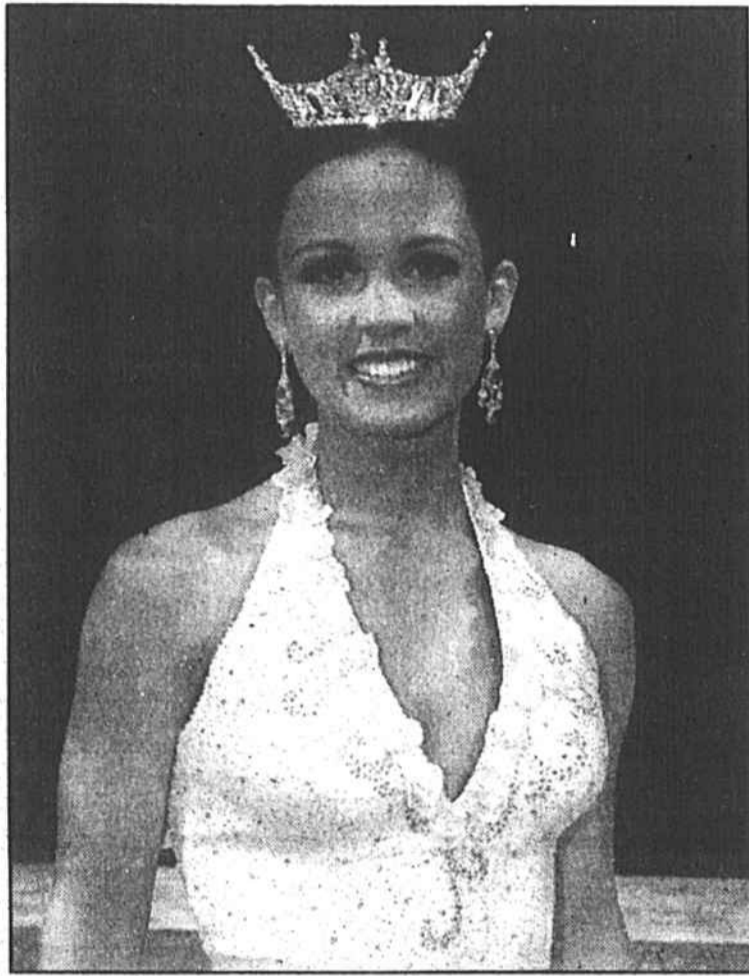


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Morgan Hunt Crowned Miss UNCP 2005

PEMBROKE, N.C. - Morgan Hunt, a senior from Pembroke, was crowned Miss UNCP 2005 on January 27.

The Givens Performing Art Center was all glitz and glamour as five beautiful and talented UNCP students completed in front of an audience of 1,200 at the annual Miss UNCP Scholarship Pageant.

Hunt had to call on all her considerable pageant skills as she fought off a cold and sore throat to sing an Ella Fitzgerald arrangement of "Mr. Paganini" in the talent competition of the pageant. "I was sick all week, and my throat was really hurting. But I made it through," Hunt said. "I was very excited when I went on stage because my sorority sisters were there supporting me."

Hunt, who is a former Miss Lumbee, Junior Miss Lumbee and Little Miss Lumbee, said winning the Miss UNCP title is the realization of a dream.

"I am from Pembroke, so this title is important for me to represent my hometown," she said. "To represent UNCP in the Miss North Carolina Pageant is my childhood dream."

Hunt's pageant platform - diabetes awareness - is personally meaningful, even for her choice of songs, she said.

"Ella Fitzgerald died of complications from diabetes, and several of my family members also died from this disease," Hunt said. "As a health education major, I can relate to this."

The five contestants, Rasae McClure, Ashley Haywood, Briana Cannoy, Jorgiana Martin and Hunt competed in four categories on stage as well as a pre-show interview in this year's scholarship pageant themed, "InFusion."

Kirstin Elrod, the reigning Miss North Carolina, was mistress of ceremonies, and Lorna McNeill Ricotta, Miss North Carolina 2000, directed the pageant. Elrod added to the entertainment of the evening with two stunning vocal performances.

Miss UNCP 2004 Jessica Ortiz-Carrero performed before giving her farewell speech and best wishes to the new Miss UNCP.

"I wish the best of luck to the contestants," Ortiz-Carrero said. "You all have what it takes to make UNCP proud. To our Miss UNCP 2005, always remember that your role is an honor. Relish every moment."

While the judge's scores were tallied, the audience was given a special performance by UNCP Princess, Carolina McMillan. The 10-year-old Robeson County native stunned the spectators with a tap dance to Lindsay Lohan's "Rumors."

Freshman Rasae McClure was named Miss Congeniality for her support to fellow contestants during the pageant process. Ashley Haywood, also a freshman, was named second-runner up. Jorgiana Martin, a Teaching Fellow who thrilled the audience with her tap dance to "Great Balls of Fire," was named first runner-up. The Jessica Reed Community Service Award went to Morgan Hunt.

Hunt won a \$1,000 scholarship, \$1,000 wardrobe allowance for the Miss North Carolina Pageant, a free semester room and board and a 10-carat school ring. She is already preparing for the pageant.

"I've already started planning," Hunt said. "June may seem like a long way off, but I have a short time to prepare, and time is going to go fast."

Robin Connolly is a senior Mass Communications major at UNCP.

Dr. Zoe Locklear named interim, dean of School of Education



PEMBROKE, N.C. - Dr. Zoe Locklear was named interim dean of the school of Education at The University of North Carolina at Pembroke.

Dr. Locklear returned to the University in fall 2004 after serving as an associate superintendent for the North Carolina Department of Instruction (DPI). Before that, she was the first dean of UNCP's School of Education.

A Pembroke native and 1977 UNCP graduate, Dr. Locklear will serve as dean through June 30, 2005, and a national search will begin to find a new dean. Dr. Warren Baker stepped down as dean, effective December 31,

2004, and returned to the classroom full time.

"On behalf of Chancellor Allen C. Meadors and the entire University community, I want to publicly thank Dr. Baker for his exceptional leadership over the past several years," said Dr. Roger Brown, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs. "It has been a pleasure working with Dr. Baker, and I congratulate him on the many accomplishments of the school under his direction."

Dr. Brown said the University and the education community are pleased to have Dr. Locklear back.

"We are indeed fortunate to have someone with Zoe's experience, knowledge, and dedication to step into this position," he said. "Please join me in congratulating Warren on a job well done and welcome Zoe back as interim."

Dr. Locklear was named Outstanding Alumnus in 2003. As dean, she led the School of Education to its first exemplary rating from DPI, and UNCP is one of the only universities to achieve that rating every year of the survey.

Dr. Locklear was the first dean

of the newly formed School of Education in 2000. She also served as an associate superintendent for the Public Schools of Robeson County.

After receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in education from UNCP, Dr. Locklear earned a Master of Education degree and a Ph.D. from UNC-Chapel Hill. She served UNCP's School of Education as director of the Master's in School Administration program and director of teacher education, student teaching and university-school partnerships.

Dr. Locklear served the state in many capacities: member of the state Board of Education (1999-2002), member of the Board of Education's Special Committee on Lateral Entry Teachers, Charter School Advisory Committee, Council of Chief State School Officers Special Education Task Force, UNCP-Chapel Hill's School of Education Alumni Council, North Carolina Gov. Mike Easley's Education First Task Force, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation Professional Development Committee and the state Advisory Council on Indian Education.



Robeson Health Care elects new officers for 2005

Robeson Health Care Corporation (RHCC) held its Annual Board Meeting on recently in Pembroke, N.C. New officers were appointed for 2005.

RHCC operated (4) four nonprofit, federally funded community health centers in Robeson County; Julian T. Pierce Health Center in Pembroke, Maxton Medical Center in Maxton, South Robeson Medical center in Fairmont and Lumberton Health Center in Lumberton. RHCC also operated the C.I. Smith Family Dental Practice in Lumberton. The center's new dentist, James Hill, DDS will begin seeing patients in February 2005.

RHCC also operates several behavioral health care programs in Robeson, Moore, Pitt, Wake and Johnson counties. For more information, please call Denise Locklear, at the Corporate Office - 628-5200.

Shown are the new Board for Robeson Health Care. Standing left to right: Edward B. Ermini, MD, Treasurer; Dale Deese, Esq., Brenda Hill, Secretary, ray Oxendine, Juvenal Gonzales. Seated left to right: Ned Chavis, Vice Chair, Jackie Abram, Jinnie Lowery, President/CEO, and Reid Caldwell, Chair. Not pictured, Lena Tubbs.

AIMI to sponsor scholarship fund-raiser

The annual American Indian Mothers, Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser "Mothers Family Day" is scheduled for Saturday May 7, 2005 at 12 pm at the North Carolina Indian Cultural Inc.

Memorial scholarships have been established in honor of Brenda Brewington Brooks (Civic Leadership), Delora Jane Brewington Locklear (Human Relations), and Brigitte Brayboy Cummings (Business). Evelyn Hunt (Education)

Applications for AIMI Memorial Scholarship are also designated for other American Indian Tribes of North Carolina.

American Indian Mothers welcomes and invites other families to establish memorial Scholarships in honor of deceased American Indian Mothers, applications for establishing new memorial scholarships and nominations forms for AIMI awards are available by calling (910) 843-9911 and must be completed and submitted by March 1st.

Outstanding Service Awards Nominations
First People Hall of Fame Memorial - will be awarded to a deceased American Indian female with a record of community involvement.

Mothers of the Year Award - Will be awarded to an American Indian female in leadership, education, government, business, health, public services or cultural awareness.

New officers named at Red Springs Arts Council

The Red Springs Arts Council is pleased to announce the election of new officers. At its January meeting, the Council approved the following posts: Janette Hopper, President; Stephen Robison, Vice-President; Margie Labadie, Secretary; and Richard Gay, Treasurer. The new officers are committed to the enrichment of Red Springs by sponsoring events appealing to our diverse community.

Upcoming events include a concert featuring the Brooklyn Four plus One, one of New York City's leading jazz bands. The event, supported by a Grassroots Arts Grant from the North Carolina Arts Council, will be held Friday, February 11, 2005 at 8pm at Flora Macdonald Academy in Red Springs; tickets are \$7 at the door. A contra dance featuring the live music of Gaelstorm and the calling of Jack Mitchell is scheduled for Saturday, April 16, from 7:30 to 11pm in the old gym behind Flora Macdonald Academy; tickets are \$5 at the door. The dance is a prelude to the annual Red Springs Street Festival, to be held Sunday, April 17th. Vendors, artists, and community organizations wishing to participate in the festival should contact Ralph Steeds at 910-843-3559 (evenings).

Anyone interested in volunteering on the Council is urged to contact Janette Hopper at 521-6811 (days). The next Council meeting, which is open to the public, will be Tuesday, February 8th at 7:30 in the Community Center, Red Springs.

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Artists, craftspeople, food vendors and community organizations who wish to participate in Red Springs Street Festival on Sunday afternoon, April 17, 2005 should contact Ralph Steeds at 910-843-3559 (evenings).

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Lumber River Holiness Methodist to honor Military personnel

The Lumber River Holiness Methodist Conference, cordially, invites you to a special service that is being planned to "honor all military men, women, and their families", of Robeson County, who have served or is currently serving in the Iraq War. Robeson County residents, at large, are warmly encouraged to attend this service where, together we can express a warm heart of love and deep appreciation for the sacrifices our "honored guests" have made, and is still making, so that we may enjoy "FREEDOM".

The service will be held on February 13, 2005, at New Prospect Holiness Methodist Church, at 6:00 P.M.

Please refer the names of men and women, of the Iraq War, to:
Rev. Elton Hunt: 910 628 9323 (Home) or 910 608 1508 (Cell P)

Barbara J. Lowry: 910 521 3683 (Home) or 910 734 6872 (Cell P)
We look forward to seeing "YOU" there!