

Monday 3:00 pm

Building Community Will for Changes to Education

Jill Cox

Communities of Practice for Strategic Advantage: The Partnership Way

Patrice Linehan

Bridging the Great Divide By Raising Expectations of T.R.U.E. Collaboration

Kenston Griffin

Beginning with Me: The Impact of Implicit Bias in Raising Expectations and Closing Gaps

Jewell Cooper and Marva Pittman

Can White Teachers Motivate and Educate African American Students?

Ernest Johnson

Ensuring Your Child is College Ready

Richard Ramsey

North Carolina PTA Parent Involvement Initiative

Debra Horton

Creating a Bully-Free School Environment

Danya Perry

The Top Five Lessons of Faith- and Community-based Afterschool Partnerships

Patsy Burkins and Takisha Herrin

A Data-based Framework for Faith-based and Other Community Organizations

Dwight Pearson

Federal Financial Aid Update

Wanda White

Tuesday 9:45 am

Charter Public Schools: Innovative Educational Opportunities
Phil Kirk (Moderator), Baker Mitchell, Bob Luddy, and Angela Lee

Pathways to Workforce Development: A Systemic Approach to Change
Mark Sorrells (Moderator), Andre Peek, Newell Clark, Amy Loyd, and Tracy Hall

Business Leaders Take Action
Tricia Willoughby

Implications of the Common Core Standards for Raising Expectations and Closing Gaps
Maria Pitre-Martin

Law Enforcement on the Front Lines with the Community to Help Our Youth and Families
James Carlton and Karen Everett

Motivating American Indian Students to Reach Their Potential
Zoe Locklear, Jennifer Dorman, and Rocky Locklear

East Durham Children's Initiative
David Reese and Letisha Judd

Improving Student Achievement by Supporting Parents and Students: A Model for the Faith Community
Marvin Pittman, Shirley Davis, Richard Lockamy, Vonda Kai Martin, and Earnestine Pittman

The Arts in Education and Communities
Linda Carlisle, Katie Wyatt, Toya Chinfloo, Nick Harvey, Banu Valladare, and Michelle Burrows

Faith Leaders Engaged in Educational Partnerships
Rev. Clifford Barnett (Moderator), Rev. Richard Joyner, and Rev. David Morgan

Listening to Our Parents: A Qualitative Study on Family Engagement in Asheville City Schools
Tamiko Ambrose Murray

Tuesday 2:00 pm

Business Voices: Influencing Public Education Policy and Priorities
Walter McDowell (Moderator), Art Pope, Richard Williams, and Sue Cole

Garnering Commitment Across the Village!
Bricca Sweet

Dropout Prevention Programs to Help Our Students Stay in School
Janna Robertson (Moderator), Deloris Rhodes, and Matthew Given

Disadvantaged Youth and Minority Student Challenges
Howard Rasheed (Moderator), Donnie Holt, Jackie Johnson, and Jamie Knowles-Griffiths

The Achievement Gap in North Carolina
Vinetta Bell, Louis Fabrizio, and Johnny Wilson

Casting The Net On The Other Side: Rescuing Our Youth
Gwendolyn Burrell

The Importance and Reality of Global Education In Your Community
Karl Rectanus (Moderator), Lesley Boney, Kathy Spencer, John Chaffee, JB Buxton

Technology in the School: Doing It Right
Terry Stoops (Moderator), Bob Wise, and Mark Edwards

Collaborative Multi-System Professional Development Tool: A Guide to Foster Understanding of Student Behavior in the Classroom
Chris Minard, Karen Everett, Jennifer Rothman, and Delea Payne

Smith Professional Development High School: A Higher Education-High School Collaboration
Carl Lashley, Jewell Cooper, and Noah Rogers

Community Collaborative Initiatives that Impact the Achievement Gap
Linda Hopper, Larry Corry, Ron Harrill, Richard Hooker, and Mary Accor

LEA Closing the Gap Committees in the Wake County Public Schools and the Alamance Burlington Schools
Derrick Byrd and Teresa Smith

Building Parent Efficacy and Family-School Partnerships
Lori Bruce and Bob Witherspoon

Tuesday 3:45 pm

Meet Your New Latino Students and Their Families

Yasmin Wurts Metivier

Some Common Traits of High Performing Schools

Dudley Flood

When Misbehavin' Aint: Understanding Behaviors of Minority and At-risk Students

Debra Williams and Geraldine Munn

How to Stay Positive and Teach Students to do the Same

Sanford Danziger

If They Can Argue Well, They Can Write Well

William McBride

Lessons Learned by Connecting the Dots

Arnold Dennis, Tangie Gray Fleming, Marguerite D. Peebles

**Peer Group Connection: Strategies of an Evidence-based Group Mentoring Model
that Builds Cultures of Achievement, Fosters Youth Leadership, and Improves Graduation Rates**

Sherry Barr

Grant Writing: Getting Started and Building Capacity

Janet Johnson and Michele Oros

The Impact Faith-based Partnerships Can Have on Increasing Student Achievement

Mychal Wynn

College and Career Planning: Ready, Set, Go!

Theresa Tate

Using Data Analytics to Move from the At-Risk to the Pro-Equity Model

Lee Stiff

Community Partner Collaboration: Understanding the Data

Marvin Pittman, Kathy Sullivan, Marguerite Peebles, Teresa Smith, Fran Wescott, Dwight Pearson, Jill Cox, and Richard Hooker

Wednesday 8:15 am

Educational Issues: A Legislative Perspective

Howard Lee (Moderator), Senator Fletcher Hartsell, Senator Floyd McKissick, Representative Linda Johnson, and Mayor Chris Rey

Community Partner Collaboration: Developing a Blueprint for Action

Marvin Pittman, Kathy Sullivan, Marguerite Peebles, Teresa Smith, Fran Wescott, Dwight Pearson, and Jill Cox

Courtroom to Classroom: Rescuing Students At-Risk

Bob Orr (Moderator), Judge Julius Corpening, Robin Jenkins, Gwendolyn Burrell

**College Access and Scholarship Programs:
Strategies for Supporting Gifted and Challenged Students**

Kay Landry (Moderator), David Cooper, Kirby Jones, Deborah Long, Travis Mitchell, and Mona Lovett

We Are Here--Estamos Aqui

Robert Landry, Jane Martin, Ramon Zepeda, Mary Bolton, and Nolo Martinez

There Is V.I.C.T.O.R.Y. In Every Classroom

Kenston Griffin

How to Learn Exactly What You Need to Know From Your Child's Teacher

Jeanette Hill and Freda Hicks

The Hill Center and Public Schools: Collaborating to Improve Student Achievement

Shary Maskel, Jeanne Huntley, Jessica Swenki, and Lisa Kittrell

Parent Involvement from the Perspective of the African-American Mother

Dina Walter-DeVose

Equipping Students and Parents for the 21st Century

Pamela Gilchrist and Lisa Grable

Reading and Writing: Pipelines to Learning

Larry Mabe (Moderator), Alice Oakley, Trish Martin

Wednesday 10:00 am

Freedom Schools

Jeanne Middleton-Hairston, Shaquite Pegues, and Carolyn Pierce

Mentoring Gang Involved Youth

Danya Perry

The Power of Parent Involvement in Schools

Richard Ramsey

Engaging Communities: The North Carolina Way

Patrice Linehan

An Introduction to Writing Grant Proposals

Sally Wade

Collaborative Strategies for Increasing Black Male Achievement

Mychal Wynn

Strengthening Identity Strengthens Education

Teresa Cunningham-Brown

The Flood Group: A Wake County Community Education Committee

Grova Bridgers

Using SAS EVAAS and Formative Assessment to Raise Achievement, Close Gaps, Reduce Dropout Rates, and Identify Effective Practices

Lee Stiff and Janet Johnson

Diversity in Teacher Preparation: School and Community Partnerships

Cathy Kea and Theodore Pikes

Effective Mentoring and Tutoring Strategies for African-American Male Students (K-12)

Maurice Moore