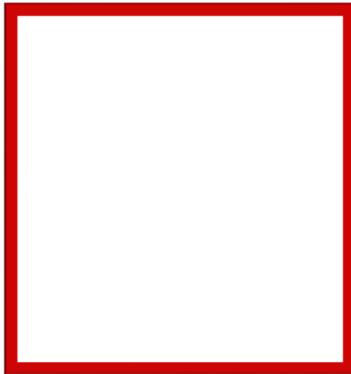




Native Student in Focus: Haven Guinn (Lumbee)

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HERITAGE MONTH

“I see myself in a few years getting accepted into med school. Right now, I am hoping to get my associate in surgical technology and begin my medical career as a surgical technologist.



What makes Sandhills special to you?

It is special to me because it has given me such a great opportunity with the sandhills promise. I can work hard and receive an associate degree without worrying about how to pay for it.

Do you have a favorite class or instructor?

I do not have a favorite professor, all the professors I have had have been wonderful. They all want to help us do better.

How do you celebrate Native American Heritage Month?

We do not really celebrate it during the month, but we celebrate it during certain events. I go to Lumbee homecoming with my aunt and cousins every summer. I do not really celebrate because I live in it all year round, from the food I eat, to the way I talk with my family. I have been celebrating my Native American roots without even knowing it.

Does your community celebrate Native American Heritage Month?

They do little things throughout November. The elementary school I went to was a Native American founded school, so every November they would throw a little pow wow and tell us the stories of certain dances, we would also eat sweet fry bread. Also, in high school I was part of NASA my freshman year and they would take us Native American students to the museum at UNC-Pembroke and to a pow wow. Also, to watch the play of strike at the wind.

What do you do for fun?

I like to listen to music and dance around my room. I also like to cook or watch a good movie or tv show. Some hobbies I have are that I like to fish, also I like to do any water sports. I love any ocean, lake or river just as long as I am near the water. My favorite interest is eating if I am being honest, I love to try new food.

What advice do you give current students?

Do not procrastinate and stay focus even when you wake up some mornings thinking why am I even doing this? Stay true and work hard.

What you wish everyone knew about Native Americans:

I wish the general public would remember that we are still here, and they did not try to fit us in the same mold. Every tribe is different and unique.

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Anything else you'd like to share?

One thing I want to share is that I come from a big multi-cultural family and the part of my family that have had the biggest impact on my life is my Native American relatives. I have been raised up in this community my whole life and I did not realized how unique it was until I visited other places. I love where I am from and proud to have Native American roots.