



**CHRISTINE E. LYNN
COLLEGE OF NURSING**
Florida Atlantic University

Invites you to participate in a

CHEROKEE TALKING CIRCLE

**Moderated by John Lowe, RN, Ph.D., FAAN
Associate Professor, Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing**



Dr. John Lowe (pictured, on the left) with the Honorable Jim Henson, former Chief of the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians, community liaison and interventionist for the research grant project.

Friday, May 16, 2008

2 - 3 p.m.

**Lobby, College of Nursing (Bldg. 84)
Boca Raton Campus**

Members of the FAU community—students, faculty and staff— will have the opportunity to get a glimpse of how research that is built on a foundation of community participation and consensus can lead to development of programs that make a difference for at-risk adolescents in that community.

**Community Partnership to Affect Cherokee
Adolescent Substance Abuse**

Dr. Lowe is one of only 13 Native American Indian nurses with a Ph.D. He is currently conducting a research project at the Cherokee Nation in Oklahoma funded by the National Institutes of Health/National Institute on Drug Abuse. Data generated from this project will contribute to continuing research with Native American Indian adolescents who are abusing substances. Substance abuse by Native American Indians accounts for life-threatening and deadly problems such as accidents, chronic liver disease, homicide and suicide. Because Cherokees represent the second-largest tribe in the United States, a large percentage of health disparities among Native American Indians, such as substance abuse, can be attributed to the Cherokee people. The project is developing and testing a culturally competent, school-based intervention that includes a traditional Cherokee Talking Circle. Members of Dr. Lowe's research team, including the Honorable Jim Henson, will be visiting FAU on May 16 to discuss project work that has been underway at the Cherokee Nation since December.

**Space is limited and RSVP is requested. A reception sponsored by the
Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing will follow immediately after the Talking Circle.
RSVP to Kris Barr at 561-297-0777 or kbarr@fau.edu.**