for Indian People
Furnie Lambert	2013-2016	Lumbee
Chassidy Hall	2013-2016	Meherrin
DeVane Burett	2013-2016	Guilford Native
	2013-2016	Haliwa-Saponi

*Note:* 3 year term of appointment

State Advisory Council on Indian Education			
Name	Term:	Tribe/Organization	Role
Sharon Williams	2013-2015	Coharie Tribe	Parent
Karen G. Kueny	2013-2015	Cumberland County Association for Indian People	Parent
Margo Howard	2013-2015	Meherrin Tribe	Parent
Veronica Graham	2013-2015	Waccamaw-Siouan	Educator

*Note:* 2 year term of appointment by State Board of Education  
 UNC Board of Governor appointment is 4 years (This appointment not listed above)

Two nominations are still pending and will be selected by the Commission in July.

NC Indian Housing Authority			
Name	Term/Ending Term	Options	Tribe/Organization
Vivian Maynor	2013-2018	1	Coharie Tribe
Juanita Caldwell	2013-2018	2	
Gladys Hunt	2013-2018	1	Cumberland County Association for Indian People
Helen Cook	2013-2018	2	
Dorothy Denise Brown McAuly	2013-2018	1	Meherrin Tribe
Fred Hedgepeth	2013-2018	2	
Earlene Stacks	2013-2018	1	Metrolina Native American Association
Rebecca LaClaire	2013-2018	2	
Larry Jones	2013-2018	1	Sappony Tribe
	2013-2018	2	
Clarice Dial	2013-2018	1	Triangle Native American Society
Tonia Jacobs	2013-2018	2	

*Note:* 5 year term of appointment



## NCCIA Welcomes New Employee

**Carolyn D. Locklear** joined the NCCIA, Section 8 housing staff on May 13, 2013. Carolyn has worked as a Property Manager, an Occupancy Specialist and lastly with the NC Department of Health and Human Services. Carolyn has a Bachelor of Science in Accounting. Please join me in welcoming Carolyn to the NC Commission of Indian Affairs!

## NCCIA Welcomes Newly Appointed Officials

The Commission welcomes its appointed representatives. These individuals will serve as ambassadors for their respective department/tribe. We thank them for their service and look forward to working with them throughout their term.

### New State Officials/Designees to the Commission (indicated in bold)

**Mr. Bill Daughtridge, Jr.** – Secretary, Department of Administration  
No replacement named - Designee

**Ms. Sharon Decker** – Secretary, Department of Commerce  
No replacement named - Designee

**Mr John Skvarla** – Secretary, Department of Environment & Natural Resources  
**\*Brad Ives** - Designee

**Dr. Aldona Wos** – Secretary, Department of Health & Human Services  
**\*Sherry Bradsher** – Acting Deputy Secretary

Cherie K. Berry – Commissioner, Department of Labor – Elected official  
Tina Morris-Anderson - Designee

New Commission Member

**\*Sam Lambert** – Eastern Band of the Cherokee (11/5/2012)

## Recipe to Health

### Ingredients:

- 6 cups of [turkey stock](#)
- 1 turkey breast or your preferred part of the bird; you can use thighs with bones to enrich the flavor. Remove bones after cooking to discard or use to make stock
- 1 ripe avocado
- 1 bunch scallions
- 2 chillies, roasted and seeded
- Salt, pepper, and garlic to taste
- Optional:
  - ½ cup sweet corn
  - ½ cup black beans

Heat stock in large pan along with chillies, onions and turkey breast  
Bring to boil, then reduce heat and simmer until breast is tender (at least 15 minutes for a large breast) Remove turkey breast from broth and, on a cutting board, use two forks to shred the breast meat into small pieces

Peel and pit the avocado. Cut into cubes  
Add the turkey and avocados into the cooking pot and simmer until the avocado is hot.  
Serve in individual bowls.

[http://www.aihd.ku.edu/recipes/turkey\\_soup.html](http://www.aihd.ku.edu/recipes/turkey_soup.html)



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