

# SPRING CONFERENCE 2025

## Tentative Preliminary Agenda

Holiday Inn Resort Lumina | 1706 N. Lumina Ave Wrightsville Beach | North Carolina 28480

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

11:00 AM REGISTRATION | EXHIBITOR | SPONSOR SET-UP

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

Moderator Training

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

### OPENING SESSION

Lumina Ballroom

#### GREETINGS | LOCAL DIGNITARIES



### Navigating the Sea of Change "I Got Receipts"

**KEYNOTE** | SOLOMON MCAULEY  
NEXTGEN Services Leader

Centralina Workforce Development Board

3:00 PM - 3:15 PM

BREAK

Series 1

### CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

3:15 PM - 4:15 PM

WHAT'S NEW WITH  
CAREER  
EXPLORATION

JAMIE VAUGHN  
*CAUSEWAY*

CULTIVATING  
CONNECTIONS:  
COLLABORATIVE  
NETWORK  
STRATEGIES

ALEXIS FRANKS  
*TIDEWATER*

TRUE  
UNMASKING

SOLOMON  
MCAULEY  
*MASONBORO*

DISABILITY  
AWARENESS:  
THE STORY

KRISTY BRINSON  
DEANNA JONES  
*AIRLIE*

Series 2

### CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

4:15 PM - 5:15 PM

UNTAPPED TALENT  
POOL & VALUE IN  
THE WORKPLACE

KRISTY BRINSON  
DEANNA JONES  
*AIRLIE*

JUST TEXT ME!  
PLEASE DON'T CALL

JENNIE BOWEN  
CALLIE NORTHERN-  
HERRING  
*CAUSEWAY*

PROMISING  
PRACTICES FOR  
SERVING VETERANS

GERARD BALL  
GARY JACOBS  
*TIDEWATER*

STRENGTHENING  
COMMUNITY  
PARTNERSHIPS FOR  
WORKFORCE  
DEVELOPMENT

ROSEMARY GUENDNER  
*MASONBORO*

### REGIONAL COMBINED CAUCUS MEETINGS | NEW MEMBERSHIP ORIENTATION

5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

EASTERN REGION | PIEDMONT REGION | WESTERN REGION

DINNER ON YOUR OWN



8:00 AM REGISTRATION | EXHIBITOR | SPONSOR SET-UP

**Series 3** → **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

9:00 AM - 10:00 AM	BRIDGING THE GAPS: INNOVATIVE COMMUNITY BUILDING TOOLS  <b>ERIC ROWLES</b> <b>FRED BAKER</b> <i>TIDEWATER</i>	NCWORKS ONLINE  <b>MICHAEL HOSKINS</b> <i>AIRLIE</i>	WORKFORCE AND REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS  <b>SCOTT PANAGROSSO</b> <b>JOYCE RICE</b> <i>MASONBORO</i>	IDENTIFYING PRIORITIES WHEN THE UNEXPECTED HAPPENS  <b>EMILY NICHOLSON</b> <i>CAUSEWAY</i>
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10:00 AM - 10:30 AM **BREAK**

**Series 4** → **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	PLAYING WITH FIRE  <b>ERIC ROWLES</b> <b>FRED BAKER</b> <i>TIDEWATER</i>	THE DIRT ON AG JOBS  <b>SHAE WHITEMAN</b> <b>CAMMIE ALBERT</b> <i>MASONBORO</i>	LEVERAGE MYFUTURENC FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT  <b>DR. AMY PULLIAM</b> <b>TONI BLOUNT</b> <i>AIRLIE</i>	LEVERAGING AI TO ELEVATE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND CLIENT OUTCOMES  <b>DR. LANE FREEMAN</b> <i>CAUSEWAY</i>
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12:00 PM - 1:30 PM **LUNCH | GENERAL SESSION** Lumina Ballroom



**WIOA Reauthorization  
or Something Very Different?**

**KEYNOTE | BOB KNIGHT**

Director of Workforce Policy and Government Relations  
Equus Workforce Solutions

**Series 5** → **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

1:45 PM - 2:45 PM	ALL ABOUT MY WORK FLIP FLOPS  <b>ERIC ROWLES</b> <b>FRED BAKER</b> <i>TIDEWATER</i>	HELPING YOUNG PEOPLE CHART A NEW COURSE  <b>ABIGAIL HOLDSCLAW</b> <b>DR. ALECIA MATTHEWS</b> <i>MASONBORO</i>	NAVIGATING THE REENTRY SPACE AND PROCESS  <b>PAUL STAYERT</b> <i>CAUSEWAY</i>	<a href="https://Analytics.NCCommerce.com">Analytics.NCCommerce.com</a> YOUR PLACE FOR ALL THE DATA YOU WANT BUT DIDN'T KNOW WHERE TO FIND  <b>JAMIE VAUGHN</b> <i>AIRLIE</i>
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2:45 PM - 3:00 PM **BREAK**

**Series 6** → **CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS**

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	YOUTH ENGAGEMENT  THE UNTOLD STORY  <b>SOLOMON MCAULEY</b> <i>AIRLIE</i>	COMPASSION FATIGUE  <b>SONJA GODSEY</b> <b>SUSAN ONEY</b> <i>MASONBORO</i>	GUILFORDWORKS DUAL GENERATION WORKFORCE INITIATIVE  <b>ELIZABETH SAUNDERS</b> <i>CAUSEWAY</i>	HOW TO ENGAGE IN SECTOR STRATEGIES  <b>JIM FLOCK</b> <b>GINGER BRICK</b> <i>TIDEWATER</i>
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6:00 PM

**NAUTICAL VIBES**

**(DINNER & DANCE) w/DJ Dreadz**

Come dressed in your best nautical attire



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Series 7



CONCURRENT WORKSHOPS

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

STRATEGIES FOR WORKING WITH RETURNING CITIZENS

ERIC HADDOCK  
DONNA FARRAR  
*AIRLIE*

ADVISSSSS'IT LIKE IT'S HOT

FELICIA GILMORE  
APRIL RAINES  
*TIDEWATER*

THE WIOA VERSUS BATTLE

ZACK LEDWELL  
FRANCES PONCE-TOLEDO  
WILETTA CUMMINGS  
*MASONBORO*

"MISSION READY: TRANSLATING MILITARY EXPERIENCE INTO CIVILIAN CAREER SUCCESS"

PAIGE CRAFTON  
*CAUSEWAY*

10:45 AM - 12:00 PM

CLOSING SESSION

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**The Multigenerational Workforce**  
Navigating an Era of Demographic Change

**KEYNOTE** | JONATHAN GUARINE, Economist

North Carolina Department of Commerce Labor & Economic Analysis Division (LEAD)

12:00 PM

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