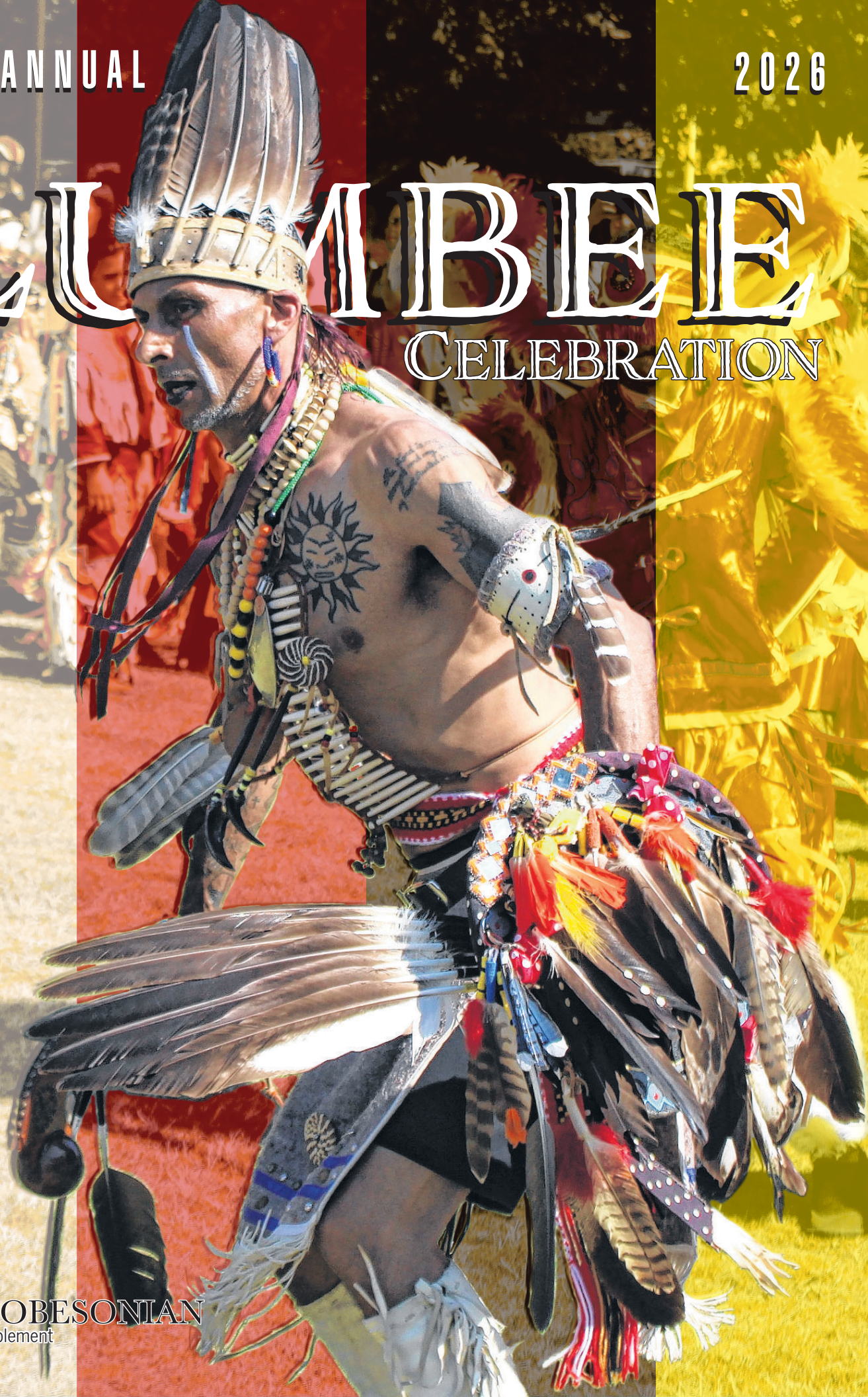


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EVENT SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JUNE 26 - SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026

WEEK-LONG DAILY EVENT

9am / Museum of the Southeast American Indian / UNC Pembroke / Open Daily

2nd Annual Chicken Cook-Off Contest/Sponsored by Mountaire Farms/LRDA Office Complex/Competition held daily during vendor operating hours.

2026 Best of Lumbee Homecoming Competition/Sponsored by LRDA /LRDA Office Complex / Virtual voting competition held daily during vendor operating hours.

JUNE 19 FRIDAY

6:30pm / Senior Ms. Lumbee Pageant / Givens Performing Arts Center / UNC Pembroke

JUNE 26 FRIDAY

9am / Museum of the Southeast American Indian / Open Daily

8am Tee-Off / Homecoming Golf Classic / Scothurst Golf Course/Lumber Bridge, NC

11am-10pm / Lumbee Homecoming Outdoor Market/Open Daily / LRDA Office Complex

5:30pm-7pm /Business After Hours / Hosted by Pembroke Chamber of Commerce/LRDA Office Complex

7pm /Lumbee Homecoming 575 Kick-Off Celebration / LRDA and LTNC / LRDA Homecoming Field

9:30pm /Fireworks Sky Show/ Sponsored by the Town of Pembroke

JUNE 27 SATURDAY

9am / Museum of the Southeast American Indian / Open Daily

11am-10pm / Lumbee Homecoming Outdoor Market/Open Daily / LRDA Office Complex

10am / Lumbee Games / Wrestling / UNC Pembroke Auxiliary Gym

11:30am / Miss Lumbee Legacy Luncheon / Invitation Only Event / UNC Pembroke Chancellors Residence

6pm /Lumbee Warriors Association Veterans Ball / Southeastern Agricultural Center / Lumberton, NC

JUNE 28 SUNDAY

1pm-9pm / Lumbee Homecoming Outdoor Market/Open Daily / LRDA Office Complex

2pm / Lumbee Ambassadors Farewell Tea/ Invitation ONLY Event / Berea Baptist Church / Pembroke, NC

6pm /Lumbee Homecoming Gospel Singing / The Rock Church of God /2208 W Carthage Road, Lumberton

JUNE 29 MONDAY

11am-9pm / Lumbee Homecoming Outdoor Market/ Open Daily / LRDA Office Complex

5pm / Lumbee Games/ Swimming / UNC Pembroke Aquatics Center

6:30pm /Little Miss & Junior Miss Lumbee Pageant / Givens Performing Arts Center / UNC Pembroke

JUNE 30 TUESDAY

11am-9pm / Lumbee Homecoming Outdoor Market/ Open Daily / LRDA Office Complex

12pm / Lumbee Elders Luncheon/ Southeastern Agricultural Center / Lumberton, NC

4pm-5:30pm / Who's Your People?
A Brief History of the Lumbee Tribe / Dr. Lawrence Locklear / Museum of the Southeast American Indian - Old Main / UNC Pembroke

6pm / State of the Tribe Address / Boys & Girls Club / Lumbee Tribe of NC Office Complex

JULY 1 WEDNESDAY

11am-9pm / Lumbee Homecoming Outdoor Market/Open Daily / LRDA Office Complex

JULY 2 THURSDAY

11am-11pm / Lumbee Homecoming Outdoor Market/Open Daily / LRDA Office Complex

11am / Chef Pyet DeSpain Hernandez Native Foodways Cooking Demonstration / Registration required / Hosted by Pembroke Tourism Board

5pm / Lumbee Games / Pickleball & Tennis Doubles/ UNC Pembroke Tennis Courts

6:30pm / Dr. Helen Maynor Shcheirbeck Memorial Lecture / Dr. Bryan McKinley Jones Brayboy / Museum of the Southeast American Indian - Old Main / UNC Pembroke

6:30pm / Teen Miss & Miss Pageant / Givens Performing Arts Center / UNC Pembroke

JULY 3 FRIDAY

9am / Lumbee Games / 3-on-3 Basketball / UNC Pembroke Auxiliary Gym

11am-11pm / Lumbee Homecoming Outdoor Market/Open Daily / LRDA Office Complex

12pm / 2nd Annual Chicken Cook-off Winners Announced / Sponsored by Mountaire Farms

1pm / 2026 Best of Lumbee Homecoming Awards announced / Sponsored by LRDA

6pm / Summer Jam Concert / Milton Hunt Memorial Park / Sponsored by the Town of Pembroke

JULY 4 SATURDAY

6:30am / 5K Run-Walk/Southeastern Fitness Center / Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Pembroke

9am-9:30pm/ Lumbee Homecoming 575 Carnival Extravaganza / LRDA Office Complex Field / Sponsored by LRDA and the Lumbee Tribe of NC

10am / Lumbee Homecoming Parade / West Third Street / Pembroke

11am-11pm / Lumbee Homecoming Outdoor Market/Open Daily / LRDA Office Complex

11am / 2026 Lumbee Ambassador Reception (*Open to the public*)/ American Indian Heritage Center / UNC Pembroke - Old Main

11am / Vintage Car Show / UNC Pembroke Annex Building Parking Lot / Coordinated by the Crossroad Cruisers for Christ

1pm-3pm / Native Strong Coalition Powwow /UNC Pembroke Quad Area

1:30pm - 6pm /Audio & Bike Show / Coordinated by 910 Bagger Boyz /UNC Pembroke Thomas School of Business Parking Lot

2pm /All Veteran Parachute Team Sky Show/Behind LRDA Office Complex

6pm-9pm /Annual Outdoor Gospel Sing / LRDA Office Complex

7pm - Season Premiere of Lumbee Historical Drama, Strike at the Wind / LTNC Cultural Center Amphitheater

TBD / Lumbee Film Festival / Moore Hall / UNC Pembroke

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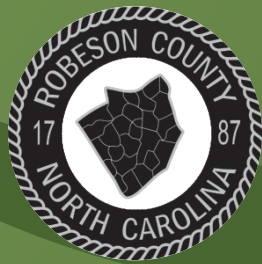
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Hoop dancer Eric Hernandez performs during the Lumbee Tribe's Federal Recognition Celebration May 16 in Pembroke.

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TRIBE CELEBRATES

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PEMBROKE — The Lumbee Tribe's event commemorating its federal recognition may have physically been within the campus of UNC Pembroke on May 16. But the celebration, in a way, stretched nationwide.

Members of the tribe and its allies traveled to Pembroke from as far away as Washington state as several thousand enjoyed music, food, a powwow, a drone light show and more during the day-long celebration.

"We came down for this today, because in the history of the tribe, this is historic, this is as big as it gets," said Ed Sturkey, a member of the Lumbee Tribe who lives in Akron, Ohio. *"The fact that the federal government finally did right by the Lumbee is huge. ... This finally coming full circle, it's a great day. My mother's long gone to heaven, but as an homage to her, my aunts that were all Lumbee — it has a lot more meaning to me than what it started out to be. I enrolled in the tribe and it's my intention that it'll be a big part of my life moving forward, my children's lives, my siblings' lives."* While Sturkey spent the day making new friends within the community of his heritage,

others said the celebration provided an opportunity to reconnect with old friends, comparing the event to Lumbee Homecoming. *"I've really enjoyed being able to socialize and seeing people I haven't seen in a while, fellowshiping,"* said Mary Locklear, of Pembroke. *"It's almost like the Fourth of July."*

"(It's) community," said Sharkell Swett, of Pembroke, who wore a t-shirt that said "Lumbee Indian" and had just purchased a leopard-print "575" t-shirt from the Tribe's merchandise truck. *"Seeing people I haven't seen in a long time, and just looking at everybody's face knowing that now, celebrating that*

we've been federally recognized, just looking at the smiles on their faces."

Five months after the tribe's federal recognition was signed into law on Dec. 18, 2025, the event reinforced the joyous reaction felt by many in tribal territory and beyond.

"It's been years of sacrifice from our ancestors," said Mary Locklear, who livestreamed much of the event's core program at home before coming to campus later in the day. *"I feel like we're standing on their shoulders. It's a joy, and it's something that my children and grandchildren can now look to, can look forward. ... I think it's going to provide a lot of opportunities for*

Teen Miss Lumbee Keely Deal, Little Miss Lumbee Jadyn Herndon and Junior Miss Lumbee Kyndall Locklear march in a powwow during the Lumbee Tribe's Federal Recognition Celebration May 16 in Pembroke.



FEDERAL RECOGNITION

culmination of Lumbee Tribe's quest

our people, education, health; I think it's opened a whole lot of doors."

"It means maybe we can get some help with education for our young people, and medical help for our elders, things like that is what I'm hoping to get out of this," said Kevin Locklear, who arrived at UNCP around 8:30 a.m. and stayed past sunset. *"The fellowship (is great); everybody coming along, coming around, talking, seeing families and people that we haven't seen in a long time coming around, getting to meet old friends."*

Sturkey enrolled in the Lumbee Tribe in 2023 after researching his family history and "verifying

those stories were true"; his origin in the tribe dates back to his great-grandparents. He and his wife, Daphne, traveled from Ohio to attend Saturday's celebration.

"All of the people here have been so kind and so welcoming and just embracing us," Daphne Sturkey said. *"Even when he was in the first part of the enrollment, they said 'welcome home.' He was super emotional."*

The Christian couple said they enjoyed the gospel music that was part of the celebration, and have discovered how faith-driven the Lumbee culture is. *"The gospel*

singing, we thoroughly enjoyed, and that intermixed with the powwow, it's just always, from a heritage standpoint, really moving," Ed Sturkey said. *"I enjoyed those things, and a collard green sandwich."*

The event's core program featured remarks from five sitting members of U.S. Congress, other federal and state officials, representatives from ally tribes and members of tribal leadership.

While the program was the centerpiece of the early afternoon, a powwow was held in the late afternoon hours. Colorful regalia

filled the arena as numerous individuals danced, played drum songs and chanted as the celebration continued.

Once the sun set over Pembroke, the day concluded with a drone light show, with custom designs that included "Lumbee Tribe," "The Era of 575," and an image of Henry Berry Lowrie, among others.

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Contestant 3

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Contestant 6

Kinsley Carter

Parents: Russell and Lisa Hunt
Sponsors: Cynthia Oxendine, Marcus Jacobs, Jenny Barton, Faline Dial, Robeson County Commissioner, Dr. Christopher Locklear, Parents



Contestant 7

Layna Morgan

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Contestant 8

Kinleigh Jones

Parents: Harley and Kasey Jones
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Junior Miss Contestants



Contestant 1

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Contestant 3

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Contestant 4

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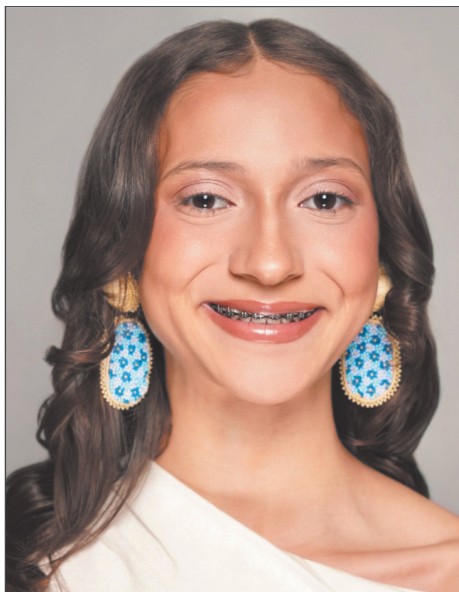
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Contestant 4
Avaeh Jacobs

Parents: William Jacobs and Cathy Bell

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Contestant 5
Arista Lowery

Parent: Glenda Lowery

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Contestant 6
Charla Locklear

Parents: Charles Nakoa Locklear and Natalya Locklear

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Miss Lumbee Contestants



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Ariel Locklear

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Contestant 3

Kaitlynn Chavis

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Contestant 4

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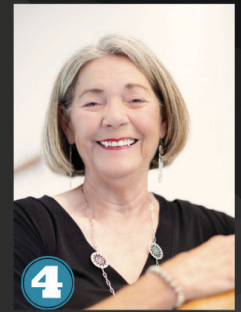
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From the Chairman



John Lowery
Lumbee Tribal Chairman

Over the past several months, we have witnessed one of the most historic and transformative moments in the history of the Lumbee people. Achieving full federal recognition is more than a legislative victory; it is the fulfillment of generations of perseverance, resilience and unwavering belief in who we are

as a people. This moment belongs to every Lumbee ancestor who fought to preserve our identity, every leader who carried our story to Washington, and every tribal citizen who never stopped believing that our time would come.

For decades, the Lumbee Tribe has continued to move forward despite barriers and challenges that no tribe should have had to endure. Yet through it all, our people remained strong. We built communities, educated our children, served our country, strengthened our churches, and protected our culture. Today, federal recognition validates what we have always known: the Lumbee People are a proud and sovereign tribal nation with a rich history and a bright future.

As we enter this new chapter, we are

stepping into an era of prosperity and possibility for the Lumbee People. Federal recognition opens doors to new opportunities in healthcare, housing, education, infrastructure, economic development and cultural preservation. It allows us to expand services for our elders, create stronger opportunities for our youth, and continue building a future where Lumbee families can thrive for generations to come.

This special Lumbee Homecoming edition highlights the progress across our tribal government and community. From strengthening programs and partnerships to preparing for long term economic growth and development, we are focused on building a stronger future together. We are committed to ensuring that the benefits of federal recognition

reach every Lumbee citizen and every community we serve.

As we move forward, we must remain united in purpose and proud of our heritage. Our ancestors prayed for this day, and now it is our responsibility to honor their sacrifices by continuing to grow, lead and invest in our people. The future of the Lumbee Tribe is brighter than ever before, and together, we will continue making history.

Thank you for your continued support, your prayers, and your belief in our tribal nation. I look forward to all that we will accomplish together in this new chapter for the Lumbee people.

John Lowery is the seventh chairman of the Lumbee Tribe, serving in the position since 2022.



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John Lowery

Lumbee Tribal Chairman

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DIGNITARIES CELEBRATE ALONGSIDE LUMBEE

Elected officials, representatives of other tribes among those
at recognition celebration event

U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis, left, presents Lumbee Tribal Chairman John Lowery, right, with the roll call vote tally from the Senate's passage of the National Defense Authorization Act, which included the Lumbee Fairness Act, on Dec. 17, 2025, during the Lumbee Tribe's Federal Recognition Celebration May 16 in Pembroke.



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PEMBROKE — As the Lumbee Tribe celebrated its full federal recognition with a day-long event at UNC Pembroke on May 16, numerous dignitaries were present to mark the occasion. The event's core program featured remarks from five sitting members of U.S. Congress, other federal and state officials, representatives from ally tribes and members of tribal leadership.

"We don't know all of our ancestors who worked to get us here. But you know what? We're thankful for them, because they worked to make sure that we got here," Tribal Chairman John Lowery said. *"We had God on our side, we had right on our side and we had justice on*

our side, and eventually we overcame all of (the opposition)."

U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis, who represents North Carolina and was a major contributor to recognition passing the Senate, presented a frame to the Tribe which includes the document tallying the roll-call vote in the Senate on Dec. 17, 2025, along with a hand-written card with the result of the vote that Tillis read on the Senate floor, and two photos from that day.

The Tribe, in turn, presented Tillis with a blanked handcrafted by a Lumbee artisan as an appreciation for his role in securing federal recognition.

Tillis gave remarks in which he said his only expectation of the Tribe in

its new era of recognition is to make him proud.

"Make me proud by making sure you reach behind and you bring forth every tribe that deserves the same respect that you now have," Tillis said. *"Make me proud by creating a story here that's unlike anyone that's ever followed recognition, one that provides economic opportunities unlike anything children born in this Lumbee Nation have ever been able to experience before. Make me proud by continuing to serve in the military at disproportionately high numbers because you're great patriots. And at the end of the day, make me proud by being sure that you care for the least among you."*

As Tillis, who is not running for reelection this year, sees his term come to an end at the end of the

year, his documents relating to the Lumbee Fairness Act and federal recognition will be housed in the Jacobson Special Collections Room at UNCP's Livermore Library.

Others from North Carolina's congressional delegation, including U.S. Sen. Ted Budd and U.S. Reps. Mark Harris, David Rouzer and Tim Moore, also spoke during Saturday's program, in addition to a video message from Donald Trump Jr. Harris, whose district includes much of Robeson County including tribal headquarters in Pembroke, said that recognition remained a "focus" each time he visited Robeson County while campaigning or in office.

"You know better than anybody, it's been through setbacks, through delays, through years of being told to wait — you never gave up. Your elders kept the dream alive. Your families kept the faith. Your leaders kept pushing. And through it all, the Lumbee Tribe never lost sight of what this day would be," Harris said. *"Today we celebrate a victory that was carried across generations. Most importantly, this recognition affirms what the Lumbee people have always known: your story matters. Your culture matters. Your contributions to North Carolina and to the United States of America matter."*

Representatives from the Shinnecock, Caddo and Catawba tribes also spoke, as each showed solidarity with the Lumbee and excitement that its federal recognition became reality.

Bobby Gonzalez, the chairman of Caddo Nation, revealed that as his tribe has been doing research to document histories within some family cemeteries in its territory in Oklahoma, it found an unexpected Lumbee connection in an Exendine Cemetery.

"We never knew where that name came from until we started talking to Ms. Nancy (Strickland Chavis) and the Lumbee," Gonzalez said. *"I found*

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Larry Townsend speaks during the Lumbee Tribe's Federal Recognition Celebration May 16 in Pembroke.

Arlinda Locklear, right, waves to the crowd as she is honored with a resolution by Tribal Speaker Alex Baker, left, during the Lumbee Tribe's Federal Recognition Celebration May 16 in Pembroke.



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Senior Miss Lumbee Wendy Locklear Chavis performs the national anthem during the Lumbee Tribe's Federal Recognition Celebration May 16 in Pembroke.

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Spectators look on during the Lumbee Tribe's Federal Recognition Celebration May 16 in Pembroke.

out there was a Lumbee that went to (school) and played football with Jim Thorpe ... and the Exendine that played was actually an Oxendine, and that Oxendine was actually a Lumbee who actually went to school with our people. We found out that whole Exendine family comes from the Lumbee." State officials, including Lumbee member Pam Brewington Cashwell, state secretary of natural and cultural resources, also gave remarks, and Cashwell read a letter from Gov. Josh Stein. Federal officials

from the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs, including Jarrod Lowery, a former state representative for Robeson County and the brother of Tribal Chairman John Lowery, also spoke.

The Tribe also recognized several notable individuals, with tribal resolutions honoring Arlinda Locklear, Aaron Thomas and Jarette Sampson, among other recognitions. "I want to remind us that the Lumbee people did not become a tribe when the federal government recognized us,"

Tribal Speaker Alex Baker said. "Federal recognition did not create who we are; it acknowledged what we've always known. We have always been an Indian people, and we've always had leadership, order, responsibility and self-governance among us."

The last word belonged to Larry Townsend, a former member of Tribal Council and longtime Lumbee advocate. "If you're not at the table, you're on the menu," Townsend said. "That's where we've been, folks. We

have opportunity now due to the work of Sen. Tillis and others, and our chairman, and the Terry Sanfords, and the Aaron Thomases, and many other people."

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"An 'A' Grade is a strong sign that UNC Health Southeastern is deeply committed to protecting patients from harm," said Leah Binder, president and CEO of The Leapfrog Group. "We commend the leadership, board, clinicians, staff and volunteers for the role each played in earning this distinction."

The Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade program is peer-reviewed, transparent, and free to the public. Grades are updated twice a year, in the spring and fall. Scores are based on publicly available data and hospital-reported information on infection rates, problems after surgery, safe medication practices, staffing and communication, and use of proven safety protocols. An "A" grade means a hospital performed better than most hospitals on these safety measures at the time of scoring.

What This Means for Patients and Community

The new "A" grade is a sign of sustained progress over multiple grading cycles, not just a one-time fix. It reflects better performance in areas such as infection prevention, safe surgery and treatment practices, systems that reduce the chance of errors, and early response to serious conditions like sepsis.

"In a community like ours, where the need is great and the stakes are high, this achievement says something very important: our patients are receiving care that meets the highest standards in the country right here at UNC Health Southeastern," said UNC Health Southeastern President & CEO Chris Ellington.

For the community, UNC Health Southeastern's new "A" from The Leapfrog Group signals that the hospital has put stronger safety systems in place and is performing among the better hospitals nationwide on key patient safety measures. While no hospital can eliminate all risk, this rating shows meaningful, sustained progress in making care safer for patients close to home.

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