

**2010 NCBCE Annual Meeting
May 20, 2010**



“Building Collaboration to Produce a Globally Prepared Student, Teacher and Workforce”

North Carolina Business Committee for Education



**Governor
Bev Perdue**

Raleigh, NC—North Carolina Business Committee for Education Chair Albert Eckel and the team who planned the 2010 annual meeting designed a productive and interactive event. With over 120 attendees, it was one of NCBCE’s most well-attended meetings. Governor Perdue’s remarks about her education agenda and her positive



**Albert Eckel
NCBCE Chair**

comments about the work of NCBCE were well received. First Gentleman Bob Eaves thanked NCBCE for partnering with him in the Students@Work initiative—visit his website www.governor.state.nc.us/studentsatwork) for more information. The First Gentleman looks forward to continued work with NCBCE as Students@Work expands.

“To have this group come together and demonstrate this level of interest and support for our education system creates a positive connection between businesses and students. This says a lot about North Carolina’s collective commitment to the future,” said Albert Eckel, NCBCE Chair.

The Friday Institute at NC State University hosted the event at their cutting-edge education research and innovation facility. Glenn Kleiman, Executive Director of the Friday Institute and his staff provided support to ensure a successful meeting for NCBCE.



**Glenn Kleiman
Executive Director
Friday Institute**

State Board of
Education Chair

Bill Harrison and State Superintendent June Atkinson had a demanding day at the General Assembly but also made time to speak to attendees about the importance of the business voice in education. Education Cabinet Executive Director Howard Lee participated in the meeting along with several members of the Governor’s Cabinet. In attendance were Secretaries Linda Hayes (Juvenile Justice), Alvin Keller (Correction), Linda Carlisle (Cultural Resources) and Dee Freeman (Environmental and Natural Resources).



**Bill Harrison, Chair
State Board of Education**



Francisca Yanez & Jeanene Martin

Superintendent Atkinson led a panel discussion with NCBCE members and human resource experts Jeanene Martin (WakeMed) and Francisca Yanez (Inspire) designed to identify the skills and knowledge employers value in job applicants. This interactive discussion yielded important information about requirements of the new economy.



Superintendent June Atkinson

The final panel of the day focused on a sample of promising practices including the Early College Model, the importance of technology in teaching/learning environments and the changes underway in teacher preparation programs. James Blackwell, a senior at North Carolina Central University and a graduate of the Clement Early College program, gave meeting participants highlights of that program. Abel Real's testimony about the importance of technology in his high school education demonstrated the value innovation through technology prepares students for the future.



Abel Real, James Blackwell & Hiller Spires

Finally, Dr. Hiller Spires, Senior Research Fellow and Professor at North Carolina State University showed the ways teacher education is utilizing 21st century tools and project-based learning to inspire the teachers of today and for the future.

NCBCE's role in bringing together business leaders, education leaders, policy makers, Governor Perdue's advisors, education resources and other state leaders is a significant one----NCBCE is the organization that creates communication across all of those sectors of North Carolina.

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New NCBCE members announced at the annual meeting

