



# MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **Eagle Feather Ceremony — First of Its Kind by a Public School**

*The ceremony marks the accomplishments of 78 American Indian seniors  
as being 'of great significance'*

**WHAT: 2022 Eagle Feather Ceremony\***  
*Sponsored by the CCS Office of Indian Education*

**WHEN:**

Thursday, May 5, 2022  
6:00 p.m.

**WHERE:**

*In-Person @*  
Gray's Creek High School  
5301 Celebration Drive  
Hope Mills, NC 28348

OR

*Live-Streaming @*

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CumberlandCoSch>

**WHY:**

To recognize American Indian students in CCS' Class of 2022 who have reached their goal of graduating from high school

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

-- Several American Indian Tribal officials from across North Carolina, Miss Indian North Carolina as well as UNC-Pembroke and CCS district administrators will appear during the program.

-- Background Info about the Eagle Feather:  
Native American warriors were awarded a feather when they

won a battle or were particularly brave in war.

When a feather falls to the earth, it is believed to carry all of the bird's energy and is perceived as a gift from the sky, the sea, and the trees. Feathers may arrive unexpectedly, but not without a purpose.

Today, feathers are a prominent symbol of the culture and history of Native Americans. Eagle feathers mark every modern-day milestone to include graduation, military service, life events, career achievement, etc. The award of an eagle feather is of great significance and having enough eagle feathers to wear a headdress is a sign that the individual has performed great works in life.

-- The 78 high school seniors will be representing nine recognized American Indian Tribes.

***\*Any media interested in covering  
the 2022 Eagle Feather Ceremony, should email  
Renarta Moyd (renartac@ccs.k12.nc.us)  
by NOON on Thursday, May 5.***

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