

Peggy Freeman Hunt, Native of Fairmont, N.C.

Ms. Hunt was the first Lumbee to become a Registered Radiologic Technologist with ARRT (American Registered Radiologic Technologist). She completed her radiography training at Watts Hospital School of Radiology in Durham, N.C. in 1974, where she received the Mallinckrodt Award for her class. She worked at Southeastern Regional Hospital for many years, and later, decided to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Biology at Pembroke State University, and graduated in the class of 1983. In addition, she worked at SRMC while obtaining her Master's in Education from Campbell University in the evenings. Her career in school counseling started with the Public Schools of Robeson County as a School Counselor in 1991, and she continued to work weekends in Radiology at SRMC. Her tenure with PSRC was 15 years. It is with great pride that she holds another certification as a National Board-Certified Teacher! She served on the Indian Education Parent Committee for many years when her children were in school.

In 2006, Ms. Hunt assumed the responsibility as Program Director of the Radiography Program at Robeson Community College in Lumberton, North Carolina. It was under her leadership and hard work that the radiography program acquired accreditation with The Joint Review of Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT). Ms. Hunt had one of the largest enrollments of Native American Radiography students to graduate from RCC's Radiography Program.

Ms. Hunt retired from Robeson Community College in 2016. During the last Radiography Pinning Ceremony, with her children by her side, she was presented with North Carolina's highest award, the Order of The Long Leaf Pine, the most prestigious award from the Governor of North Carolina.

Her career in radiography and school counseling allowed her to provide an incredible service to her patients and students for over forty-two years. Her passion was to provide excellent healthcare service and help those in need.

Even though Ms. Hunt is retired, she continually stays busy! She has been the caretaker and legal guardian of her down-syndrome brother Monty, for more than 14 years. She is a Board Member of Lumbee Regional Development Association and Robeson Healthcare Corporation. She is a wonderful mother and very proud of her two children, Matthew and Meredith. I understand there is another love of her life, her grandchildren, Malachi and Alexandria (children of Matthew and Candice) those children have brought tremendous joy to her life. She states "I will have fun loving and spoiling them."

She is a firm believer in that "life is about the choices that we make, whether good or bad." Also, it is "so important that you appreciate who you are and where you came from, to know where you are going!"

Ms. Hunt contributes her success in life with hard work, dedication, and most importantly, her trust and faith in God.