



Workforce Training Trends in the Charlotte Region: How the Community Colleges Meet the Needs of Diverse Industries & Diverse Communities

2024 Charlotte Regional Networking Luncheon
September 17 • Quail Hollow Country Club

Agenda

- 11:30 am – Noon **Registration & Networking**
- Noon – 12:30 pm **Luncheon**
- 12:30 – 12:45 pm **Welcome & Introductions**
André Lennon
Principal
Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc.
- Steven Pearce**
Vice President, Infrastructure and Economic Development
McGuireWoods Consulting
- 12:45 – 1:25 pm **Panel Discussion**
John Loyack, *moderator*
Vice President of Economic Development
North Carolina Community College System
- Dr. John Hauser**
President
Gaston College
- Dr. Heather Hill**
Vice President of Academic Affairs
Central Piedmont Community College
- Chris Rivera**
Vice President of Business & Workforce Solutions
South Piedmont Community College
- 1:25 – 1:30 pm **Closing Remarks**
André Lennon

Speakers



John Loyack, Vice President of Economic Development for the NC Community College System, oversees ApprenticeshipNC, BioNetwork, Customized Training, & the Small Business Center Network, supporting businesses through education & training.



Dr. John Hauser, Gaston College's seventh President, has 30+ years in North Carolina's Community College System. He previously led Carteret Community College, excelling in administration and teaching.



Dr. Heather Hill, Central Piedmont's Provost & Chief Academic Officer, bringing extensive teaching and leadership experience. She is dedicated to advancing student success through community college missions.



Chris Rivera, Vice President of Business & Workforce Solutions at South Piedmont Community College, drives workforce development through programs like Apprenticeship and Corporate Education, boosting local economic growth.

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