



**Governor's Commission on
Indian Affairs**



**Annual Report
2012**



The Meaning of the Logo

The symbols of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs logo are representations of historical findings, cultural ideology and unity. Three ancient drawings found in Maryland, represent the first Indigenous Peoples of the State. The four colors represent the four directions (North, South, East and West) traditional to American Indians and the “circle” that connects us all.

Mission Statement

The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs works to serve as a statewide clearinghouse for information; to identify unmet social and economic needs in the native community; to support government education programs for American Indian youth; to provide support in the process of obtaining Recognition of State and Federal Indian Status; and to promote the awareness and understanding of historical and contemporary American Indian contributions in Maryland.

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A MESSAGE FROM GOVERNOR MARTIN O'MALLEY

Dear Marylanders,

I present to you the 2012 Annual Report of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA). This report reflects the endeavors and advancements of the American Indian Community in Maryland.

“Maryland Indian Status” granted to the Piscataway Conoy Tribe (PCT) and Piscataway Indian Nation (PIN) during the reporting period of this annual report furthers our efforts in the State of Maryland to honor the dignity of all Marylanders. The Commission played an instrumental role in granting this status, and my congratulations to the PCT and PIN tribes for working so hard for many years for this recognition.

MCIA will continue to be a source of information for the benefit of all Indigenous Communities with this new status in Maryland and it is my hope that we recognize many more of Maryland’s tribes in the future. The American Indian community is steadily growing, and the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs its sub- committees to working tirelessly to address the needs of the public in the areas of education, employment, business, and health.

I commend the commissioners for their volunteerism and the staff for the work achieved in 2012.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Martin O'Malley".

Martin O'Malley

Governor

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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

I would like to commend the nine Commissioners on the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA). Each commissioner represented their community in a professional manner that resulted in many positive and constructive initiatives for the Commission. Your work this year has achieved two major goals of Governor O'Malley: the first State recognition of indigenous tribes and creating appropriate places of repose for American Indian remains. Your perseverance concerning the Working Group: Appropriate Places of Repose has lead to unidentified remains being place back in the earth on protected State lands.

Your steadfast commitment and leadership has created a more welcoming and thoughtful Maryland that respects the dignity of every individual.

Thank you for your passion and commitment to serving communities

Sincerely,

Israel C. "Izzy" Patoka,
Executive Director
Governor's Office of Community Initiatives



A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Auriel A. Fenwick
Chair/Piscataway Conoy Tribe

Dear Friends:

It gives me great pleasure to present to you the 2012 Annual Report of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs. This report presents insight on the accomplishments, challenges and activities of the Commission during a “Year of Recognition.”

The MCIA is fully committed to helping the American Indian groups residing in Maryland. We are persistent with our work with the Governor, State Agencies, and the American Indian groups in order to address the needs of the communities. MCIA encourages partnering with American Indian organizations and those that service American Indians. This past year, we have focused greatly on working with the Piscataway Conoy and the Piscataway Indian Nation, and honored their new “Maryland Indian Status.”

The Commission has also continued its efforts concerning the Working Group: Appropriate Places of Repose. With the help of the Maryland Historical Trust, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and MCIA’s Working Group, American Indian remains were able to be placed on State protected lands and reposed back to the earth.

Our commissioners have served with determination to reach out to those who were willing to serve on various standing committees to achieve the goals set forth.

This report allows MCIA to recount the initiatives and express our appreciation to all who have stepped forth to assist. The Commission wishes to express its gratitude to Governor Martin O’Malley and his administration for being the first administration to grant Maryland Indian Status to the Piscataway Indian Nation (PIN) and Piscataway Conoy Tribe (PCT).

We look forward to continuing our role as Commissioners so that we can serve our communities in the best manner possible.

Sincerely,

Auriel A. Fenwick

Executive Summary

The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs (MCIA) began 2012 with a monumental achievement that was celebrated on January 9th, “Maryland Indian Status”. MCIA continued with the aggressive progress of the Working Group: Appropriate Places of Repose by focusing on the strategy and not the barriers of the past. Simultaneously, MCIA prioritized a need for cultural competency concerning the health of American Indians and Indigenous groups in Maryland. Each initiative and goal set forth became an achievement to by the diligent work of the MCIA and those who participated and partnered to see things to completion.

- **Maryland Indian Status** – On Monday, January 9, 2012, Governor Martin O’Malley signed two historic Executive Orders recognizing Maryland Indian Status of two groups, the Piscataway Conoy Tribe (PCT) and Piscataway Indian Nation (PIN) who are indigenous to the State of Maryland. American Indians inhabited what is now Maryland for thousands of years before the founding of the State. Through their cultural heritage, historical influence and participation in public life, American Indians have helped make the State of Maryland the great state it is today.
- **Working Group: “An Appropriate Place of Repose”** – began when 181 Indigenous remains were excavated from 20 sites in Maryland between the 1930’s and 1970’s. In 2007, the Secretary of Planning began discussions for a working group. From 2008 to 2012, five members representing the Maryland Historical Trust and five members representing MCIA reached consensus to return Native Ancestors back to the earth. Another accomplishment that would not have been possible without the involvement of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and interested parties. That the end goal was to have our ancestors back in the ground rather than sitting in a box in Maryland State lab. A new level of respect and trust was created between American Indians and State Government.
- **Health Disparities** – continues to be a major initiative for MCIA from a grassroots level to National participation. Supporting local non-profit organizations like the Baltimore American Indian Center and Native Life Lines; Community events such as powwows and health fairs in Waldorf and Montgomery County; to State and National working groups, boards and councils such as the National Partnership for Action to End Health Disparities under the Department of Health and Human Services.
- **The MCIA Website (www.americanindian.maryland.gov)** – the website continues to be an important clearinghouse of resources and information for the community and service providers. The Commission’s goal has been and continues to be, to identify resources in every aspect for American Indians. The goal is to serve as a resource for those individuals and organizations with a desire to reach out to Maryland’s Indigenous Peoples. The website provides insight for what is taking place on a National level concerning resources and funding opportunities for Federal and State recognized tribes living in Maryland.
- **Cultural Competency Trainings (CCT)** – take place in a variety of settings. The opportunity to teach the traditions, ideology, spirituality and history of Native Americans/Indigenous Peoples is a responsibility of MCIA. This occurs in elementary schools, faith based organizations, health

fields and military installations just to mention a few. Forty-nine events dealt directly with (CCT). A variety will be covered for our 2012 Annual Report.

- **The MCIA Active Committees-** as follows: Advisory, Public Education, Sweat Lodge, Recognition Advisory. Each committee is chaired by a commissioner and members are selected on their expertise and willingness to attend conference calls, meetings and events. Recommendations are made and forwarded to the Commission to discuss and vote.
- **New initiatives** - with the Department of Natural Resources, Social Security Administration (SSA), Department of the Navy, The Carroll Park Foundation, Live and Learn Bethesda, Title VII- Indian Education and Department of Planning allowed for new partnerships to be formed that will increase the opportunities for American Indian populations across Maryland.

The information and photos capture the essence of emotional events that unfolded throughout the year. I hope that you will enjoy and appreciate the work and dedication portrayed in our 2012 Annual Report.

E. Keith Colston
Assistant Director



E. Keith Colston and Elizabeth Hines

COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF

Commissioners	Tribal Affiliation/Heritage	County of Residence	
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Keith Colston
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Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs 2012 Meeting Schedule

Date	Location	County
February 6th	Department of Natural Resources	Annapolis
March 5th	Department of Natural Resources	Annapolis
April 4th	Department of Natural Resources	Annapolis
May 2th	Chesapeake College	Wye Mills
June 4th	Department of Natural Resources	Annapolis
September 10th	Dorchester Center for the Performing Arts	Cambridge
October 1st	Department of natural Resources	Annapolis



Rico Newman, Auriel Fenwick and Thomas Windsor

Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs in Action

A list of events and programs with Commission Participation

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
JANUARY 9TH	Executive Orders signed by Governor Martin O'Malley for PCT and PIN petitions	Annapolis, MD
JANUARY 12th	Tribal Council Meeting - (Nause-Waiwash) Chief Sewell Winterhawk - Lecture on Petition Process	Vienna, MD
February 15 th	Robert Killen - Confirmed by Maryland Senate as MCIA Commissioner	Annapolis, MD
January 13th	Legislative Meeting - Delegate Talmadge Branch - PCT members	Baltimore, MD
January 17th	Proclamation Presentation - County Executive Isiah Leggett - Gregory Hamilton	Rockville, MD
January 27th	Working Group Meeting - Appropriate Place of Repose	Crownsville, MD
February 2nd	Cultural Lecture - Roland Park Elem/Middle School	Baltimore, MD
February 2nd	Petition Redaction Completed - Accohannock Petition for Maryland Indian Status	Crownsville, MD
February 2nd	Cultural Competency Training - Baltimore American Indian Center	Baltimore, MD
February 6th	Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs Executive and Public Meeting - DNR	Annapolis, MD
February 10th	Piscataway Photography Exhibit	Charles County, MD
February 11th	Celebration - Piscataway Conoy Tribes Recognition Dinner - Guest Speaker Lt. Governor Anthony Brown	Charles County, MD
February 14th	Tribal Consultation - Paramount Chief Norris Howard, Pocomoke Tribe of the Eastern Shore	Baltimore, MD
February 16th	Meeting - Department of Health & Mental Hygiene - Dr. Carlessia Hussein	Baltimore, MD

February 23rd	Cultural Competency Training - Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville	Catonsville, MD
February 23rd	Attended Lecture - Dennis Banks, Co-Founder of the American Indian Movement	Catonsville, MD
March 2nd	Cultural Presentation - Roland Park Elem/Middle School - MCIA History and State Recognition	Baltimore, MD
March 3rd	Community Celebration - American Indian Society (AIS) for Clayton Old Elk, Native American	Rockville, MD
March 5th	Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs Executive and Public Meeting - DNR	Annapolis, MD
March 8th -10th	Attended - 37th Annual United Tribes Unity Conference - Guest Speaker	Charlotte, NC
March 16th	Citation Presentation - Funeral proceeding for the late Gregory Hamilton, Commissioner/Veteran	Silver Spring, MD
March 17th	Lecture - Annual "Cancer Does Not Discriminate" Conference - Holy Cross Hospital	Silver Spring, MD
March 18th	Guest Speaker - Anne Nielson Art Exhibit on Eastern Shore Tribal Leaders and members	Queenstown, MD
March 24th	Guest Speaker - Maryland Day - Celebrating State Recognition of PCT and PIN	St. Mary's City, MD
March 27th	Lecture - MCIA History and State Recognition of Piscataway Tribes of Maryland	Baltimore, MD
March 30th	Tribal Tour - Traditional Lands of the Nause-Waiwash - Chief Winterhawk, Tribal members and Media	Vienna, MD
March 31st	Attended - Baltimore American Indian Traditional Powwow	Baltimore, MD
April 4th	Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs Executive and Public Meeting - DNR	Annapolis, MD
April 10th	Welcome Remarks - Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Panel Review Onsite, Social and Economic Development Strategies	Baltimore, MD

April 12 th	Lecture – Commissioner Robert Killen – demonstrated tipi	Baltimore, MD
April 16th	Attended - 2012 Garrett Lee Smith (GLS) Combined Annual Grantee Meeting/Suicide Prevention Conference	Baltimore, MD
April 18th	Attended - 6 th Annual Native American Indian Symposium and Poster Competition - University of Maryland	College Park, MD
April 24th	Meeting - Planning stage - 4-Day Cultural Event at Timonium Fairgrounds - Partnering with BAIC	Baltimore, MD
April 25th	Meeting - Recognition Advisory Committee (RAC) Supplemental Information Review - Accohannock Petition	Baltimore, MD
April 26th	Attended - 7th Annual Unity Day - 5th Regiment Armory	Baltimore, MD
April 28th	Attended - DC Native Community Social	Washington, DC
May 2nd	Guest Speaker - Carroll Citizens for Racial Equality (CCRE) 20th Anniversary Event and Diversity Conference and Luncheon	New Windsor, MD
May 2nd	Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs Executive and Public Meeting - Chesapeake College	Wye Mills, MD
May 5th	Guest Performer - Innovations in Aging 2012 Expo - Department of Aging	Oxon Hill, MD
May 8th	Radio Interview - GBCHRB'S "Living in Baltimore" Radio Show – Heaven 600 (WCAO-600 AM) - William Klady, Ph.D.	Baltimore, MD
May 10th	Guest Speaker - United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), APHIS Veterinary Services Multicultural Day	Riverdale, MD
May 12th	Lecture and Presentation - General Wolfe Elementary School Multicultural Event - POC Ashley Minner, Indian Education Program	Baltimore, MD
May 12th	Photographic Exhibit "The Birds Flew Off" - Tribal Chair Natalie Proctor, Cedarville Band	Baltimore, MD

May 16th	Attended - Public Signing - Capt. John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail - 4 new connecting trails - Gov. O'Malley and Secretary Salazar	Annapolis, MD
May 30th	Attended - Site Visit for Working Group: "Appropriate Place of Repose" concerning Eastern Shore sites	Snow Hill, MD
June 2nd and 3rd	Attended - 30th Annual Piscataway Pow-wow and Festival	Waldorf, MD
June 4th	Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs Executive and Public Meeting - DNR	Annapolis, MD
June 11th	Site Review - Working Group - Central Maryland for an "Appropriate Place of Repose"	Marriotsville, MD
June 21 st	Commissioner Killen – Attended Fort Belvoir Diversity Day	Fairfax, VA
June 26th	Attended - First Community Researcher Meeting Health Issues Facing BAIC's female youth population	Baltimore, MD
July 13th	Attended Site Visit for Working Group: "Appropriate Place of Repose" concerning Western Md sites	Garret County, MD
July 17th	Attended the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Council: Expanded Role Meeting - MBE	Hanover, MD
July 27th	Attended the MOTA meeting at Holy Cross Hospital - Wendy Friar	Silver Spring, MD
August 23rd	Attended the site location for Working Group: "Appropriate Places of Repose" - Charlie Hall (MHT) and DNR Representative	Snow Hill, MD
September 10th	Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs Executive and Public Meeting - Dorchester Center for the Arts	Cambridge, MD
September 15th	Annual Nause- Waiwash Powwow and Festival - Chief Winterhawk	Vienna, MD
September 22nd	National Immigrant Integration Conference 2012 - GOCI Street Festival - Commissioner Winters	Baltimore, MD

	and Rico Newman (MITA) Speakers and Performance	
September 26th	Conference Call for Working Group: "Appropriate Place of Repose" concerning MOU signed by Secretary Hall and interested Parties	
September 30th	Attended - Meeting with Tribal Chairwoman Natalie Proctor, Cedarville Band of Piscataway - Youth Opportunities with JAR	Parkton, MD
October 1st	Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs Executive and Public Meeting - DNR	
October 12 th – 13 th	Commissioner Killen – Attended Phyllis E. Williams Elementary with tipi	Upper Marlboro, MD
October 17th	Opening Remarks - 9th Annual Health Disparities Conference, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene - Dr. Howard K. Koh, 2012 Award Recipient	Baltimore, MD
October 19 th – 20 th	Commissioner Killen – Attended Patuxent River Park for National Capital Park & Planning American Indian Festival with tipi	Upper Marlboro, MD
October 24th	Guest Speaker - Johns Hopkins Medicine, Johns Hopkins Medical Institution - Sandra Thoman, Pathology Diversity Committee	Baltimore, MD
November 1st	Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs - American Indian Heritage Month Kick-Off - Lt Governor Anthony Brown	Baltimore, MD
November 10th	Working Group - Appropriate Place of Repose - Repose of Remains	
November 14th	Lecture and Presentation - Commodore John Rogers Elementary/Middle School 100 - POC, Ashley Minner, Director of Indian Education Program	Baltimore, MD
November 15 th	Commissioner Killen – Attended United States Department of Agriculture cultural event with tipi	Beltsville, MD
November 19th	Lecture and Presentation - Hampstead Hill Academy - POC,	Baltimore, MD

	Ashley Minner, Director of Indian Education Program	
November 20th	Lecture and Presentation - Wolfe Street Academy - POC, Ashley Minner, Director of Indian Education Program	
November 20th	Radio Airing - Live Radio Segment – WYPR, Celebrating American Indian History Month in Maryland - Sheila Kast	Baltimore, MD
November 26th	Lecture and Presentation - Sandy Plains Elementary - POC, Ashley Minner, Director of Indian Education Program	
November 29th	Attended and directed - American Indian Heritage Month celebration held at University of Maryland – Baltimore Campus - POC, Alex Loeb	Baltimore, MD
December 1st	Attended and directed - 2012 American Indian Heritage Day Pow-wow and Health Fair - POC, Wendy Friar	Silver Spring, MD
December 8th	Guest Speaker - 8th Annual University of MD, College Park Powwow - POC, Dottie Chacuelo	College Park, MD
December 8th	Invited Guest - Cedarville Band of Piscataway Round Dance Two Step Social - POC, Tribal Chair Natalie Proctor	Waldorf, MD
December 10th	Attended - Working Group - Appropriate Place of Repose - Reburial of Remains	Central, MD
December 12th	Attended - 5th Annual Joint Commissions Assembly - Guest Speaker, Award Winning Actor Tony Plana	Baltimore, MD
December 16th	Working Group - Appropriate Place of Repose - Repose of Remains	Eastern Shore, MD
December 18th	Working Group - Appropriate Place of Repose - Repose of Remains	St. Leonard, MD
December 20th	Working Group - Appropriate Place of Repose - Repose of Remains	Central, MD

2012 Initiatives and Accomplishments

“Maryland Indian Status” better known by most Indigenous tribal groups as “State Recognition” allows an opportunity to apply for federal, state and private grants. The types of grants range from education and health to economic development and arts & crafts. Private and heritage grants are included as well. It is the right to proclaim Native American heritage officially and preserve the history and culture of the American Indians in Maryland.

Maryland Indian Status

Governor Martin O’Malley, remarks on January 9, 2012 during the Maryland Indian Status recognition ceremony and signing:

“What a humbling honor it is to be able to stand before all of you here, at this podium made from the wood of the Wye Oak. To Chief Billy Tayac and the people of the Piscataway Indian Nation; To Tribal Chair Mervin Savoy and the people of the Piscataway Conoy Confederacy and Sub-Tribes; To Tribal Chair Natalie Proctor and the people of the Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians; To Auriel Fenwick, and the Maryland Commission on Indian American Affairs; to Rico Newman, and Gabrielle Tayac”.

“In legal terms, our state government has never before taken the official action of recognizing a petition for Maryland Indian Status. In a few moments, we will officially recognize two....**To all the Piscataway peoples, we know that you did not need an Executive Order to tell you who you are.**”

I thank you for persistence, for your courage, and for your capacity for forgiveness so that, in this recognition, we might see the good people that we are meant by our One Creator to be”. The Governor concluded his speech by reminding the audience of the men and women that came before them. “Piscataway Indian Nation, the men and women of the Piscataway Conoy Confederacy and Sub-Tribes and the men and women of the Cedarville Band of Piscataway Indians. At this threshold of new arrival, may the loving souls of our ancestors bless this day of recognition”.



Picture Below (from left to right): Tribal Chair Natalie Proctor, Tribal Chair Mervin Savoy, Governor Martin O'Malley and Chief Billy Tayac



Working Group: “An Appropriate Place of Repose”

On December 28, 2010, through an MOU, an Appropriate Place of Repose for Geographically Unknown Remains was established at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum, and remains were placed in the ground on March 6, 2011. In late spring of 2012, the State Department of Natural Resources indicated their willingness to accommodate regional APRs and committed to facilitating the selection and installation of regional Appropriate Places of Repose on state park lands.



On Sept. 21, 2012, an MOU was executed between DNR, MHT, MDP, and MCIA that established regional appropriate places of repose in Western Maryland, Central Maryland, and the Eastern Shore. Maryland Indigenous traditions and the importance placed on location, setting and orientation informed the site selections in addition to state and federal management requirements.

A process was established through the MOU and in discussions between the members of the Working Group wherein Indian people prepare the remains for return to the earth, lead the ceremony at the site and are the only ones permitted to handle the remains during the ceremony. On November 10, 2012, the first group of remains from the Eastern Shore were placed in an Appropriate Place of Repose on the Eastern Shore. On November 26th, the first group of remains from Western Maryland were placed in the ground in an Appropriate Place of Repose in Western Maryland. Remains from Central Maryland are to be returned in two groupings, one on December 10th. An additional grouping of Geographically Unidentified Native American human remains will be placed in the APR at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum on 18 December 2012 following the provisions of the MOU and the agreed-upon ceremonial protocol.

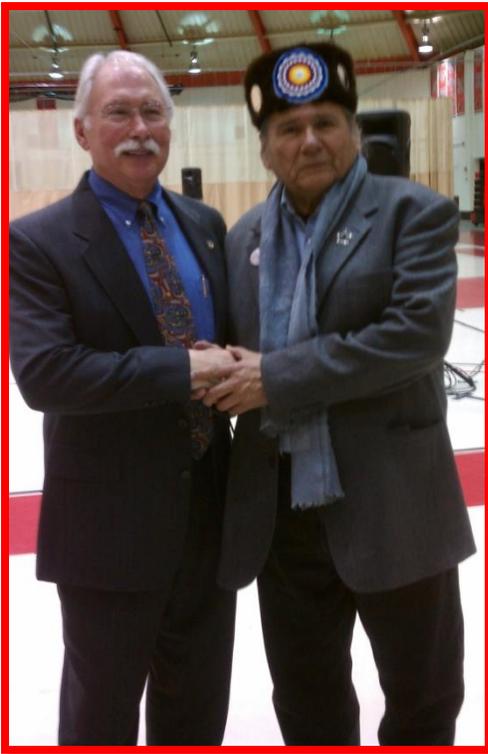
As weather allows, all of the remains are scheduled to be returned to the earth.

The MOU further includes that MHT and the MCIA will work to revise the provisions of the state’s Burial Sites and Objects Review Committee to make Indian participation more equitable.



Outreach and Events

The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs took part in a variety of arenas concerning health disparities for our communities and state as a whole. The photographs capture the participants and type of involvement that has come to be expected by our commissioners and staff when assisting. MCI looks back at a year of continued support, initiative driven events and goals achieved thru unity and productive planning.



**Dennis Seymour and Guest Speaker Dennis Banks - Co-Founder of the American Indian Movement (A.I.M.)
February 23, 2012**

Members of Red Blanket Drum Group during the American Indian Heritage Day Powwow and Health Fair. December 1st, 2012



Captain John Smith Chesapeake National
Water Trail

**Governor O'Malley and
Secretary Salazar designate
Historic Trails**



May 16, 2012 - Governor Martin O'Malley and Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar

were joined by Native American leaders from five east coast states on May 16, for the designation of four water trails as new historic connecting components of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail.

The Secretarial designation recognizes the significance of four connecting rivers— the Susquehanna, Chester, Upper Nanticoke and Upper James Rivers—to the history, cultural heritage, and natural resources of the 3,000-mile-long national historic trail in the Chesapeake Bay. The new river connecting trails are found in Delaware, Maryland, New York, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

"Thanks to the leadership of President Obama and Secretary Salazar, we are blazing a new trail for America's great outdoors," said Governor O'Malley. "By linking our extraordinary landscapes and waterways to our country's history, the Captain John Smith National Historic Trail will support jobs and local economies across the region while providing unique opportunities for visitors to explore our cultural heritage while enjoying our natural resources."

Congress authorized the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail in 2006. The designation of trail components of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail enables the National Park Service to work closely with state and local agencies, conservation and tribal organizations--to provide technical and financial assistance, resource management, facility enhancement, interpretive trail route marking and promotion along the connecting trails.



"These river trails, totaling 841 miles in length, are closely associated with John Smith's exploration of the Chesapeake Bay and its tributaries, including the American Indian towns and cultures of the 17th-century Chesapeake that he encountered," said Secretary Salazar. "Incorporating these river segments into the national historic trail will

increase public access, provide important recreation and tourism opportunities, and enrich exploration of the water routes in the entire Chesapeake watershed.”

Among the numerous Native American leaders joining the ceremony at Sandy Point State Park was Tadodaho Sid Hill, spiritual leader of the Haudenosaunee nations (Six Nation/Iroquois Confederacy); Sid Jamieson, Chief of the Mohawk Nation; Stephen Adkins, Chief of the Chickahominy Tribe; Dennis Coker, Chief of the Lenape Tribe; Deanna Beacham of the Virginia Council of Indians and member of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail Advisory Council; and Virginia Busby of the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs.



The Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Water Trail encouraged new membership on the Advisory Committee and Commissioner Virginia Busby was selected to serve a two year term. She will be the liaison for MCIA and the indigenous communities of Maryland. The representatives on the Committee advise the planning staff on the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Water Trail. Commissioner Busby provides a report during the monthly MCIA public meetings and requests public questions and comments.

Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance (MOTA) Program

Holy Cross Hospital once again served as the site for the Annual MCIA Pow-wow Health Fair. The event was held on December 1, 2012 in Silver Spring, Maryland. One of the many highlights of the event was special remarks made by Montgomery County Councilman George Leventhal. Councilman Leventhal remains dedicated to the health quality needs and concerns. His remarks concerning American Indians dealing with historical accounts and present day accomplishments added to a day of celebration.

Commissioner Wendy Friar serves as the director for the Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance (MOTA) program and MCIA acts as a “partner” in the planning and execution of the event. Ashley Minner, director of the Indian Education program for Baltimore City gave a presentation on health awareness for youth as well as insight to Indian Education. Health disparities occur when there is a lack of economic opportunity and education. The MOTA program along with the American Heritage Day Powwow and Health Fair answers both as well as





cultural competency for all participants. Free health screenings, speakers, performers, health providers and health American Indian cuisine were all parts of the day. Celeste Swan (Powhatan) and Josh Hill (Seneca) were among some of the dancers who filled the circle during the pow-wow. MOTA is a State-wide program funded by the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. A \$3,500.00 grant was awarded to assist with the pow-wow Health Fair. MCIA has been able to combine cultural aspects and modern day health practices as a vehicle for prevention

and community involvement. The event allowed for proclamations to be given on behalf of American Indian Heritage Day to Holy Cross Hospital and tribal leaders in attendance. To learn more about the State's Minority Outreach and Technical Assistance (MOTA) program and how you can apply, visit <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/mhhd/mota/SitePages/MOTA>



Lumbee Youth with Guest Speaker Ashley Minner



American Indian Heritage Month Kickoff

The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene served as the location for the annual kickoff for celebrating the November as the American Indian

and Alaskan Native Heritage Month. Since 1990 when President Bush Proclaim November as a time to reflect on the history and contributions of Native Americans, each state has joined in doing so. Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs takes the lead on the organization of this event as Maryland commemorates the month. Each November 1st is seen as a time to unify our communities and our partners who have assisted in our programs and initiatives. Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown



joined MCIA for the kickoff and gave welcoming remarks that spoke of the dedication by Commissioners,



acknowledgement of tribal leaders, the historic signing of Maryland Indian Status and the ongoing programs provided by the Governor's Office of Community Initiatives (GOCI). Various State Secretaries provided comments such as Secretary Hall, Department of Planning comments on the partnerships and goals that have been attained by consolidating efforts. Dr. Carlessia Hussein provided comments on the Institutions of Higher Education: Cultural Competency Training and Other Health Disparities Reduction Activities. Dr. Hussein has continued to be a champion for the fight against health disparities and supporter of the Indigenous communities.

A great attraction each year at our kick-off is the wonderful informational booths that are set up by visiting agencies and those that partner with MCI. The Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the National Security Agency (NSA) are two of the many that were set up. Our support for economic development of Native Americans entrepreneurs continued as Dosha's Catering was contracted to provide refreshments for the event. The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs would like to thank everyone for their participation and support as we celebrated 2012 American Indian Heritage Month Kick-off.





Outreach

The Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs continues to reach out to new entities that have a desire to know more about American Indians from a historical, and also presently and forward looking perspectives. In 2012, the Department of the Navy would be one of many new and exciting partners. During the month of November, members of Larry Yazzie's Dance Troup "Native Pride Dancers" performed.

During the presentation, Director Keith Colston presented the United States Naval Academy with a proclamation for American Indian Heritage Month. Director Colston was asked to be a keynote speaker later on in the month. The success of that event caused Captain Roger G. Isom, Chief Diversity Officer of the Academy begin discussion on a possible American Indian organization with the Academy.

MCIA participated during the Cedarville Band of Piscataway 30th Annual Native American Festival & Powwow – Honoring Our Ancestors through Unity." It was a time to reflect, remember, and teach. To reflect on the history of the people and remember the ancestors and elders who paved the way for those in the community. The event was an opportunity to the public to be taught not only on the Piscataway but also on Native American culture in general.

This was also a time to honor, memorialize and celebrate various people and achievements. To honor the warriors that served our military forces and those who served the community. The way of the Piscataway is to pay respect to the fallen and speak of humble acts. Tribal Chair, Natalie Proctor gave the official welcoming remarks and mentioned State Recognition.

Tribal Chair Proctor provided remarks and spoke of the devastation and stripping of identity that occurred in the 18th and 19th centuries.



The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, President of the Maryland Senate, Delegate James Proctor, and Vice-Chair Charles County Board of Commissioners Commissioner Guy Wells, Commissioner Thomas Windsor and Bob Gajdys. Over 25 tribal affiliations attended the two day event. This included dancers, singers, vendors and special performers. Native American artists were able to sell their work as vendors who travel for all four directions of the United States. Tribal Chair

Honoring Our Ancestors Through Unity



Date:
June 2, 2012
 12 - 7
June 3, 2012
 12 - 6

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The Piscataway Tribe's

30th Annual Native American Festival & Pow-Wow



American Indian Dancing & Singing
 Arts & crafts
 Food & Refreshments
 Pony Rides
 Face Painting

Special Performances by	Entrance Fee:
Piscataway Dancers	\$ 12 12 yrs - adult
Tinkusapuryistasiaco (Bolivian Dance Group)	\$ 5 6 yrs - 11 yrs
Iroquois Smoke Dance	
Eastern Blanket Dance	

Kids 5 and under are free!

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Natalie Proctor estimated 2200 people attended.

Planning for each annual event occurs as soon as the one before it ends. The tribe utilizes committees to reach out to skillful and talented individuals to assist. Those who are selected help to unify American Indians by bringing communities together. One of the goals of the powwow is to educate, and dispel stereo-types of Native Americans. Mr. Louis Campbell, a member of the Lumbee served as the “head-man” dancer. He was quoted in the Baltimore Sun as stating, "It just opens their eyes, besides watching the false stuff on TV." (Baltimore Sun, [date])



Maurice Proctor, a member of the tribal council of the Cedarville Band of Piscataway who lives in Brandywine was also quoted as saying, “We're just as proud as can be. We just kept perseverance until we got it done," and stating, "We enjoy showing our culture, our history, so everyone in the world will know us, know we're still alive, know we're still here." (Baltimore Sun, [date])

The executive order signed by Governor Martin O’Malley granting “Maryland Indian Status” to the Piscataway ended a long journey and began another. Now

that the Piscataway have attained “State Recognition”, The State and Piscataway need to come together to come up with ways to illustrate what recognition can and should mean in modern times.





Performance at Hampstead Hill Academy – November 19th, 2012

The Carroll Park Foundation, Live and Learn Bethesda, Title VII-Indian Education and Department of Planning allowed for new partnerships to be formed that will increase the opportunities for American Indian populations across Maryland. The Baltimore American Indian Center (BAIC) hosted various events in 2012 that allowed the MCI to attend, assist and partner with. Also in the month of November, MCI partnered with Ashley Minner, Director of the Title VII – Indian

Education Program for Baltimore City to promote cultural competency to teachers and students at the various schools (*listed Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs in Action section*).

The presentations allowed for greater self-esteem for the American Indian students attending each of the schools where performances took place.

Maryland Day is a legal holiday in Maryland. It is observed on the anniversary of the March 25, 1634, landing of the first European settlers in the Province of Maryland. On this day settlers from *The Ark* and *The Dove* first stepped foot onto Maryland soil, at St. Clement's Island in the Potomac River. The holiday began in 1903, the date chosen by the state board of education to honor Maryland history. In 1916, the legislature authorized Maryland Day as a legal holiday (Chapter 633, Acts of 1916).

Maryland Day provide an opportunity for the State to honor the Indigenous Peoples of the area that are now referred to as the first State Recognized tribe. Those that were present included: John McAllister, Chair HSMC, Larry Leak, Vice Chair, HSMC, Bonnie Green, President, HSMC Foundation, Congressman Steny Hoyer, Minority Whip, Senator Roy P. Dyson, Del. Anthony O'Donnell, Minority Leader Maryland Jack Russell, President St. Mary's County Commissioner, Regina Faden, Executive Director, Historic St. Mary's City, Elizabeth Hines, Governors Office on Community Initiatives, Gabrielle Tayac, HSMC, Rebecca Seib, Keynote Speaker, Rico Newman, PCT & Cedarville Band of Piscataway, Natalie Proctor, American Indian Cultural Center, Auriel Fenwick, Chairwoman for the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs and Joe Urgo, President St. Mary's College.



MCIA also participated in the Eighth Annual University of MD, College Park Powwow. Dottie Choquilo and the Native American Student Organization promote this event each year. It well attended by Marylanders and those in the surrounding states. This event brings a close to cultural events in and around the State of Maryland for the year. E. Keith Colston provided comments concerning the Piscataway State Recognition while members dressed in traditional attire stood in acknowledgement.

2012 has been a year of recognition, initiative and achievement. We hope that you have been educated, informed and inspired by what the Maryland Commission on Indian Affairs has accomplished. We look forward to what 2013 holds and those that we will work with to benefit the lives of our elders, adults and the future of us all...our children.



Men's Northern Traditional during the Eighth Annual University of MD, College Park Powwow. December 8th, 2012

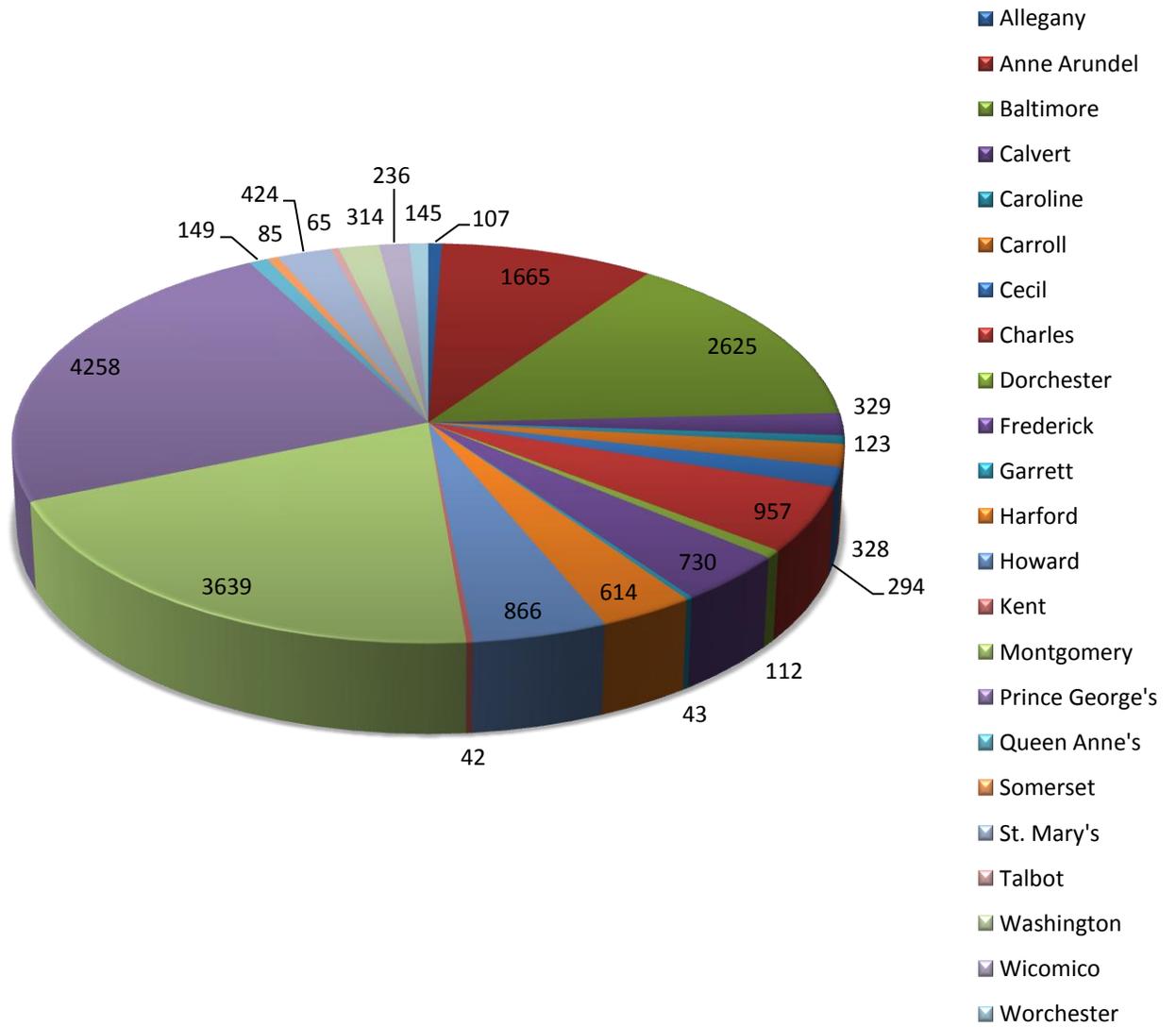


Table 17. American Indian or Alaska Native Alone or In Combination with One or More Other Races in Maryland by Jurisdiction, 2010

	All races	American Indian	% of jurisdiction that is Am-Indian	% of Maryland Am-Indian Pop that lives in the Jurisdiction
MARYLAND	5,773,552	58,657	1.02%	100.00%
NORTHWEST AREA	485,999	3,681	0.76%	6.28%
GARRETT	30,097	141	0.47%	0.24%
ALLEGANY	75,087	406	0.54%	0.69%
WASHINGTON	147,430	1,120	0.76%	1.91%
FREDERICK	233,385	2,014	0.86%	3.43%
BALTIMORE METRO AREA	2,662,691	25,131	0.94%	42.84%
BALTIMORE CITY	620,961	6,441	1.04%	10.98%
BALTIMORE	805,029	7,395	0.92%	12.61%
ANNE ARUNDEL	537,656	5,347	0.99%	9.12%
CARROLL	167,134	973	0.58%	1.66%
HOWARD	287,085	2,887	1.01%	4.92%
HARFORD	244,826	2,088	0.85%	3.56%
NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA	1,835,197	21,175	1.15%	36.10%
MONTGOMERY	971,777	9,613	0.99%	16.39%
PRINCE GEORGE'S	863,420	11,562	1.34%	19.71%
SOUTHERN AREA	340,439	4,982	1.46%	8.49%
CALVERT	88,737	1,068	1.20%	1.82%
CHARLES	146,551	2,683	1.83%	4.57%
ST MARY'S	105,151	1,231	1.17%	2.10%
EASTERN SHORE AREA	449,226	3,688	0.82%	6.29%
CECIL	101,108	936	0.93%	1.60%
KENT	20,197	136	0.67%	0.23%
QUEEN ANNE'S	47,798	350	0.73%	0.60%
CAROLINE	33,066	330	1.00%	0.56%
TALBOT	37,782	213	0.56%	0.36%
DORCHESTER	32,618	315	0.97%	0.54%
WICOMICO	98,733	761	0.77%	1.30%
SOMERSET	26,470	240	0.91%	0.41%
WORCESTER	51,454	407	0.79%	0.69%

Source: 2010 Census Demographic Profiles, Department of Planning, Projections and Data Analysis/State Data Center, May 2011[1]

Population



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