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13-Year-Old Travels to Australia and New Zealand



Aaron M. Locklear, 13-year-old son of Judy O. & Hubert M. Locklear, traveled to New Zealand and Australia for 23 days June 9 through June 30th. He traveled through the People to People of North Carolina program as a Student Ambassador. Locklear's delegation consisted of 40 students from North and South Carolina, Little Rock, Arkansas and Georgia. This was a trip of a life time. Locklear stated, "We learned of their culture, religion, currency, education and dialogue. In New Zealand the weather was extremely cold for a few days but the weather was warmer in Australia."

Some of the activities the students enjoyed included Sand Tobogganing, snorkeling, whale watching, feeding the dolphins. Locklear said, "We went swimming at the 2000 Olympics site at Homebush Bay in Australia at the Aquatic Centre and the list continues."

"While there," Locklear continued, "we ate different types of foods, such as the Koala Bear and Kangaroo. When you asked for a hamburger all the way, it consisted of mustard, ketchup, fried egg and pineapple. One day we spent the afternoon with the Maori people and had dinner with them. The Maori Hangi dinner is a tradition where food is steamed in an underground pit using hot stones. The meal cooked for hours. It was delicious. I can't list all the things we experienced, but it will be with me forever."

"Thanks to those who helped sponsor my trip, Maxton Full Gospel Church, Bear Swamp Baptist, Hopewell Methodist, Service Thread, Scotland County Indian Education, and other organizations, friends and relatives."

Aaron Locklear is a student at Carver Middle School, 7th grade 2000-2001 school year.

Student Ambassadors are chosen by their academics, character and personality. There are less than one percent of all American Students selected to go forth on behalf of the People to People Program. The People to People Student Ambassador Program began in 1963 by President Dwight Eisenhower. He believed that people could find common ground if they visited each other's homes, schools and communities. This knowledge would eliminate the misunderstandings, mis-perceptions and suspicions born from fear of things unknown.

Locklear is the grandson of Rev. Curtis L. and Louize Oxendine and Hubert and Judy G. Locklear.

Aaron is shown holding a Koala Bear.

The First Miss North Carolina Jr. Teen America



and Annie Vane Goins. Miss Locklear is the great-granddaughter of the late Mr. Tom Russell Goins and Mrs. Mary Lee Goins of the Prospect community. The new queen attends Union Chapel Holiness Methodist Church.

The pageant was held July 28, 2001 at the Holiday Inn Bordeaux in Fayetteville, NC. There were eleven contestants in her division.

Miss Locklear is the first titleholder in the state. She did a vocal/dance routine to a medley of "When You Wish Upon a Star" and "I am What I am."

She will advance to the Miss Junior Teen America Nationals to be held in Windsor Locks, CT October 5-7, 2001. She will compete against girls ages 11-13 representing the 50 states.

The new queen and family wish to thank her sponsors: Locklear's Construction in Greensboro, NC; Cyna's Jewelers, Oxendine Heating and Air Conditioning, Lonnie Locklear and Sons Construction, North Carolina Insurance Services, Sheriff Glenn Maynor, family and friends.



Center: Toni M. Chagolla, Row Two Left to Right: Eugenia Dial, Geovonie McNair Row Three Left to Right: Crystal Allen, Cynthia Brewer



Shown above, top left: Joan Lowry, Charles Bell, LaRuth Alway, Douglas Locklear, Betty Locklear, Stacy Locklear, Annette Bell, Magdalene Lowry, Linda Oxendine, Winford Lowry. Bottom left to right: Janice Locklear, Johnny Bullard, Yvonne Barnes Dial, Annie Ruth Bullard and Panthia Locklear.

United Methodists Attend Native American Family Camp in Montana

by Yvonne Barnes Dial

One may view the west as a vast portrayal of cowboys, rugged terrain, saloons, guns, and fast shooting, but for over 400 Native Americans among Chippawa, Crow, Navajo, Cherokee, Tuscarora, Lumbee and Hawaiians, they could not deny the awesome and mysterious beauty of the landscape, natural streams, rolling hills, majestic mountains, and historic museums.

After flying into Salt Lake City, Utah, seventeen Lumbees and others traveling close to 1500 miles went through Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, and Montana, the journey through Yellowstone National Park, Old Faithful, the Mormon Tabernacle, and various museums provided an encounter of appreciation for nature and history as they traveled to their final destination to attend Family Camp in Montana.

Approximately thirty Lumbees, Tuscaroras and some of their family members, originally from the Robeson County area or having close family ties to the area, attended the 2001 United Methodist Native American Family Camp at Camp on the Boulder in McLeod, Montana, July 16-20. This year's theme "Honoring Our Journey: From Cradleboard to Cornerstone" allowed participants to focus on the journey they are on and for Native American Christians to walk, talk, and reflect about their camp journey with other spiritual partners.

Mornings began with a devotion with Rev. Jim McKinley of Kansas and children, youth, and adults were provided an opportunity to participate in various workshops, create and design arts and crafts, sing and worship together. Monday the Bishop welcomed everyone and Rev. McKinley presented a sermon.

On Tuesday Rev. Alvin Deer of

UNCP Clinical Health Summer Program

"Real-life" Health Career Exposure

Mid May of this year, Five (5) talented UNC Pembroke students entered health care facilities in and around Robeson and Scotland county as part of the NC-Health Careers Access Program (NC-HCAP). The clinical program is designed to give promising students who are interested in health careers "real-life" exposure to careers in health as early as their freshman and sophomore year, according to the program Director Sylvia Johnson. The students began their work as summer interns through the Clinical Health Summer Program (CHSP), sponsored by the North Carolina Health Careers Access Program (NC-HCAP). For six weeks, UNCP students worked full-time in a hospital or health clinic learning the duties and responsibilities of a health care professional and how a health care delivery system operates.

During the students' formal presentations these comments were shared from Cynthia Brewer, a freshman. "In my six-week adventure at Julian T. Pierce Clinic, as a CHSP intern, I had the pleasure of working with some "top-notch" individuals. My time there presented me with some unforgettable experiences that I will take with me regardless of my future occupation." Geovonie McNair, a sophomore from Laurinburg said, "This health experience has broadened my view on the various duties and responsibilities of services performed by everyone in the pathology department as a team. Without one service, the whole department is hindered; every department works together." Another sophomore, Toni

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, held a plenary with the title "And I Will Heal Their Land" in which he shared various scripture in relationship to the land. He also made reference to conflicts between early Europeans and Native Americans and stated that "the past sins of the land must be reconciled; healing involves restoration."

The following afternoon Rev. Kaleo Patterson from the United Church of Christ in Honolulu, Hawaii along with members of his congregation, conducted and shared their traditional manner of worship. Afterwards participants attended workshops as "A Spiritual Guidebook of Life, A Taste of Heritage, and Native Hawaiian History and Freeing Up, Empowering Up." Between 9 P.M. and 10 P.M., everyone sat upon huge logs around a bonfire to share hymns and testimonies.

On Wednesday Anne Marshall of New York held a plenary- "How to Dialogue Between Native Traditionalists and Christians" as she stressed Native American identity and spirituality through prayer, meditation, discernment, theology, ethics, morality, history and tradition. After the workshops, the youth conducted worship service and the afternoon provided a relaxing and entertaining time for everyone to participate and enjoy a pow-wow with the Black Whistle Drum Group for the Crow Agency of Montana, a delicious outdoor barbecue and a talent show as Charles Bell and others shared their talent in singing, drama and sign language.

Thursday spiritual partners continued their journal session and free time was allowed as individuals participated in arts and crafts. The youth participated in group activities with mattheue Locklear of the Prospect area, and others hiked and went

horseback riding. A plenary titled "The Little Bighorn" was shared by a representative from the Crow Indian Tribe. The afternoon involved workshops, an Indian taco dinner and worship and a holy communion service.

On Friday a closing session was held as participants shared gifts and journals. Afterwards, everyone participated in a "Sending Forth Ritual" as four directions were formed with an elder-youth-adult-child. During the ritual everyone was given compasses by the children who represented the future direction finders. Afterwards, the elders laid hands on the children sending them forth as leaders. Following the ritual, the United Methodist Native American Family Camp ended with closing prayers.

Debra Huff and Katie Scott worked diligently with the children's program, and nursery with Mattheue Locklear directing the youth.

Individuals of Robeson County or those who have family ties to the area who participated in the week long activity included: Annie Ruth Bullard, Johnny Bullard, Joan Lowry, Rev. Douglas Locklear, Mattheue Locklear, Stacy Locklear, Betty Locklear, Janice Locklear, Dr. Norma Jean Thompson, Etta B. Jones, Deborah Wilkins, Carolyn Coronado, Maureen Regan, Pandora Cummings, Joy Locklear, Charles Bell, Annette Bell, Winford Lowry, Mary Magdalene Lowry, Panthia Locklear, Autumn Locklear, Steven Lowry, LaRuth Alway, Dr. Linda Oxendine, Yvonne Barnes Dial, Olivia Lowry Schwartz, Tommy Schwartz, Perry Lowry, Chris Lowry, Debra Huff, Daniel Strickland, Daphne Strickland, Connie Locklear, Lauren Morgan, Dakota Morgan, Joy Locklear, and Carolyn, Jim, Lucille Revels and Elowyn Woods.

Does the IRS owe you money?

The following individuals need to contact the Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-1040. They are owed a tax refund and the IRS is having difficulty locating them. Further questions? Call Madison Locklear at 1-415-682-7285. Also visit Dateline@MSNBC.com for more names.

Amanda D. Locklear, Fayetteville, NC 28302; Athena G. Locklear, Pembroke, NC 29372; Bobby D. Locklear, Charlotte 28206; David M. and Sandra R. Locklear, Fairmont, NC 28340; Bonnie L. Locklear, Shannan, NC 28386; Felicia Locklear, Lumberton, NC 28358; James R. Locklear, Lumberton, NC 28358; Percell & Emma L. Locklear, Maxton, NC 28364; Quinn M. Locklear, Maxton, NC 28364; Stephanie M. Locklear, Maxton, NC 28364; Wanda L. Locklear, Lumberton, NC 28360; Xavier Locklear, Pembroke, NC 28372; Michael and Vickie Oxendine, Lumberton, NC 28358; and Steven W. Oxendine, Pembroke, NC 28372.

Gospel Concert to feature the Scotts, the Hoppers and Tony Gore & Majesty

The Third Annual Gospel Concert to benefit Cue Center for Missing Persons will be a Community United Effort. They will present Gospel Music Festival 2001 at the Southeastern North Carolina Agriculture Center (Farmers' Market) on Hwy 74 E, Lumberton, NC on Saturday, August 11, 2001 beginning at 7 p.m. Gospel performers will include the Hoppers, Tony Gore and Majesty and The Scotts. For ticket information please call 910-763-2263.

Locklear named principal of Raleigh Elementary School



On June 25, 2001 the Wake County Public School approved Felecia Maynor Locklear to become the Principal of E.C. Brooks Elementary School in Raleigh. Brooks Elementary is located off Six Forks Road and serves children in grades K-5. During the 2002-2003 school year, Brooks Elementary will be converting over to a magnet program and will be known as Brooks Children's Museum Magnet.

Mrs. Locklear received degrees from UNC- Greensboro and UNC-Pembroke. Prior to moving to the Wake County area she was a former music teacher at Pembroke Elementary School. She resides in Cary, NC with her husband, Anthony, and daughters: Anjelica and Francesca. She is the daughter of Kenneth and Geraldine Maynor of Pembroke.

Zora Stewart Attends Colorado School of Mines



Zora Natasha Stewart, a beginning freshman at Purnell Swett High School was accepted into the summer program at The Colorado School of Mines, which is a Preparation for Engineering Program (PREP). Acceptance into this program was based on exceptional academic achievement, community involvement, and leadership qualities. Zora's acceptance into Preparation for Engineering Program is an honor as well as an achievement, of which her parents, Reverend Jimmy and Frances Strickland are proud.

PREP 2001 is a three-week program comprised of a rigorous curriculum of engineering course work, written and oral projects, guest lectures, industry tours, and social activities. PREP provides an opportunity to experience a "snapshot" of college life and an insight into various engineering and science related careers. The teaching staff consisted of educators from The Colorado School of Mines, graduate students as well as public school teachers, all with significant industry experience and strong academic backgrounds.

The curriculum was extremely challenging and diverse but Zora was given an opportunity to grow both academically and personally.

Contributions being made to Henry Berry Lowry Memorial Fund

The following businesses and persons have contributed to the Henry Berry Lowry Memorial Fund. The fund has been established to erect a memorial to Henry Berry Lowry. Recent contributors include:
Locklear's Garage, Shannon-\$50
Old Foundry Motor Co., 211-\$100
Maggie Hunt's Trucking- \$50
Jerry's Tire Service- \$25
Moore's Chain Saw- \$20
Rev. Sanford Locklear \$290
James B. Locklear \$170
For additional information about this fund contact Rev. Welton Lowry, Rev. Sanford Locklear, James B. Locklear or Pauline Sutton Thomas.