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At NC State University there is a tight-knit community of native students that are actively involved with two student-led organizations called the Native American Student Association (NASA) and the American Indian Science and Engineering Society (AISES). With NASA focusing on the celebration and preservation of the many different native communities they represent, and AISES focusing on developing professional excellence in the science and engineering fields, they have come to share with you some of the rich culture that they celebrate through their songs and dances. It was the students in these two organizations that decided to start a native drum group at NC State called Miskwá Waya (Red Wolf), and with the help of their teacher and elder Mr. Joe Liles, they finished the drum and began learning the songs in December 2014. Since then, they have continued to learn many songs and have participated in several powwows. Starting this new year in January 2017, they have decided to team up with the native student community at UNC Chapel Hill who have several dancers but no drum group. To kick everything off, both for the new coalition of NC State's drum group and UNC's dancers, as well as for their own next semester of classes, they have come to share some of their songs and dances with you to further enrich your understanding and appreciation for the many different Native American cultures and backgrounds that they come from.



