

## **2005-2006 Miss Indian North Carolina**

### **Carmen Paige Deese**

**Carmen Paige Deese is the 23 year old daughter of Robert and Carolyn B. Deese of the Prospect Community. Carmen is a senior at the University of North Carolina Greensboro majoring in Communication Studies and International Studies where she has been on the Dean's List. Upon graduation, she plans to pursue a career in Public Relations. Carmen has been President of UNCG's NASA (Native American Student Association), a Senator for UNCG's Student Government Association and an active participant in various campus programs such as International Festival, Winter Holidays Around the World Celebration, and a speaker at the Shades of Color Conference. Carmen was also an original member of the American Legacy Foundation's Speakers Bureau for two years, which enabled her travel throughout the United States giving speeches on Smoking Prevention, Youth Activism and Adult/Youth Partnerships. From this experience, Carmen developed a passion for helping young people understand the addictive powers of commercial tobacco products. Her platform during her reign as Miss Indian NC is "Youth Smoking Prevention and Education". Using this platform, Carmen hopes to introduce young people throughout the state to the traditional uses of tobacco and foster an understanding that commercial tobacco use does not qualify in this category. Carmen has worked with the youth at GNAA on smoking prevention projects and is currently employed part-time at the Guilford Native American Art Gallery and Gift Shop. Originally from the Prospect Community of Robeson County, Carmen moved to Greensboro to attend UNCG and has been involved with the various programs at GNAA since she served as a volunteer in 2000. To book 2005-2006 Miss Indian NC for presentations, please contact her via email at [cpdeese@yahoo.com](mailto:cpdeese@yahoo.com) or via phone at 336.389.9247.**