



HARLEN CHAVIS JR.

Lumbee Scholar/ Historian

PROFILE

I am Harlen Chavis Jr. I am a citizen of the Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina. I graduated in 2023 with a Bachelors of Science concentrated in Geography from University of North Carolina at Pembroke. I have spent years searching for & discovering archeological burial mound sites within Lumbee territory. While at UNCP, I have interned with The Museum of the Southeast American Indian & worked with their collections. Also, at the museum I have worked in many educational programs that involve a wide range of age groups from youth to adults. This summer (2023) I worked with groups of elementary & high school students during the *Life by the River* Camp. I taught students about Indigenous ways of fishing and other cultural practices.

In 2022, while interning with the Nature Conservancy, I discovered ancient petroglyphs at Calloway Forest in Hoke County, and since have taken multiple school groups on tours to the site providing them with interpretation.

I am currently working closely with Dr. Seth Grooms (Associate Professor) at Appalachian State University, Kevin Melvin, M.A. THPO Officer for the Lumbee Tribe, and Nancy Strickland, M.A. at The Museum of the Southeast American Indian.

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EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Pembroke

January 2021- May 2023

Bachelor of Science (concentration in Geography)

Minor in American Studies

Silver Scholar Award- GPA 3.5 & higher

Bronze Scholar Award- GPA 3.0 & higher

Chancellor's List 2021-2022

Richmond Community College

August 2018 – June 2020

Associate in Arts & Humanities

Robeson Community College

June 2016 – October 2016

TIG Welding Certificate

Robeson Community College

June 2009 – October 2009

Stick Welding Certificate

Richmond Community College

June 2001 – August 2001

Reading Blueprints Certificate

Red Springs High School

August 1993 – June 1997

High School Graduate

Art Instruction School

Visual Art Certificate (62 credits hours)

May 1993 – June 1995

WORK EXPERIENCE

Pembroke Elementary

January – June 2024

5th grade Literature Teacher

Hoke County High School

August – December 2023

9th grade Civics and American Indian Studies Teacher

Scotland Manufacturing

June 2015 – June 2020

Foreman of Welders/ Fabricators (John Deere Dept.)

Butler Manufacturing

2001 – 2009

MIG Welder/ Fabricator/ Painter

Field Experience

Appalachian State University

May 20-June 24, 2024

- Field School Dig at Buie Farm

State Office of Archeology (Raleigh)

May 2023

- Collections Intern (First Native intern)

The Nature Conservancy

May 2022 – September 2022

- Environmental/ Archeological intern

University of South Carolina

May 2022

- Archeological Dig (Florence, SC)

Museum of the Southeast American Indian

Jan. 2021- current

Internship/ Volunteer

- Public Schools Native Historian
- Native History Presenter
- Campus Archeological Researcher
- Archeology Consultant
- Life by the River Camp Coordinator
- Unsilencing Native Voices Teacher Institute Presenter

Special Achievements

2021 Chancellor's Academic Achievement List

2022 Phi Sigma Nu Member (Native American Fraternity)

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2022 Discovery of three petroglyphs at Calloway Forest

2023 Discovery of Red Ochre and the inclusion of Red Ochre in the Exhibition "Seeing Red" at the NCMA

2023 Chancellor's Luminary Recognition

2023 American Indian Scholars Outstanding Achievement Award

2024 Chief Dean of Phi Sigma Nu (National Dean)

2024 Hosted Archaeological Panel with State Office of Archaeology, Lumbee THPO, Appalachian State at the AIHC in Raleigh, NC