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## Summer health care internships prove valuable

**PEMBROKE, N.C.** - "My eyes are open," said UNC Pembroke student Jeremy Demery. Demery and eight students performed six-week internships with area hospitals and clinics this summer through the UNCP North Carolina Health Careers Access Program. It is called the Clinical Health Summer Program. An aspiring physician, Demery said he learned everything from telephone answering to the importance of good patient communications at the Lumberton Health Center. "You need to make patients feel comfortable, because sometimes they won't tell you what you need to know to help them," he said. The sophomore biology major said he worked hard and learned a lot. "They work you," Demery said. "It's a small clinic, so you learn everything." What Demery learned in a primary care setting surprised him and will help guide his career. "The diabetes and hypertension rate is so high in Robeson County, especially among Lumbees," he said. "I learned that I would like to be in emergency medicine or pediatrics." The program gives students a thorough look at careers in health care that they want to pursue, said Sylvia Johnson, HCAP director. "The internship program provides a wonderful opportunity for college students to look at a variety of careers in health care and related fields while earning a salary for seven weeks," said Director Sylvia Johnson. "The students get practical experience, exposure to real-life situations, and the opportunity to make valuable contact with health care professionals by which mentor relationships could form."

Deidra Dial, A sophomore biology and chemistry major from Pembroke, Dial interned at Pembroke Pediatrics. She also wants to go to medical school. Like Demery, Dial worked in all areas of the clinic including the front desk, medical records, nurse's station and, finally, job shadowing the physician's assistant. "The PA took me under his wing," Dial said. "He let me observe everything that was going on and discussed patient diagnosis and treatment with me." Finally, I got to go in with patients by myself, and after I presented what I found to the PA, he would go in and see the patient," she said. "He was always teaching, even during down times."

Suzette Bullard, A sophomore biology major (biomedical emphasis) from Maxton, Bullard wants to be a physician's assistant. She interned at Robeson Family Practice in Red Springs. "I would most likely come back to a clinic like that one in Robeson County," Bullard said. "I like the way it was set up, and the work is interesting."

Charlotte Johnson, A senior psychology major (at UNC-Chapel Hill) and Pembroke native, Johnson wants to be a pharmacist. She did her internship in the pharmacy at Southeastern Regional Medical Center in Lumberton. "It was an opportunity to gain exposure to the hospital

pharmacy setting, and I liked it," Johnson said. "I would recommend this program, or at least job shadowing, for anyone who believes they want to go into the health care field."

Jennifer Jackson, A senior biology and chemistry major from Lumberton, Jackson interned in the radiology department at Southeastern Regional Medical Center. She wants to go to medical school. "I did not know that radiologist did so many things," Jackson said. "The best part was that I was able to observe as the doctors did the procedures." "Radiology is the field that sparked my interest, and the internship has strengthened my desire to go into this field," she said.

Candace Sampson, A sophomore biology major from Pembroke, Sampson interned at Pembroke Family Practice. She wants to be a physician's assistant. "The professional atmosphere that I worked in gave me great insight to the part of the medical field that I want to go into," Sampson said. "We gave a lot of shots to little kids who cried, but they needed their shots."

Ashley Locklear, A sophomore biology and chemistry major from Pembroke, Locklear wants to go to medical school. She interned at the Maxton Medical Clinic. "I enjoyed talking to patients and learning their concerns," Locklear said. "I like being able to help people." "I also learned to respect what nurses do," she said. "Nurses are the backbone of patient care. They welcomed me and took time to help me with procedures."

Candace Lowry, A sophomore biology major (biomedical emphasis) from Lumberton, Lowry wants to be a pharmacist. She interned at the pharmacy of Laurinburg's Scotland Memorial Hospital. "I have worked in retail pharmacy, and a hospital is very different," Lowry said. "I liked it a lot, but I like community pharmacy because you get to interact with people more." "I made rounds and made IVs, but the most interesting thing was to observe the pharmacists making chemotherapy treatments," she said.

Clifton Dial, A senior biology major from Scotland County, Dial did his internship with the clinical lab at Scotland Memorial Hospital. He wants to be a lab technologist. "I rotated through hematology, microbiology and chemistry labs and the blood bank," Dial said. "I learned a lot, and it gave me confidence to pursue a clinical lab science program. The Clinical Health Summer Program is just one example of how NC Health Careers Access Program is helping to increase the number of racial/ethnic minority and/or individuals from economically disadvantaged backgrounds to be trained for the health professions. For more information about the program contact: Sylvia Johnson, Director, NC-HCAP at (910) 521-6493."



**Park ground breaking:** From left: Park fund-raising chairman Spencer Howington (cap); County Commissioner Noah Woods, Town Councilman Greg Cummings, Chamber volunteer Larry Brooks, Town Manager McDuffie Cummings, Chancellor Allen C. Meadors, Mayor Milton Hunt, Dr. Diane Jones, vice chancellor for Student Affairs, Miss UNCP Jessica Ortiz-Carrero, Chamber Board of Directors Chair Robert Canida and Chamber President R.D. Locklear.

## Ground broken for Pembroke Town Park

**PEMBROKE, N.C.** - Ground was broken July 3 for the new Pembroke Town Park during the 36th annual Lumbee Homecoming. Hundreds of people looked on from the open-air marketplace that the park becomes during Lumbee Homecoming. Volunteers raised more than \$75,000 of the \$125,000 needed to transform the park, located at the entrance of UNC Pembroke. "I'd like to thank the Pembroke Area Chamber of Commerce and UNCP for their fund-raising work on this project," said Pembroke Mayor Milton Hunt. "The town looks forward to the completion of this project." Fund raising is ahead if schedule and should be complete by Thanksgiving, said fund-raising coordinator Spencer Howington. "Everyone can own a piece of the park," Howington said. Brick "pavers" to memorialize loved ones at the new Pembroke Park are on sale for \$125 each, and the personalized bricks will pave a walkway at a veteran's memorial. UNCP Chancellor Allen C. Meadors encouraged the purchase of bricks. "This park symbolizes the connection between the town, community and the University," Chancellor Meadors said. "I already own a substantial piece of the walkway, and I encourage you to do the same." The largest gifts of \$15,000 each came from the Town of Pembroke and Lumbee Guarantee Bank. Recent major contributions came from businesses and individuals: Sheff's Seafood Restaurant, Charles Alton Maynor, Mary Doris Dial and Pembroke Hardware, County Commissioner Noah Woods, Oxendine Tire, Dial Insurance, Ransom Insurance, Professional Providers, First Bank and Adrene Locklear. "This project is a great source of pride for the town, the community and the University," said Dr. Diane Jones, UNCP's vice chancellor for Student Affairs and Town Park project coordinator. "This is one of the most exciting projects I have worked with between the town and the University." The ambitious park design includes a veteran's memorial walkway, a history exhibit, playground equipment, wrought iron fencing, landscaping, a water feature and bathrooms. A model of the planning park is on display during business hours at a new Pembroke Municipal Building. "The vision we have for this park is to make it a landmark for this community," said Pembroke Chamber President R.D. Locklear. "In years to come, we want people to say, 'If you go to Pembroke, you've got to see the park.'" Healthkeeperz and Shaw Office Supplies of Lumberton also contributed to the pacesetter phase of the campaign, Locklear said. Architect Mike Clark of Native American Design Services of Pembroke is providing design services without charge. Locklear said: Katrina Locklear of Locklear and Son Funeral Home is leading the design committee, and Howington of Shaw Office Supplies is leading the fundraising committee. For more information about the park, please call the Town of Pembroke at (910) 521-0647.



**Summer Health Care Interns:** Front row from left: Candace M. Lowry, Jennifer R. Jackson, Suzette R. Bullard and Charlotte L. Johnson. Back row, from left: Jeremy Demery, Ashley D. Locklear, Candace L. Sampson, Deidra S. Dial and Clifton D. Dial.

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## Local students among 19 Board of Governors Medical Scholars

**CHAPEL HILL** - Molly Corbett Broad, President of the University of North Carolina, has announced the names of 19 recipients of the UNC Board of Governors Medical Scholarships for the 2004-05 academic year. Established by the North Carolina General Assembly in 1974, the scholarship is based on financial need and service to the people of North Carolina through medical practice. Scholarships may be used for study at Duke University School of Medicine, East Carolina University School of Medicine, the University of North at Chapel Hill School of Medicine, and Wake Forest University School of Medicine. Each scholarship provides full payment of tuition and mandatory fees plus an annual stipend of \$5,000. The 2004-05 BGMS recipients and the institutions they plan to attend are as follows: Chamaine Renee Brooks of Pembroke, NC; Seble S. Chekol of Raleigh, NC; Laci Anne Coggins of Cullowhee, NC; Tracy Lamar Courtney of Garner, NC; Nipa Mahendra Doshi of Charlotte, NC; Jonathan Lamar Jennings of Cary, NC; Amy Ng of Durham, NC; Tameisha Celle Sledge of Durham, NC and Latoya N. Walker of Charlotte, NC, will attend The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine.

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Olivia Marie Granillo of Fayetteville, NC and Leanne Janene Stanley of Cameron, NC will attend Duke University School of Medicine.

Crystal Rose Bullard of Maxton, NC; Cherie Mae Crowder of Penrose, NC; Daphne Melvina Harrington of Greenville, NC; Heang Muy Lim of Matthews, NC; Jason Eric Lowery of Lumberton, NC and Quinton Alan Lucas of Wilson, NC will attend East Carolina University's Brody School of Medicine.

Jerona Alysse Thomas of Winston Salem, NC and Holly Kristina Tyler of Laurinburg, NC will attend Wake Forest University School of Medicine.

For additional information on the Board of Governor's Medical Scholars, contact: Bill Carswell, Manager of Scholarship and Grant Services NC State Education Assistance Authority (919) 549-8614, Medical Scholars, 2004-05

Chamine Renee Brooks is the daughter of Dr. David Earl Brooks and Mrs. Wanda Brooks of Pembroke, NC. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. Peter and Annie Bell Brooks of Pembroke and the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward and Iona Jacobs of Pembroke.

Crystal Rose Bullard is the daughter of Jennings and Connie Bullard of Maxton, NC.

Seble Shibabaw Chekol is the daughter of Shibabaw Chekol of Addis Abababa, Ethiopia and Meazash A Gultimet of Raleigh, NC.

Laci Anne Coggins is the daughter of Derrick and Carolyn Coggins of Cullowhee, NC.

Tracy Lamar Courtney of Garner, NC is the son of the late Willis Courtney Jr. and the late Ethel Bell Courtney.

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Cherie Mae Crowder is the daughter of Ronald and Dorothy Crowder of Penrose, NC.

Nipa Mahendra Doshi is the daughter of Mahendra and Jyoti Doshi of Charlotte, NC.

Olivia Marie Granillo is the daughter of Debra Granillo of Fayetteville, NC.

Daphne Melvina Harrington is the daughter of Tommy B. Harrington of Greenville, NC and the late Angela H. Harrington.

Jonathan Lamar Jennings is the son of John A. and Carolyn Jennings of Cary, NC.

Heang Muy Lim is the daughter of Heng Ky Lim and Buoy Kim Lay of Matthews, NC.

Jason Eric Lowery is the son of Kenneth and Amanda Lowery of Lumberton, NC.

Quinton Alan Lucas is the son of Thomas and Sherry Lucas of Wilson, NC.

Amy Ng is the daughter Edward C.Y. Ng and Yuen Tsai Lee Ng of Durham, NC.

Tameisha Celle Sledge is the daughter of Debra Chisolm of Mauldin, SC.

Leanne Janene Stanley is married to Frank L. Stanley of Cameron, NC. She is the daughter of William C. Harper of Louisburg, NC and Lucy A. Mills of Warm Springs, GA.

Jerona Alysse Thomas is the daughter of Jerome and Shirley Thomas of Charlotte, NC.

Holly Kristina Tyler is the daughter of Tom Paris and Darlene Cummings, both of Laurinburg, NC. She is the stepdaughter of Wendy Paris and Steven Cummings.

Latoya N. Walker is the daughter of Janet R. Walker of Charlotte, NC.

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## LRDA's Food Bank enforces guidelines due to identity theft

**by Vinita Maynor Clark**  
**Pembroke, NC** - On August 15, 2004 the members of the Lumbee tribe will be able to receive once again the USDA Commodities. For the past several years, the only information, which has been required, is a Lumbee Tribal Enrollment Card, Social Security Card and a photo ID. Now, because of the recent rise in identity and people picking up for others and using the items for themselves. The management of the LRDA has decided to require income verification at the next distribution. "I know there will be some people who don't want to give us this information" states the Director of the Food Bank Cookie Clark "but we have an obligation to be accountable to the Federal Government. If people will take the time to make a copy of their pay stub or the checks that they receive next month Or, even a copy of the banks statement; there should be no problem. This information is not being shared with the public or anyone else. No one is going to come and steal their identity and their information will be placed in a confidential file," states Clark. For more information please call the LRDA Food Bank at 521-6464.

## Power wheel chairs available for Seniors

The Senior Wheels USA Program makes available Power Wheelchairs to Senior Citizens and the Permanently-Disabled at no cost to the recipient, if they qualify. The Power Wheelchairs are provided to those who can no longer walk nor self-propel a manual wheelchair, and who meet the additional guidelines of the program. No deposit is required. If the patient's need is for use in the home, please call for more information to see if they qualify. Call toll free at 1-800-246-6010.

In Addition,  
The Senior Wheels USA Program's main purpose and goal is to develop public awareness that there are assistance options that allow senior citizens (as well as the permanently disabled) to remain independent in their own homes. Without this awareness and assistance, the family may prematurely choose a nursing home, or make an unnecessary retail purchase on power mobility equipment. If the patient does not meet all the requirements of the program, we may still be able to help them through our donation program. This is made available when people call us wanting to donate their power wheelchairs that are no longer needed. Thank you for your support.