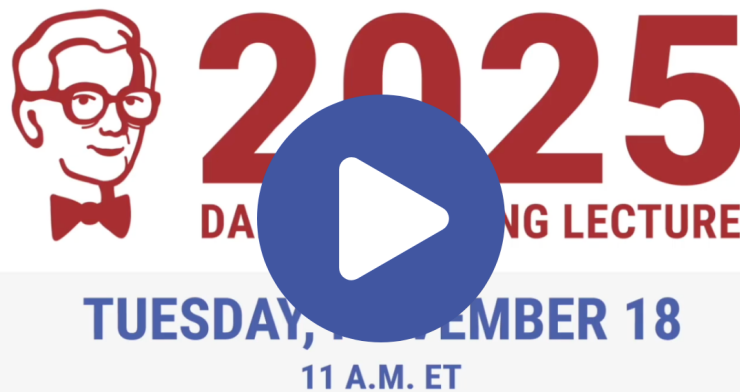


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2025 DALLAS HERRING LECTURE



The countdown is on to the 2025 Dallas Herring Lecture!

Join us for an inspiring afternoon as **Dr. Jason Wood** shares a framework to help educators, policymakers and workforce leaders improve post-completion outcomes – and **Sharon Decker** offers insights on how cross-sector collaboration can strengthen communities and expand opportunities across North Carolina.

WHEN? Nov. 18 at 11 a.m. ET

WHERE? Virtually

HOW? [Register here](#)



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JASON WOOD, PH.D.

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MEET THIS YEAR'S SPEAKER: DR. JASON WOOD



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SHARON DECKER

FORMER NORTH CAROLINA SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND CURRENT SENIOR ADVISOR FOR LONG-TERM RECOVERY FOR THE GOVERNOR'S RECOVERY OFFICE FOR WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA

MEET THIS YEAR'S RESPONDENT: SHARON DECKER

Interested in hosting a Dallas Herring watch party?

We'd love to make your viewing experience even better!

Register your group to be entered into a drawing for a Belk Center raffle prize.

ENTER FOR A CHANCE TO WIN

DOCTORAL PROGRAM: INFO SESSION AND HONOREES

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Join us on **Saturday, November 8, 2025**, from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Belk Center to learn more about [NC State College of Education's Community College Leadership Doctoral Program](#). Connect with faculty and current students and engage in a Q&A over light refreshments. *Don't miss this opportunity to learn how NC State can help you take the next step in your leadership journey.*

REGISTER NOW



CELEBRATING COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERS

Community colleges transform lives through education and workforce training. The NC State College of Education's Community College Leadership doctoral program supports all **58 community colleges** statewide, and we're proud to be a part of that work.

Recently, Belk Center Executive Director Audrey Jaeger, Ph.D. was recognized alongside five other community college leaders and partners for their impact on students and communities, including Lawrence Rouse '98EDD, recipient of the 2025 NC State College of Education Distinguished Alumni Award.

[READ ABOUT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE LEADERS](#)

NEWLY RELEASED RESEARCH

REDESIGNING THE NEW STUDENT ONBOARDING EXPERIENCE

How can onboarding set students up for success from day one? [Catawba Valley Community College](#) redesigned its onboarding process by seamlessly integrating orientation and student success courses, making support engaging and unavoidable for students.

The result: increased enrollment in curriculum programs and a smoother start for every student.



[EXPLORE THE RESEARCH BRIEF](#)



ON THE GROUND: INSIGHTS FROM THE FIELD ONLINE LEARNING FROM STUDENTS' PERSPECTIVE: INSIGHTS FROM NORTH CAROLINA

Online learning can be isolating. Students shared that feeling disconnected from instructors makes courses harder to complete.

This resource highlights the real challenges beyond technology, from communication gaps to course design and offers insights to better support online learners.

READ AND SHARE THE INSIGHTS

FROM SACRIFICE TO SUCCESS: SUPPORTING MILITARY SPOUSES IN HIGHER EDUCATION TRANSITIONS

Military spouses are a dedicated yet often overlooked student population.

Our new brief shares their experiences and recommends ways colleges can provide proactive advising, flexible course delivery and community-building to support their success.



DIVE INTO THE FINDINGS



BELK CENTER FELLOWS PROGRAM INNOVATIONS CONFERENCE

Each year, the Belk Center Fellows Program gives doctoral students in NC State College of Education's Community College Leadership



READ THE FELLOWS' REFLECTIONS

program hands-on experiences with national leaders and organizations shaping the future of community colleges.

This year's Fellows attended the [League for Innovation in the Community College's annual Innovations Conference](#), sharing and learning insights on Artificial Intelligence, teaching and learning and career pathways.

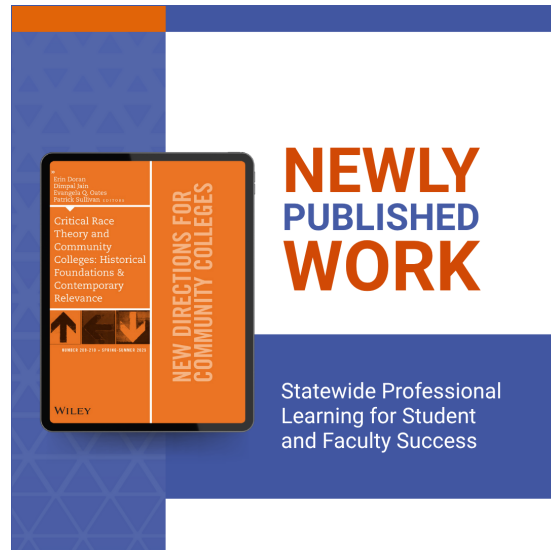


TEACHING AND LEARNING HUBS

Statewide Professional Learning for Student and Faculty Success

The Belk Center's newly published article in [New Directions for Community Colleges](#) explores how the Teaching and Learning Hubs are enhancing teaching excellence across North Carolina's 58 community colleges.

Learn how collaborative, evidence-based professional learning is helping faculty development and supporting student success.



READ THE FINDINGS



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