



## Remembering A Modern Day American Indian Warrior



***This issue of Indian Time is dedicated to the life and memory of the late U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Christopher Phoenix-Jacob Levy of the Lumbee Tribe.***

***November 2012 American Indian Heritage Month will be proclaimed in Levy's honor.***

On December 10, 2011, U.S. Marine Lance Corporal Christopher Phoenix-Jacob Levy, 21, of the Lumbee Tribe died in an attack during his second tour of duty in Afghanistan. Levy was a machine gunner and infantry rifleman who had previously helped train Kenyan soldiers. In high school, Levy was an active member of the Junior ROTC program and the wrestling and cross-country teams. Levy was greatly involved in his culture; dancing at powwows and with the One Spirit Dance Group were among his many hobbies. We thank Levy for his bravery and heroism.

## From the Desk of the Executive Director

In November, a delegation of tribal leaders left North Carolina to attend a historic meeting in Sacramento California. The delegation attended the National Congress of American Indian Annual Convention (NCAI). What made this convention historically significant was the fact that it was a Constitutional Convention for the NCAI.

The delegation of tribal leaders included representative of the Haliwa-Saponi, Coharie, Lumbee, Sappony and Waccamaw-Siouan tribes and myself. A delegation of 25 leaders from North Carolina met with NCAI and tribal leaders from across the nation to ward off an a modern day injustice for state recognized tribes. During the Constitutional Convention the leadership from North Carolina was able to convince NCAI that it

should continue the tradition of allowing state recognized tribes to hold membership in NCAI. There were nine constitutional amendments placed before the constitutional convention and the amendment to exclude state recognized tribes from holding membership in NCAI was the first amendment considered by the convention. The membership of NCAI voted in favor of keeping state recognized tribes as members, by approximately two thirds majority of the members present at the convention.

The president of the Delaware Nation of Oklahoma, a federally recognized tribe, authored the constitutional amendment and lobbied NCAI for its passage. However, the lobbying efforts of the Delaware Nation were unsuccessful.



*Gregory A. Richardson*

The purpose of NCAI is to serve as a unified voice for American Indians across the United States according to its charter. The NCAI was founded in 1944 and is the oldest and largest organization dedicated to representing tribal governments and communities' interests nationally. In its earliest years



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the NCAI battled to protect the rights of Alaskan natives, ending voting discrimination, created the Indian Claims Commission (established in 1946), promoted the right for independent counsel without federal government interference or control, stopped termination legislation to end tribal governance, and pushed for greater Indian participation in the federal government's decision-making processes. By passing broad resolutions, the founders mapped a political strategy that appealed to many Indians. Also, by steering a moderate course, the NCAI leadership decreased the risk of distancing the reservation Indians from the

urban and other rural Indians. The NCAI played a significant role in late-twentieth-century Indian affairs. Its emphasis on treaty rights, tribal sovereignty, and identity issues had no equals in earlier intertribal efforts. The NCAI was less preoccupied than previous twentieth-century Indian intertribal movements with the benefits of Indian assimilation and more concerned with the group rights of Indians and with interests within tribal communities. In practice, NCAI offered tribes legal aid information and lobbied for Indian interests before the courts, Congress, and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Its leaders used the conventional

weapons of politics to promote the interests of Indian people. Not strictly confined to national issues, it also fought campaigns on the local and regional level.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the tribes who sent delegates and other representatives to the 2012 NCAI Convention in Sacramento and provided a voice for state recognized and off reservation Indians!

## American Indian Veterans: Our Soldiers, Warriors, and Protectors

According to the 2010 census, there are 5.3 million American Indian and Alaska Natives in the United States. Among them, there are currently 156,515 veterans. Native Americans have one of the highest records of service per capita than any other ethnic group. Just think of how many reside here in North Carolina. This does not come as a surprise. American Indians have been defending this country before they were granted citizenship and the right to vote. Many natives feel that it is their duty to safeguard and defend the land. It is a part of their culture and heritage. There has not been one battle without a native warrior present.

On many accounts when comparing the languages of many tribes across the United States, the translation for soldier, warrior, and protector are the same word. Fellow tribal members refer to veterans as heroes. Aside from putting themselves in harm's way for the better good of our people, these veterans have vowed to serve our country to the best of their ability as role models for our families and the

larger society. We honor American Indian men and women veterans for doing just that.

The Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and Coast Guard are the five branches of the Armed Forces who work together to defend our freedom. They facilitate movement of troops, equipment, food, and medical supplies. The NC Department of Administration/

Division of Veteran Affairs support our veterans by offering rehabilitation, education assistance programs, loan guarantee programs, life insurance policies, burial assistance, and an array of other services. For a complete list

of these opportunities or to apply for benefits, visit [www.doa.nc.gov/vets](http://www.doa.nc.gov/vets) or call 919-807-4250. There you can find a directory of Veteran's Service Officers per county that can provide assistance to veterans. For further information, we found the Lumbee Tribe's website, [www.lumbee Tribe.com](http://www.lumbee Tribe.com), to be very informative.

*To the veterans: We thank you for your dedication and hard work expended on our behalf to insure protection over our nation. We recognize you for your contribution.*



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Wesley Golden Maynor

**Wesley Golden Maynor**, 86, of the Coharie Tribe, was born on July 22, 1926 to the late Marshall Maynor and Alberta Emanuel. On January 28, 1948 he married Frances Goodman. They has 5 boys and one daughter. At the age of 18, Mr. Maynor was drafted into the U.S. Army on December 21, 1944, 43rd Infantry Division as a rifleman. He served in the Philippines where he fought against the Japanese for 17 days on the front line. While serving a tour of duty from 12/21/1944 until 11/21/1946 in World War II, Mr. Maynor fought in two battles while on active duty and received 2 bronze stars.

Each year he is honored by his local church, Shiloh PH Church, as a spokesman for the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Maynor currently resides at Golden Years Nursing Home, Falcon, NC where he continues to speak about his experiences during the war and is very proud to call himself an American citizen.

**Murzie Mills**, 86, is a World War II Veteran of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe who served his country from July 19, 1943 to March 3, 1945. While fighting for his country in Germany, Murzie was wounded. Doctors were unable to remove the bullet from his back due to its location being so close to his spine; therefore the bullet remains in Murzie's back today. For his distinguished service, Murzie received the Medal of Honor and Purple Heart. Murzie spent much of his lifetime in Philadelphia, PA before venturing to his home now in Hollister, NC. Murzie is married to Daisy Mills; together they have 5 children. Aside from the service Murzie has done for our country, he has provided many services to the Haliwa-Saponi community. Murzie along with his wife opened the Mills Outlet Store, where they ran a barber shop and fabric store. Fellow tribal member Maxzella Mills Richardson says she remembers them selling small Coca-Cola that were kept in an old wooden box. "They were so cold that they had chips of ice in them", Maxzella said. Murzie was instrumental in starting Essex Church of God in one of the back rooms of his store in the early 1970s. Murzie was one of the first individuals from his tribe to obtain land in Essex. Murzie is known for his warm and fun personality.



Murzie Mills



Bruce Jones

**Bruce Jones**, 83, is a Korean War veteran of the Lumbee Tribe. In 1949, soon after graduating high school, Bruce enlisted in the Army's 82nd Airborne stationed at Fort Bragg, Fayetteville, NC where he completed jump school and became a paratrooper. Later, Bruce used his GI Bill to obtain a double major in science and math from Pembroke State University. Continuing his education, Bruce received a graduate degree in science from George Peabody College, which is now known as Vanderbilt. Bruce went on to be a teacher and principal for many years in Robeson County where he dedicated his life to the service of Indian people. Bruce was the founding Chairman of the Lumbee Regional Development Association and owner of his own appliance business in Hillsborough. Bruce served the state and federal government through many different roles: Director of the Commission of Indian Affairs from 1976-1994, President of the Governor's Interstate Indian Council for numerous terms, and the Deputy Director of Manpower Employment and Training under the US Dept. of Labor, where he advocated for literacy programs. Bruce owes his success to the experience and training he has received in the military.



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**Calvin "Cal" Jones Jeffries**, Lt. Colonel U.S. Air Force (Ret.), passed away at his home on March 1, 2012, of natural causes at the age of 76. He served valiantly for 28 years as a fighter pilot in the United States Air Force. He was awarded the Silver Star, Distinguished Flying Cross (3), and Air Force Commendation Medal (2), during his two combat tours in the [Vietnam War](#). After retirement from the Air Force, he served as Chief of Operations and later Chief of Human Services in the N.C. Division of Emergency Management. During his retirement years, Cal enjoyed managing his 350 acre farm in Northern Alamance County, hunting, and restoring old tractors. As an outstanding member of the community, and prominent member of the Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation, Mr. Jeffries continued to donate his time and expertise to ensure the Tribe's success.



## November is Indian Heritage Month

November is American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month. The President of the United States and Governor of North Carolina designate the month of November as Indian Heritage Month, by Proclamation. Heritage Month is a time to celebrate the rich and diverse cultures, traditions, histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of

Native people in our state. Heritage Month is also an opportune time to educate the general public about tribes and raise general awareness about their unique challenges. Native people have worked through struggles to conquer challenges both in the past and the present.

**The North Carolina History Museum will be hosting an array of events to celebrate Indian Heritage Month. Go and venture on a journey through American Indian history. The list of specialty events is as follows:**

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| <b>November 14<br/>12:10-1pm</b> | <b>History Á La Carte: Triracial Moviegoing</b><br>Hear about Jim Crow-era moviegoing in Robeson County, where theaters imposed three-way segregation of audience members.   |
| <b>November 16<br/>9am-3pm</b>   | <b>American Indian Heritage Education Day for School Groups</b><br>Grades k-12 led by teacher or other adult - children 5-13 (\$6), children 14 and older and adults (\$8). There is one free adult admission per 10 students. To register, call 919-807-7993.   |
| <b>November 17<br/>11am-4pm</b>  | <b>American Indian Heritage Celebration</b><br>Come celebrate American Indian history and culture in our state! See traditional and contemporary artists at work, watch dancers and drummers, listen to storytellers, participate in hands-on workshops and craft activities, hear historians discuss their latest findings, and learn about North Carolina's American Indian population—the largest of any state east of the Mississippi River. |

The museum will be hosting "**American Indian Discovery Tours**" throughout the month. To book a tour, call 919-807-7950. For more information about any of these events, please visit [ncmuseumofhistory.org](http://ncmuseumofhistory.org) or call (919)807-7900.





## Remembering Those That Have Passed On

Over the past year, our native community has been impacted by the loss of many members that have greatly impacted our tribes here in North Carolina. Heavy hearts have had a particularly strong toll on the Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Community who recently lost two outstanding women: one young and one old.

**Faith Danielle Hedgepeth, 19**, a member of the Haliwa-Saponi tribe passed away on September 7, 2012 at her off-campus apartment. The tragedy of this unexpected news echoed everywhere throughout Indian Country. Faith was a graduate of Warren County High School and was currently attending UNC-Chapel Hill. Faith was a participant of the Educational Talent Search Program and was greatly involved in our native culture. Dancing in powwows and performing in the "For Him" drama team at Mount Bethel Baptist Church were among her many activities. Faith's superior academics resulted in her being awarded the prestigious Gates Millennium Scholarship and she had her sights set on becoming a pediatrician once she completed her studies. Faith was

known as being a "chipper" and a happy spirited person who had a smile that would light up your day. For this, Faith will always be remembered.

A scholarship fund entitled the "**Faith Hedgepeth Memorial Fund**" has been made in Faith's honor at **BB&T in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina**. However, you may make a donation to the memorial funds at any BB&T Branch Office. The account is under the name of **Connie Hedgepeth** and is titled, "**Faith Hedgepeth Memorial Fund**". **BB&T associates will locate the account name, number and accept deposits at any BB&T branch office.**

The NC Commission of Indian Affairs would like to take this opportunity to commend Governor Beverly Perdue for allocating \$10,000 in reward funds for the Faith Hedgepeth murder case. The reward funds will be awarded to the person or persons who provide information leading to the arrest and conviction of the individual responsible for this crime. The Governor's reward funds increases the total reward to \$39,000. **Anyone with**

**information about the case should contact the Chapel Hill Police Department at 919- 614-6363 or Crime Stoppers at 919-942-7515.**

**Mrs. Lorine Hedgepeth Anstead, 84**, passed away on October 1, 2012. Mrs. Lorine was married to Mr. James Anstead and resided in the Hollister community. As a well-respected Indian Elder, she touched many lives through her kind words and actions, not only in her Haliwa-Saponi community, but native communities across North Carolina. Mrs. Lorine was actively involved in the Haliwa-Saponi Senior Citizens Club, serving as Miss Haliwa-Saponi Senior Indian Princess. In addition to delivering meals to the senior citizens daily, she enjoyed basket weaving, crafting, and gardening. Mrs. Lorine was a member of Mount Bethel Baptist Church, sang in the Senior Choir, and was actively involved in Women on Missions. Mrs. Lorine will forever be a princess of the Haliwa-Saponi Tribe and will be remembered for her diligence, hard work, and dedication to the tribe.

## Governors Interstate Indian Council and National Congress of American Indians Annual Conventions Attended

The Governor's Interstate Indian Council (GIIC) held its annual convention in conjunction with the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) convention. The 63rd annual GIIC Conference was held Oct. 21-22 and the 69th NCAI Annual Convention was held on October 21-26th in Sacramento, Calif. The events will be followed with the national observance of November as [Native American Heritage Month](#).

Gov. Bev Perdue appointed Greg Richardson, Executive Director of the [N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs](#), to serve as North Carolina's delegate to Governor's Interstate Indian Council (GIIC). In order for Greg to vote on convention matters, a letter was required from the Governor. "It is a privilege to represent our state at this annual gathering, which will address topics of interest and concern



*Greg Richardson  
Executive Director*



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to members of North Carolina's tribes and urban associations," said Richardson, who is marking his third term on the Council.

At the NCAI Annual Convention he encouraged each tribe to send delegates to the 2012 NCAI Convention and to work hard during the convention to get other tribal leaders and delegates to keep the NCAI membership open to state-recognized tribes.

The purpose of the GIIC and NCAI conferences is to provide a national forum through which issues

of concern for Indian tribes and state governments are addressed. One agenda item considered was whether to amend its Constitution and restrict its membership to federally recognized Indians only. Greg requested all of our tribes pay attention to this issue; write letters to Jefferson Keel, President of NCAI encouraging him not to exclude state recognized Indians from the NCAI. The majority of the state's recognized tribes attended the conference and North Carolina was well represented. Larry Townsend is the Area Vice-President for NCAI.

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## Scholarships Available To Eligible Children Of N.C. War Veterans

The [N.C. Division of Veterans Affairs](#) (NCDVA) reminds eligible students to apply for college scholarships available to children of North Carolina war veterans. "In appreciation for the service and sacrifices of North Carolina's war veterans, these scholarships are provided to help to defray the ever-increasing costs of higher education," said Tim Wipperman, Assistant Secretary for Veterans Affairs. "The express purpose of the funds is to provide scholastic support to help children of certain disabled, deceased, combat or POW/MIA veterans."

The annual application deadline is March 1. Scholarships may be used at schools located in North Carolina which are (1) state-owned institutions of higher education, community colleges and technical institutes or (2) privately-owned, non-profit colleges and universities.

There are several classes of scholarship eligibility. Interested students should contact their local Veterans Service Office by visiting <http://www.doa.nc.gov/vets/locations/>.

To qualify, the applicant must be domiciled and a resident of North Carolina at the time of application. Additionally:

- a. The Veteran parent was a legal resident of North Carolina at time of said veteran's entrance into that period of service in the armed forces during which eligibility is established; or
- b. The applicant of an eligible veteran is the natural child or adopted child prior to age 15, who was born in North Carolina and has been a resident of North Carolina continuously since birth.; and
- c. The applicant must be under age 25 at the time of application.

Most scholarships provide free tuition, certain fees and a reasonable room and board allowance in State-owned institutions and \$4,500 per academic year in private institutions. In addition, a limited number of scholarships provide free tuition and certain fees in State-owned institutions and \$1,500 per academic year in private institutions. For more information, or to submit an application, contact your local Veterans Service Office.



## Community Development Program Supports Disability Rights of North Carolina's Fifth Birthday

North Carolina is home to 122,000 American Indians and 12% are native people which fall in the status of persons with some type of disability according to the 2010 census fact finder. We have collaborated with agencies that specialize in this area. We share our resources in order to keep our tribal leadership and tribal communities informed. We are committed to the safety and well-being of all of the American Indian population. Together we can make a difference.

On June 21, 2012, Greg Richardson and Sadie Barbour (DRNC Board Member) attended the five year birthday celebration of Disability Rights North Carolina.

Disability Rights North Carolina is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with offices in Raleigh and Asheville. Its team of attorneys, advocates, paralegals and support staff provide advocacy and legal services at no charge for people with disabilities across North Carolina. It is the state's federally mandated protection and advocacy system. Disability Rights



*Greg Richardson, Executive Director (left), discusses policy with Director of Public Policy Corye Dunn and Summer Intern Ashley Payne.*

North Carolina is charged with protecting the rights of children and adults with disabilities living in North Carolina. They can be contacted at Toll-Free: 1-877-235-4210 TTY: 1-888-268-5535 e-mail: [info@disabilityrightsncc.org](mailto:info@disabilityrightsncc.org)

The Commission's Community Development Program is working closely with The National Parent Information Center Board (NIPIC) which is funded through the US Department of Education. They serve Native American parents who have children/young adults with disabilities, ages 0-26. NIPIC provide workshops on the Special Education Process and Parent Leadership. Trainings are free.

In August of 2012 we received an award from NIPIC in honor and appreciation for inspiration, generosity, faithfulness, and devotion to Native American families who have children with disabilities during their annual board retreat in Portland Oregon.

Please contact The National Indian Parent Information Center if you would like to plan training in your community at 1-855-720-2910 or [indian.info@nipic.org](mailto:indian.info@nipic.org)



*National Indian Parent Information Center Board Members (From left to right) Christine Bruno (Board Chair), Shirley Tuzroyluke, Carol Edmo, Renee Roman Nose. Back row from left to right: Clifton Bruno, Judy Wiley (Director), Mavis Bad Cob Wilcox, Sadie Brewington Barbour, Rosemarie Johnson, Kayla Bowers. Not pictured: Brian Goggin, Ed Edmo, Sandra McIlhenny*





## Tribal Representation at the N.C. State Fair

American Indians were well represented at the N.C. State Fair in the Village of Yesteryear. The Village of Yesteryear is where many talented and well distinguished artists come to demonstrate, display, and sell their artwork. The arts include a sizable array of tradition American Indian art amongst other paintings, photography, blown glass, painted eggshells, etc. The Eastern Band of Cherokee, Haliwa-Saponi, and Osage Tribes were represented.

Dowey and Rita Owle of the Eastern Band of Cherokee came back to the "Village" this year as guest artists. Dowey learned his carving skills from his grandfather and has been displaying his art at the state fair since he was in the 8th grade, totaling over 40 years. Dowey is well-known for carving bears, dogs, owls, buffaloes, quails, and many other animals out of all kinds of wood. Dowey was honored in 1987 with the Craftsman of the Year Award and has been granted lifetime membership to the Village of Yesteryear.



*Dowey and Rita Owle of the Eastern Band of Cherokee came back to the "Village" this year as guest artists.*

"You have to study the art", Dowey said, contributing his success to concentrating and enjoying making the carvings. His wife Rita, who is known for her beadwork, sits along his side and enjoys educating the public about native culture.

Also representing the Eastern Band of the Cherokee for the first time was mother and daughter duo, Dean and Dorine Reed. Dean is a self-taught potter and Dorine is a beader.

Senora Lynch won the Craftsman of the Year Award in 2008 and received the 2012-1st place Village of Yesteryear Educational Booth of the Year Award. Senora is a world-renowned potter working with red and white clay making turtles, frogs, lizards, bowls, plaques, and much more. She has been displaying her pottery at the fair for 10 years. Pieces of Senora's pottery are displayed at the Smithsonian of American Indian, the N.C. Museum of History, and have traveled with the Olympics. Senora learned to make pottery from the elder women of her tribe at the old Haliwa Indian School. Senora adorns her pottery with designs symbolic to the stories of her Haliwa-Saponi people. "I always strive to be better than I already am", Senora said. Senora and her husband Dalton make an effort to inform others about all of the tribes in North Carolina.

Chris and Cindy Bowman of the Osage Tribe, who reside in Raleigh, NC displayed their beadwork and cloth accessories.

All of these artists have made us proud representing the American Indians in North Carolina!



*Senora Lynch stands with her work, holding her prize ribbon proudly.*





## Art Therapy Project

The Art Therapy project was an initiative of the NC Commission of Indian Affairs and was initiated in 2006 as collaboration between the Commission, the Coharie Indian Tribe and George Washington University. Leading the initiative was Dr. Elizabeth Warson, Assistant Professor Graduate Art Therapy Program, with George Washington University. The program involved the following components:

- **Healing Pathways: Art Therapy for American Indian Cancer Survivors** which provided a means for stress reduction through the application of Art Therapy.
- The exploration of American Indian adolescent needs through community driven art study and practice. Coharie Tribal youth who attended Mid Way High Schools participated in the Art Therapy initiative. Art therapy was used to encourage and enhance the education of the students.
- Dr. Warson uses her experience with the Coharie Students and tribal members to write several publications which highlight North Carolina tribes and the Commissions Art Therapy initiative.



*(From left to right) Greg Jacobs, Tribal Administrator, Coharie Indian Tribe, Arlette Loud Hawk, Storyteller and Activist, Oglala Sioux Indian Tribe, Sadie Barbour, Community Development Specialist, N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs, Russell Blacksmith, Chief and Attorney, Oglala Sioux Indian Tribe and Greg Richardson, Executive Director, N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs.*

Chief and Attorney Russell Blacksmith of the Oglala Sioux Indian Tribe and his mother Arlette Loud Hawk, who is a storyteller and activist, were both in attendance at the meeting on October 3, 2012. They live on the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation in South Dakota and are direct decedents of those who fought for the United States in the Battle of the Little Big Horn. Chief Blacksmith is a defense attorney for the Oglala Sioux Indian Tribe with a degree in Tribal Law and Treaties and specializes in criminal procedures. Approximately 50 tribal leaders and tribal staff participated in the Art Therapy Program.

## Former Workforce Investment Act Participant Achieves Success

Belinda Brewington Parker of Clinton wishes to thank the WIA Section 166, American Indian Workforce Program, Elk Richardson, Director and Sue Faircloth, American Indian Workforce Development Case Manager for the opportunity to participate in the Commission's Classroom Training Program. Belinda received her Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice Technology from Sampson Community College in Clinton, North Carolina.

Belinda was employed with the Clinton Police Department as an office assistant in February, 2012. She is responsible for keying in citations and forwarding paperwork to the court house. She also accepts and assigns warrants in the North

Carolina Warrant Repository (NCAWARE). She is in charge of keeping hot files validated that consist of items such as wanted persons, vehicles, guns, registration plates and persons that are reported missing. Belinda says she enjoys her job at the Clinton Police Department and every day is full of new and exciting tasks. Thanks to the WIA Program, Belinda has an excellent opportunity.



*Belinda Brewington Parker*



## Honoring Lonnie Revels and Dr. Jim Jones

Wake Forest University will hold a day of festivities to honor Former Indian Commission Chairman and long term Commission member Lonnie Revels and Dr. Jim Jones, the current member of the NC Indian Health Board. Mr. Revels and Dr. Jones were the first American Indian students to attend Wake Forest University. Additionally, Mrs. Lucretia Hicks, the founding President of the American Indian Student

Association at Wake Forest University will also be recognized during this history making event. The day of festivities will be held November 28th, with a private celebratory luncheon at 1pm at Graylyn International Conference Center. Greg Richardson, Executive Director of the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs will give remarks during the celebratory luncheon. The following two events are free

and open to the public. At 3 pm, an American Indian Themed Tour of Wake Forest will take place beginning at the Museum of Anthropology. The day will close with a Cultural Celebration beginning at 6 pm.

For additional information please contact: Matt Williams, Assistant Director of the Office of Diversity and Inclusion at Wake Forest. [williamj@wfu.edu](mailto:williamj@wfu.edu) or 336-758-3824

## Healthy Eating Project Healthy, Native North Carolinians

This is a two-year grant which was funded by the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust in 2011. The purpose of the grant is to support a Healthy, Native North Carolinians program, through the funding of mini grants to Indian tribes and Associations. The first phase of the program ended June 30, 2012 and the second year funding started July 1, 2012, which will end on June 30, 2013.

There are seven Tribes and four Urban Indian organizations included in the project. Utilizing the funds allocated under the program, the tribes and organizations are required to develop and implement community changes that are needed to foster healthy eating and active living in Indian communities.

The coordinator of this project, Kim Hammonds partners with UNC-Chapel Hill and the American Indian Center. The consultant is Sheila Fleishhacker. The Healthy, Native North Carolinians project is historic. This is the first time that the NC Commission of Indian Affairs has received funding from the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust and this is the first project of the Commission to address healthy eating among American Indians in the state.

## Social Security Announces 1.7 Percent Benefit Increase for 2013

Monthly Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits for nearly 62 million Americans will increase 1.7 percent in 2013, the Social Security Administration announced today.

The 1.7 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) will begin with benefits that more than 56 million Social Security beneficiaries receive in January 2013. Increased payments to more than 8 million SSI beneficiaries will begin on December 31, 2012. Some other changes that take effect in January of each year are based on the increase in average wages. Based on that increase, the maximum amount of earnings subject to the Social Security tax (taxable maximum) will increase to \$113,700 from \$110,100. Of the estimated 163 million workers who will pay Social Security taxes in 2013, nearly 10 million will pay higher taxes as a result of the increase in the taxable maximum.

Information about Medicare changes for 2013, when announced, will be available at [www.Medicare.gov](http://www.Medicare.gov). For some beneficiaries, their Social Security increase may be partially or completely offset by increases in Medicare premiums.

The Social Security Act provides information on explaining how the COLA is calculated. To read more, please visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/cola](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/cola).



## NCCIA Welcomes Its Appointed Members

The Commission welcomes its appointed tribal representatives. These individuals will serve as ambassadors for their respective tribe or urban organization. They were sworn in at the most recent Commission meeting on September 7, 2012. We thank them for their service and look forward to working with them throughout their term.

- Walter David (W.D.) Baucom – Metrolina Native American Association
- Cassidy Hall – Meherrin Tribe
- Charlene Jacobs – Coharie Tribe
- Daniel Jones – Lumbee Tribe
- Brett Locklear – Triangle Native American Association
- Faline Locklear Dial – Appointed by Governor
- Roy Maynor – Cumberland County Association for Indian People
- Marvel Welch – Eastern Band of the Cherokee
- Charles “Pete” Richardson – Haliwa-Saponi Tribe

## North Carolina American Indian Insignia License Plate Funds N.C. American Indian Scholarships

The North Carolina Division of Motor Vehicles has received \$30,600.00 from Indian license plate sales since October 2011. A portion of that money will be allocated for American Indian scholarships. The first applications for scholarships will be awarded in the fall of 2013 by the American Indian Fund, which is housed in the Triangle Community Foundation, Inc. The American Indian insignia license plate was authorized by NC General Statute, G.S. 20-18.12. It was initiated under the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs Legislative Agenda.

## Mandatory Education

The N.C. State Ethics Commission provides mandatory ethics and lobbying education for **public servants, legislators, legislative employees, and ethics liaisons**. Due to the fact that the North Carolina Commission of Indian Affairs is a Division of State Government, all members of the Commission and the Executive Director are required to participate in ethics training and education.







## Personnel Changes:

### Positions lost this quarter due to the lack of continued funding:

- Teen Tobacco Use Prevention Program – Missy Brayboy, Director, and Kerry Bird, Program Coordinator, (Raleigh based administrative staff) – We regrettably lost two very reliable employees on June 30.
- Low-Income Energy Assistance Program - Frances Norris (Raleigh Office) and Frances Mitchell (Bolton Office) clerical support staff unfortunately left our staff as well.  
*Kimberly Hammonds, Diane Jordan, and Sadie Barbour have picked up their duties.*

### Section 8 Program

- **New Housing Director:** David Grigsby has been employed as the new Director. He replaced Melody Gates who resigned earlier to take a position with another Public Housing Agency.
- **Housing Inspector Vacancy:** We have employed Mr. Gary Lynch in this position. He was previously employed in this position as a temporary employee for two years prior.
- **Temporary Positions filled this quarter:**
  - Bill Williams, Grants Accountant – Bill is responsible for evaluating the Section 8 housing payment procedures and will develop new payment procedures designed to improve efficiency and accountability
  - Elizabeth Qua Lynch, Intern - Lynch will provide office support for the Section 8 program and perform general clerical support duties for the Commission.

### Educational Talent Search:

- Consuela Richardson has been employed as an Educational Talent Search counselor for the counties of Halifax, Warren, and Sampson.

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## Project Director Updates

### Section 8 Housing

The Commission welcomes David Grigsby as the new Director of Section 8 Housing. David has been with the Section 8 program since January 1995. He replaces Melody Gates, who took a position as Director of the Benson Housing Authority.

Elizabeth Qua Lynch has been brought on board as a temp in order to keep the work flowing smoothly while Section 8 is understaffed. Qua is a graduate of Campbell University with a major in biology/pre-professional. Qua was Miss Indian North Carolina 2010-2011 and is a proud graduate of the Commission's Educational Talent Search program. Qua brings a wealth of knowledge of the American

Indian community as well as terrific office skills and is a very welcome addition to the staff.

At this time Section 8 is not taking any new applications. However, we will process new housing applicants from the waiting list to replace program participants who leave the program. There are currently 1428 families on the waiting list. The Section 8 Program provides rent assistance to eligible families located in the counties of Columbus, Granville, Halifax, Hoke, Sampson and Warren Counties. The program is funded by the US Department of housing and Urban Development and has an annual budget of \$3,883,200 for rental subsidies.





## Supporting Undergraduate Native Students (SUNS) Program Still Accepting Applications

### **What Is The Supporting Undergraduate Native Students (Suns) Program?**

The Supporting Undergraduate Native Students (SUNS) Program is a college educational access and retention program sponsored by the NC Commission of Indian Affairs, Economic Development Program.

The purpose of the SUNS program is to identify qualified American Indian students enrolled full-time in a state 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.

### **Summary Of Services**

The SUNS Program is designed to provide financial assistance to eligible American Indian students based on income during the fall and spring semesters only. We assist approximately 50 students each year in pursuit of their educational goals.

### **Book Voucher Reimbursement & Semester Completion Incentive Payments**

Financial assistance consists of a book voucher reimbursement payment for the fall and spring semesters. In addition, students

will receive a semester completion incentive payment for each successfully completed semester. Book voucher reimbursements will be up to \$500.00 per semester, and the semester completion incentive payments will be up to \$120.00 per semester.

### **Academic Excellence Incentive Payments**

Academic Excellence Incentive payments will be presented to the student/students with the highest overall grade point average. Students must comply with all SUNS Program Guidelines in order to be eligible to receive this incentive. Amounts vary depending on the number of students eligible and the amount of funding received.

### **Graduation Incentive Bonus Payment**

A Graduation Incentive Bonus payment will be provided to all seniors who successfully graduate with a 2.0 or higher overall grade point average. Amounts will vary depending on the number of students eligible.

### **Supportive Services**

We have limited funds available to assist eligible SUNS Program participants with a one-time financial assistance payment for unexpected expenses such as emergency childcare, car repair,

or other needed services, so they may remain enrolled in a college or university.

### **Annual Academic Success Workshops**

The SUNS Program sponsors two Academic Success Workshops annually. These required one-day workshops provide SUNS Program participants with an opportunity to learn about a variety of topics from special guest speakers. Students have the opportunity to network with other native students from across the state in a casual business atmosphere while learning the skills necessary to be successful.

The SUNS Program was created to assist American Indian college students in achieving their educational goals. Whether their goal is to complete an occupational certificate, an associate or bachelor degree, we want to help them succeed and achieve their dreams.

To receive an application, please contact Kimberly Hammonds, Economic Development Director with the NC Commission of Indian Affairs at 919-807-4440 or email [Kimberly.Hammonds@doa.nc.gov](mailto:Kimberly.Hammonds@doa.nc.gov)





## Educational Talent Search Program

The Educational Talent Search Program gladly welcomes the return of Consuela Richardson, a former ETS student and counselor. Richardson will serve students in Halifax, Sampson and Warren counties.

The Educational Talent Search Program is accepting new student applications from students in grades 6 through 11 in each of their target schools. The program is funded to serve specific schools in five counties; Columbus, Halifax, Hoke, Sampson and Warren. Students must meet eligibility criteria that include first generation and low income. Applications may be obtained from the Talent Search Counselors or from the office by calling Latesha Middleton at 919-807-4450.

Talent Search counselors are spending a significant amount of time recruiting new students and assisting seniors with college applications, proofreading essays

and writing letters of recommendation. Additionally, counselors are assisting junior and seniors register for the SAT and ACT and are providing test fee waivers to eligible seniors. Students in Warren and Halifax counties have visited Nash Community College and UNC Greensboro to meet with representatives from Admissions and Financial Aid and also tour the campuses.

Seniors are being encouraged to apply for admissions early and to begin applying for scholarships and financial aid as soon as their college applications are complete. Staff is working individually with several students who are applying for the Gates Millennium Scholarship as the application process for GMS awards is highly competitive and students are urged to submit their application as early as possible. Applications must be submitted by the deadline of **Wednesday, January 16, 2013 11:59 PM.**

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## Calendar of Events

- November 17**      **17th Annual American Indian Heritage Celebration**  
NC Museum of History  
5 East Edenton Street, Raleigh, N.C.  
Contact: 919-807-7979
- December 7**      **N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs Quarterly Meeting**  
NCAE, 700 Salisbury St.  
Raleigh, N.C.  
Call: Greg Richardson 919-807-4440
- December 14**      **Upcoming Commission Meeting**  
10:00am – 3:00pm  
Place: North Carolina Association of Educators  
700 Salisbury Street, Raleigh, N.C. 27601





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## 2013

### February 28 - March 2, 2013

**38th Annual NC Indian Unity Conference:** The 38th N.C. Indian Unity Conference provides a forum to address health, education, social, cultural, political, spiritual, and economic issues affecting the American Indian population of North Carolina. The conference brings together national, state, local and tribal leaders to discuss concerns, identify resources, and develop strategic solutions to advocate for and improve the well-being of North Carolina's first citizens.  
Sheraton Greensboro Hotel at Four Seasons, Joseph S. Koury Convention Center  
Greensboro, N.C.

**February 28** Regular Commission Meeting – in Conjunction with the 2013 N.C. Indian Unity

**March 23** UNC-Chapel Hill Powwow

**April 6** N.C. State Powwow

**April 19-21** Haliwa-Saponi Tribal Powwow

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### **Relocation of Columbus County field office and staff**

The Waccamaw-Siouan Indian Tribe has moved into their new Tribal Center at 7239 Old Lake Road in Bolton, N.C.

### **General Accounting Office (GAO) Study-Report Issued April 12, 2012**

The GAO report entitled Indian Issues: Federal Funding for Non-Federally Recognized Tribes can be viewed online at: <http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-12-348>.



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