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36th Annual Lumbee Homecoming 2004

June 25 - July 3, 2004

Sponsored by the Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc.



Friday - June 25

Mr. Lumbee - 6:30 pm - GPAC

Saturday - June 26

Golf Tournament - 8:30 am - Riverside Golf Course

Sunday - June 27

Gospel Singing - 6 pm - Redeemed Assembly of God

Tuesday - June 29

Fashion Show - 12 pm - Porter Plaza

Wednesday - June 30

Little & Junior Miss Lumbee Pageant - 6:30 pm - GPAC

Thursday - July 1

Elder's Dinner - 1 pm - Southeastern Agri. Center

Friday - July 2

Teen and Miss Lumbee Pageant - 6:30 pm - GPAC

Saturday - July 3

5K Run and Fun Walk - 6 am

Parade - 10 am

Car Show - 3 pm

Juried Art Show - 4 pm

Lumbee Star Search - 5:00 pm

Federal Recognition

Fundraising Dinner - 6:00 pm

Awards Show - 8:30 pm

Fireworks - 9:30 pm

Everyone is Welcome!

For more information:

visit us online at

www.lumbeehomecoming.com

or call (910) 521-8602

Lumbee Games

June 26 - Basketball 3 on 3 Tournament

June 27 - Wrestling Championships

June 28 - Swim Championships

July 2 - Basketball Hot Shot Contest

Program launches business school scholarships

Albuquerque: Catching the Dream (CTD), a scholarship organization serving Native American students, announced plans here today to produce 400 Indian graduates in business within the next ten years. The graduates will be funded through the Tribal Business Management (TBM) scholarship program. The CTD Director, Dr. Dean Chavers stated, "The initiative to launch the TBM scholarship program came from WMS Gaming." WMS of Waukegan IL is a major manufacturer of gaming equipment, and has committed to launching the TBM program with a commitment of \$250,000 over a five year period. The presentation of the annual check for \$50,000 was made at the Trade Show of the National Indian Gaming Association (NIGA) in Albuquerque. Mr. Derek Harmer of WMS, Mr. Ernie Stevens, Jr., President of NIGA, and Dr. Dean Chavers of CTD participated in the presentation. "The secret to success in Indian Country is economic development," stated Dr. Chavers. "We plan to have a major impact on Indian people by producing a whole new generation of entrepreneurs. Studies generally find that there is no business on most reservations. Indian people most often must travel away from reservations to buy goods and services, from cars to haircuts." The fields of study to be funded include business, management, leadership, sales, marketing, accounting, finance, economics, hotel management, and related fields. Dr. Chavers added, "Most students will be earning a BS or MBA in business, he went on. "We plan to raise additional funds," Dr. Chavers stated, "to bring the total raised to \$2 million total will let us give each scholarship recipient an average of \$5,000 over a period of two to four years." "We have produced 61 business graduates in the past 15 years," Dr. Chavers added. "This major initiative will let us put more emphasis on business development in Indian Country. We have maintained a 93% completion rate since we started in 1986, and plan to continue with our extremely high rate of success. Except for emergencies and family problems, our students, once selected, are graduates." "One of our graduates, Scott Maybee, now runs a company with 85 employees. Scott, a Seneca from New York, was graduated in 1994 with a degree in finance. After working for four years for two different investment firms, he took his life in his own hands," he continued. Scott says, "I jumped into business with both feet and blind folded. My sister and I founded INJUN Enterprises six years ago. We now have 85 employees and a wholesale distribution business operating mostly over the Internet. We also opened a gas station and convenience store on the reservation last year." "We need to multiply Scott's success a hundred times over," Dr. Chavers stated. "Unemployment in Indian Country is still 45%. As a nation we must address employment, housing, education, and other issues." Mr. Brian R. Gamache, President and CEO of WMS Industries, commented, "Education is the best form of individual empowerment and we welcome the opportunity to help create a brighter future for young deserving members of the community."



Shown left to right: Derek Hammer, WMS Gaming, Ernie Stevens, Jr., President, National Gaming Association, and Dr. Dean Chavers, Director, Catching the Dream.

Gospel Singing to be part of Lumbee Homecoming

The Lumbee Regional Development Association, Inc. will sponsoring a Lumbee Homecoming Gospel Sing in conjunction with the 36th Annual Lumbee Homecoming. On Sunday June 27 at 6 pm at the Redeemed Assembly of God (located on Hwy 211), the following groups will be performing: Felix Deal & Family, Carla & Redemption, Rev. Mike & Quay Cummings & Bruce Swett, The Pierce Family, and the Redeemed Assembly Mass Choir. The Master of Ceremonies will be Hedrick "Little P" Jones. The Gospel Sing is free to any and all-an offering for the church will be taken. For more information please visit our website at www.lumbeehomecoming.com or call (910) 521-8602.

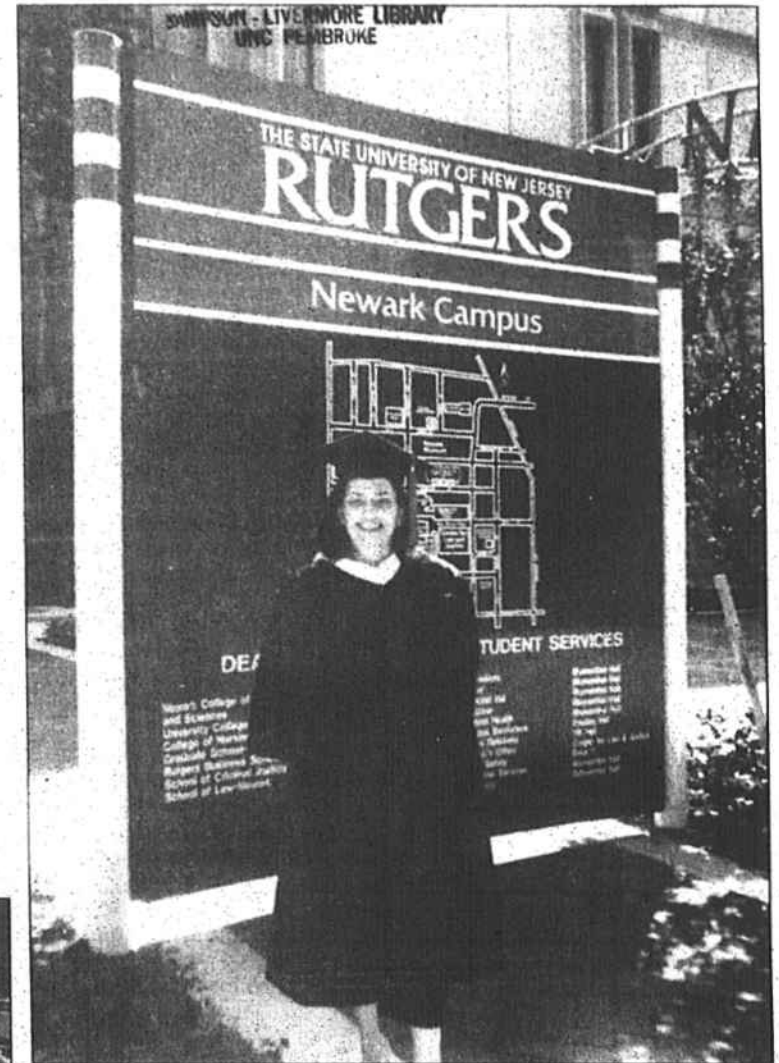
Book Dedication Planned

Please join us for the dedication of the book written by Mary B. Hunt on Miss Anna Mae Locklear. Date: July 4th (Sunday) Time: 4:00 pm Place: Burnt Swamp Associational Baptist Building The book: "From the Cotton Fields to Missions Fields: The Life and Times of Miss Anna Mae Locklear" will be on sale for the price of \$5.00.

Community meeting planned June 28th

Tribal Council member Linda Hammonds announces a Tribal Community Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Monday June 28, 2004. This important meeting is open to all Tribal Members. Tribal Chairman Jimmy Goins along with Tribal Administrator Leon Jacobs and other Tribal Staff will discuss services available to the membership. For more information, contact Doug Locklear at the Lumbee Tribal Office at (910) 521-7861.

Enjoy the festivities at the 36th annual Lumbee Homecoming! Welcome Home, Lumbees!



Ronda Jones

Jones of Hoke County graduates from Rutgers

Ronda Jones, a native of Hoke County, recently graduated from Rutgers State University, Newark Campus in New Jersey. She earned her Bachelor of Sciences degree. Rutgers is recognized as one of the most diverse universities in the United States and also as one of the most prestigious. Jones, a graduate of Hoke County High School, is the daughter of Dexter and Lorrie Jones. Jones will continue her studies at Rutgers and has been accepted into the Master's Program there where she will earn her Master's degree in Social work. Upon completion of her Master's Jones plans to return to the area to work in her chosen field.



Hammonds' pottery on display at UNCP and Raleigh

PEMBROKE, N.C. - Celia Hammonds took up pottery in 1997 as a hobby. Today, her work is on display at UNC Pembroke's Native American Resources Center (NARC) and in Raleigh at the headquarters of the North Carolina Community College System. A 1987 UNCP graduate, Hammonds did not study art in college. "I just thought one day that I would like to do it," Hammonds said. "Today, I live in my studio and my kiln is in my kitchen." Hammonds studied under Jim Tripp at Robeson Community College and later in Wilmington at Fat Cat Studios. She continues to take classes and learn more about the craft and art of pottery making. "You can't help but get new ideas from other artists," she said. She is a new artist this year with six pieces in the NARC's annual Summer Show and Sale, which opens at Lumbee Homecoming and continues through the summer. Hammond's success may be surprising to the artist herself, but her work is outstanding, as her election to show in Raleigh demonstrates. "I am very pleased about being selected to show my work at the Cashwell Building," Hammonds said. "There were 1,000 submissions and 41 were selected." Her hand-thrown bowl debuted on March 18 at a reception honoring the artists that was hosted by community college President Martin Lancaster. It will remain on display for a year. A native of the Saddletree community near Lumberton, Hammonds is a social worker with the North Carolina Services for the Blind. She sells pottery under the San-Beulah Pottery label and may be reached at (910) 739-7810.

Albuquerque: The three best Indian education programs in the U.S. were presented awards at the Ninth Annual Exemplary Institute in Albuquerque recently. The Exemplary Institute is sponsored by Catching the Dream (CTD) of Albuquerque and the Arizona State Impact Aid Association (ASIAA). Over 200 people participated in the two and one-half day event. The awards are Exemplary Program in Indian Education (EPIE), Principal of the Year (POY), and Counselor of the Year (COY). The EPIE Award went to Ms. Eileen Quintana of the Nebo School District, Utah. In the past five years, the Indian Education program in the Nebo district has increased its graduation rate from 37.5% to 93%. At the same time, it has improved its test scores in reading and math for Indian students from the bottom quartile to the top quartile. "Our parents are fantastic," Ms. Quintana stated. "It is because of their hard work as tutors, chaperones, teachers, readers, and monitors that we have been successful. They help in so many ways. It was getting mad at the situation that launched the program." "Nebo is our tenth winner of the EPIE Award," stated the CTD Director, Dr. Dean Chavers. "Nebo joins the ranks of past winners such as Navajo Preparatory School and Arizona State University. The EPIE winners are the 'best of the best' in Indian education." "Navajo Prep has sent over 80% of its graduates on to college for over a decade," he added. "Two years ago, the school sent 100% of its graduates on to college." "Arizona State has doubled the number of Native American students on its campus since 1995. It has also raised the Native retention rate from the lowest on the campus (45%) to the highest (77%) he went on. The winner of the POY Award was Mr. Jack Bittner, Principal of the Umon Hon Nation Public School in Macy, Nebraska on the Umon Hon reservation. In the past six years, the school has raised the number of students who were on grade level from 15% to 40%. It has also raised the percentage of fourth graders who passed the state proficiency test in writing from 16% to 72%. Mr. Larry Parker, Superintendent of the school district, accepted the award for Mr. Bittner. Mr. Parker was Principal of the school when the project was initiated in 1998. "We are really proud of our Success for All program," Mr. Parker stated. "We encourage other schools to launch an intensive reading program for their students. It can work miracles in just a few years." The winner of the COY Award was Ms. Patricia McIntyre-Coggeshall of Phoenix College, Arizona. Starting eight years ago, Ms. McIntyre-Coggeshall formed a partnership with the Phoenix Unified School District to prepare Indian students in high school to be ready for college. The Hoop of Learning program has maintained a fantastic 98% retention rate for its hundreds of students. Almost all of them finish college once enrolled.