



United Tribes of North Carolina 2026 Annual American Indian Unity Conference

Wednesday March 4, 2026

9:00 am - 11:00 am	Juried Art drop offs	Grand Ballroom 2
10:00 am - 12:30 pm	MINC contestant interviews	Congressional
10:00 am - 1:00 pm	NC Commission of Indian Affairs Quarterly Meeting	Capital Ballroom C, D, E
10:00 am - 1:00 pm	Vendor setup - trucks use loading dock at side, cars use front door	Grand Ballroom Hallway
12:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Conference check in/registration	Registration Desks 1 & 2
12:00 PM	Quilt entry drop offs	
3:00 - 6:00 PM	Juried Art drop off	
1:00 pm - 5:00pm	Tradeshow/Juried & Amateur Art Exhibition	Grand Ballroom 1 & 2
9:00 - 1:45 pm, 4:15 - 5:00 pm or by appt	Revolutionary War/Tribal & Urban Indian Org set up	Capital Ballroom A & B
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm	Revolutionary War/Tribal & Urban Indian Org exhibit hours	Capital Ballroom A & B
2:00 pm	Elder Lounge	Private Dining Room

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2:00 pm - 3:15 pm	GENERAL ASSEMBLY 1/Opening Ceremonies	Grand Ballroom 3, 4, 5
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	Welcome	Corbin Eddings (Lumbee), President - United Tribes of North Carolina	
	Invocation	Greg Jacobs (Coharie), Coharie Tribal Administrator, United Tribes Board Member, Commissioner - NC American Indian Heritage Commission	
	Posting of Colors	Haliwa Saponi Honor Guard	
	Welcome	Wanda Burns Ramsey, President, Triangle Native American Society	
	Tribal Banners & Entertainment	Carly Graham (Waccamaw-Siouan), Executive Director, Metrolina Native American Association, United Tribes Board Member Nadine Patrick (Waccamaw-Siouan), <i>We Are Still Here</i>	
	Land Acknowledgement	Quinn Godwin (Lumbee), Associate Director, NC American Indian Heritage Commission	
	National Anthem	Page Freeman, (Lumbee), 2025-26 Miss Indian North Carolina	
	MINC Pageant Introductions	Page Freeman, (Lumbee), 2025-26 Miss Indian North Carolina	
	Unity Conference Charge	Rev. Charles P. Locklear (Lumbee), Bethany Christian Fellowship, Pembroke, Founding Director, Morning Star Ministries	
	Introduction of Speaker	Secretary Gabriel Esparza, NC Department of Administration	
	Special Speaker	Josh Stein, Governor of North Carolina	
	Closing & Announcements	Corbin Eddings (Lumbee), President - United Tribes of North Carolina	
3:30 pm - 4:15 pm	Screening: <i>The American Revolution</i>	Greg Jeske, Executive Producer, Homegrown History, PBS North Carolina	Grand Ballroom 3, 4, 5
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Dinner break		
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Miss Indian North Carolina Pageant	Nora Dial-Stanley (Lumbee), GNAA Board Chairwoman, Miss Indian NC, Chairwoman, United Tribes Board Member	Grand Ballroom 3, 4, 5
7:15 pm - 8:45 pm	Gospel Singing	New Bethel Quartet and Second Chance	Grand Ballroom 3, 4, 5

Thursday, March 5, 2026

9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Vendor setup	Grand Ballroom hallway
12:00 pm (noon)	Vendor tables must be set up	Registration Desks 1 & 2
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Conference check in/registration	Conference Desks 1 & 2
9:00 am - 10:00 am (DEADLINE)	Quilt entry drop offs	Grand Ballroom 1 & 2
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Tradeshow/Art Exhibition	Capital Ballroom A & B
8:00 am - 8:45 am, or 11:30 - 1:15 pm	Revolutionary War/Tribal & Urban Indian Org set up	Capital Ballroom A & B
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Revolutionary War/Tribal & Urban Indian Org exhibit hours	Private Dining Room
8:00 am - 9:00 pm	Elder Lounge	Registration Desks 1 & 2

Thursday Morning, March 5, 2026

8:00 am - 8:45 am	SHORT WORKSHOP/ Special Session 1	Child Protective Services 101 - What You Need to Know	Judicial
9:00 am - 10:00 am		GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2	Grand Ballroom 3, 4 ,5
	Presiding Welcome	Al Richardson (Haliwa-Saponi), United Tribes Board Member	
	Invocation	Rev. Mike Jacobs	
	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Al Richardson (Haliwa-Saponi), United Tribes Board Member	
	Keynote Speaker	Stephen Bell (Lumbee), LCSW, Chairperson - NC State Advisory Council on Indian Education, Guilford County American Indian Ed Coordinator	
	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Al Richardson (Haliwa-Saponi), United Tribes Board Member	
	Keynote Speaker	Kerry Bird (Sisseton Wahpeton Oyate/Lumbee), President - National Indian Education Association	
	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Al Richardson (Haliwa-Saponi), United Tribes Board Member	

	Keynote Speaker	Dr. Robin Cummings (Lumbee) Chancellor, UNC-Pembroke	
	Closing & Announcements	Al Richardson (Haliwa-Saponi), United Tribes Board Member	
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Workshop Session I	Workshop Session 1	Dogwood, Boxwood, Judicial, Sandalwood
11:30 am - 1:15 pm	LUNCH on your own		

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9:00 am	Vendor setup	Grand Ballroom hallway
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Conference check in/registration	Registration Desks 1 & 2
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Tradeshow/Art Exhibition	Grand Ballroom 1 & 2
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Revolutionary War/Tribal & Urban Indian Org exhibit hours	Capital Ballroom A & B
8:00 am - 9:00 pm	Elder Lounge	Private Dining Room

Thursday Afternoon, March 5, 2026

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	GENERAL ASSEMBLY 3	Grand Ballroom 3, 4, 5
	Presiding Welcome	Carly Graham (Waccamaw-Siouan), Executive Director, Metrolina Native American Association, United Tribes Board Member
	Invocation	Dorothy Stewart Yates (Sappony), Sappony Chairperson
	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Carly Graham (Waccamaw-Siouan), Executive Director, Metrolina Native American Association, United Tribes Board Member
	Keynote Speaker	April Patrick (Waccamaw-Siouan/Yurok) CEO, Hero Staffing
	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Carly Graham (Waccamaw-Siouan), Executive Director, Metrolina Native American Association, United Tribes Board Member
	Keynote Speaker	Dr. Seth Grooms (Lumbee), Assistant Professor, Anthropology, Appalachian State University

	Closing & Announcements	Carly Graham (Waccamaw-Siouan), Executive Director, Metrolina Native American Association, United Tribes Board Member	
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm	SHORT WORKSHOP/ Special Session 2 with short break	Joining the Circle: Engage with AISES, Build Local Networks	Judicial
2:45 pm - 3:30 pm	-OR- Longer Break		
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm	Workshop Session II	Workshop Session 2	Dogwood, Boxwood, Judicial, Sandalwood
4:45 pm - 6:00 pm	Hospitality Reception/MINC	Hospitality Reception & Page Freeman, Miss Indian North Carolina 2025-26 Farewell	Capital Ballroom D, E, F, G
	-OR- DINNER on your own		
6:00 pm - 7:30 pm	Fashion Show	"Tradition in Transition: Past Meets Present" Norma Jean Locklear-Richardson (Lumbee), Skyworld Stitches	Grand Ballroom 3, 4, 5
7:30 pm - 10:00 pm	Powwow	Arena Director: JD Moore AD: Ryan Dial Head Male Dancer: Michael Richardson Head Female Dancer: Miss Indian North Carolina Drums: War Paint, Smokey River Organizer: Tony Clark	Capital Ballroom E, F, G

Friday, March 6, 2026

8:00 am - 5:30 pm	Conference check in/registration	Registration Desks 1 & 2
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Tradeshow/Art Exhibition	Grand Ballroom 1 & 2
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Revolutionary War/Tribal & Urban Indian Org exhibit hours	Capital Ballroom A & B
8:00 am - 6:00 pm	Elder Lounge	Private Dining Room

Friday Morning, March 6, 2026

7:45 am - 8:45 am	Universities Welcome Breakfast	UNC-CH American Indian Center, Duke, and NCCU	Capital Ballroom F & G
9:00 am - 10:00 am	GENERAL ASSEMBLY 4		Grand Ballroom 3, 4, 5
	Presiding Welcome	Rebecca Locklear (Lumbee), United Tribes Board Member	
	Invocation	Kelvin Locklear (Lumbee)	
	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Rebecca Locklear (Lumbee), United Tribes Board Member	
	Keynote Speaker	Dr. Brittany D. Hunt (Lumbee), Professor, Virginia Tech	
	Introduction of Keynote Speaker	Rebecca Locklear (Lumbee), United Tribes Board Member	
	Keynote Speaker	Ashley Lomboy (Waccamaw-Siouan), Founder, Waccamaw-Siouan STEM Studio, AISES Member	
	Closing & Announcements	Rebecca Locklear (Lumbee), United Tribes Board Member	
10:30 am - 11:30 am	Workshop Session III	Workshop Session 3	Dogwood, Boxwood, Judicial, Sandalwood
11:30 am - 1:15 pm	LONGER LUNCH on your own		
11:30 am - 1:15 pm	-OR- UNCP Luncheon	UNC Pembroke	Capital Ballroom F & G
11:30 am - 12:30 pm	-OR- SHORTER LUNCH and Short Workshop/Special Session 3		
12:30 pm - 1:15 pm	SHORT WORKSHOP/ Special Session 3	AUNTIE Tech Collective Info Session + Workshop	Judicial

Friday, March 6, 2026

8:00 am - 5:30 pm	Conference check in/registration	Registration Desks 1 & 2
9:00 am - 5:00 pm	Tradeshow/Art Exhibition	Grand Ballroom 1 & 2
8:00 am - 5:00 pm	Revolutionary War/Tribal & Urban Indian Org exhibit hours	Capital Ballroom A & B
8:00 - 6:00 pm	Elder Lounge	Private Dining Room

Friday Afternoon, March 6, 2026

1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	Talking Circles* *Limit 25 participants - 1st come basis	Veterans - Perry Hunt Women - Vivette Jeffries Men - Tony Locklear Young Adults - Alicia Freeman	Capital C Capital D Capital E Congressional
1:30 pm - 2:30 pm	-OR- Workshop Session IV	Workshop Session 4	Dogwood, Boxwood, Judicial, Sandalwood
3:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Workshop Session V	Workshop Session 5	Dogwood, Boxwood, Judicial, Sandalwood, *Oakwood *Oakwood - Limit 25 participants - 1st come, 1st served
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Break		
5:30 PM	Banquet seating begins	Doors open for Banquet seating	Grand Ballroom 3, 4, & 5
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Banquet	Dinner service begins at 6:15 pm	Grand Ballroom 3, 4, & 5
9:00 pm - 12:00 am	Conference Dance	DJ: Troy Richardson	Capital Ballroom D, E, F & G

Friday Evening, March 6, 2026

	BANQUET 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm	Grand Ballroom 3, 4, 5
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Welcome	Corbin Eddings (Lumbee), President - United Tribes of North Carolina
Emcee	J.D. Moore (Waccamaw Siouan), Commissioner - NC American Indian Heritage Commission
Invocation	Rev. Mike Mills (Haliwa-Saponi), Evangelist/Missionary
Introduction of Entertainment	J.D. Moore (Waccamaw Siouan), Commissioner - NC American Indian Heritage Commission
Entertainment	Charly Lowry (Lumbee), Singer, songwriter, musician
Introduction of Keynote Speaker	J.D. Moore (Waccamaw Siouan), Commissioner - NC American Indian Heritage Commission
Keynote Speaker	John Lowery (Lumbee), Chairman, Lumbee Tribe of NC
	-Presentation of Awards-
Veterans Awards	Greg Richardson (Haliwa-Saponi), Executive Director - NC Commission of Indian Affairs, Vice President - United Tribes of NC
Community Awards	Danny Bell (Coharie), United Tribes of NC Board Member, Triangle Native American Society Board Member
Closing Remarks	Corbin Eddings (Lumbee), President - United Tribes of North Carolina
9:00pm-12:00am	Conference Dance - DJ Troy Richardson

Saturday, March 7, 2026

7:30 am - 9:00 am	Awards Breakfast	Grand Ballroom 3, 4, & 5
8:00 am - 9:30 am	2026 UNITY CONFERENCE AWARDS	Grand Ballroom 3, 4, & 5
	Presiding Welcome	Corbin Eddings (Lumbee), President - United Tribes of North Carolina
	Invocation	Greg Jacobs (Coharie), Coharie Tribal Administrator, United Tribes Board Member
	Pledge of Allegiance	Miss Indian North Carolina 2026-27
	Juried Art Awards	Wanda Attmore (Lumbee), Guilford Native American Association, Director, WIOA

	Silent Auction Awards	Hattie Campbell (Waccamaw-Siouan), Scholarship Chair, United Tribes Board Member Talia Faircloth (Coharie), Tribal Enrollment Officer, Coharie Tribe
	Amateur Art Awards	Kara Stewart (Sappony), Secretary - United Tribes of North Carolina, Vice Chair - NC American Indian Heritage Commission
	Writing Awards	Kara Stewart (Sappony), Secretary - United Tribes of North Carolina, Vice Chair - NC American Indian Heritage Commission
	Quilt Awards	Wanda Ammons (Lumbee), WIOA-NCCIA, NC Department of Administration Carol J. Brewington (Coharie), River Tour Guide, Coharie People
	Scholarship Awards	Hattie Campbell (Waccamaw-Siouan), Scholarship Chair, United Tribes Board Member
	Conference Closing	Corbin Eddings (Lumbee), President - United Tribes of North Carolina
	Retiring of Colors	Haliwa Saponi Honor Guard