



Dear Lumbee People,

October was a time of cultural celebration for the Lumbee people. Our *Lumbee Dance of the Harvest Moon Powwow* welcomed thousands of people from across Indian Country. Head dancers, Billy Hunt and Mahlea Hunt, showcased their talents and truly represented the Lumbee people with dignity and style. I want to thank all the sponsors and volunteers who supported our powwow and made this event a great time for the entire Lumbee Nation.

We also held our *Annual Fall Festival & Fish Fry*, and the *5K Fun Run/Walk*. It was great to see so many smiling faces as people enjoyed the fish, our artisans, the gospel singing, the *Fun Run* and much more. I want to thank Fullers BBQ for once again cooking the fish for our event. They always do a fantastic job! I also want to thank our Lumbee Tribal Staff for all their hard work to successfully put together another great tribal event for our citizens.

I love to brag on the employees here at the Lumbee Tribe. We call on our employees to not only do their normal day-to-day jobs, but also to do so many other duties, as assigned. Our staff plays a key role to assist with coordinating community meetings, the *Lumbee Powwow*, *Senior Ms. Lumbee Pageant*, *Honor Cord Ceremony*, building and decorating for the Christmas light show, food giveaways and so many other events throughout the year. The staff wears many hats, and they give 100% for our citizens.

In October Mr. Stephen Bell was recognized at the National Indian Education Association annual conference with the "Educator of the Year" award. Mr. Bell is the American Indian Education Coordinator for Guilford County Schools and is a proud citizen of the Lumbee Tribe. In his role as AIE Coordinator, Mr. Bell has coordinated over 60 culture classes, led college tours for high school students, provided different training sessions, and served as an overall role model to future Native leaders. Mr. Bell is the son of Dr. Ronny and Mrs. Natalie Bell and the grandson of Mr. Buddy and Mrs. Sarah Bell. Congratulations Stephen! We are proud of the work you are doing each and every day.

I love each of you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Lowery".

John L. Lowery  
Chairman

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