



## Cooperating Raleigh Colleges

In partnership with Wake County Public Schools and Wake County Smart Start

Welcomes you to

### Our Kids, Our Community, Our Future—Moving Toward World-Class Teacher Preparation

Wednesday, March 2, 2016

Friday Institute, NC State University, Wachovia Innovation Hall AB

Welcome from CRC Board President Jo Allen, Meredith College President

**11 a.m.-noon – First Session: “Becoming a Teacher Leader”** A multimedia, collaborative presentation about the journey of becoming a teacher and continuing into teacher leadership

*\* Please write questions for the presenters on the index cards on your table.*

**Presenters:** (Biographies on a separate sheet)

\***Jennifer Russell**, Education Department Chair, William Peace University

\***Paula Moten-Tolson**, Education Department Chair, Shaw University, along with Shaw education students  
**Na’eem Wilkins, Dwyne Watkins, Gabriel Crudup and Mervin Davis**

\***Iyailu Moses**, Education Faculty, Saint Augustine’s University

\***Michael Maher**, Assistant Dean for Professional Education and Accreditation, NC State University

**Adis Liy**, Early Childhood Education Faculty, Wake Tech Community College

**Senttra Snowden-Gregg**, Sanderson High School teacher and Meredith College graduate

**Matt Scialdone**, Wake County Public Schools Teacher of the Year, Middle Creek High School

**Noon-12:30 p.m. -- Lunch**—Please go to the lobby area for the buffet and bring your meal back into the room.

**12:30-1:15 p.m. – Second Session: Panel Discussion: “Strategies for Recruiting and Retaining”**

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**Panelists:** (Biographies on the back)

**James Merrill**, Superintendent of the Wake County Public School System

**Lorie Barnes**, ED, NC Association for the Education of Young Children and Wake County Smart Start Board

**Alisa Chapman**, VP for Academic and University Programs, University of North Carolina

**Wetonah Parker**, Director of Teacher Education, Meredith College.

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\***Forum Planning Committee:** Chair—**Mary Kay Delaney**, Meredith College Education Department Chair; **Paula Moten-Tolson, Karen Ray**, Wake Tech Administrative Department Head, **Iyailu Moses, Michael Maher, Jennifer Russell**

**Student Ambassadors:** Meredith Pope and Patience Hill (Meredith), Caleigh Daigle and Kristian Marlowe (NCSU), Kendrick D. Cunningham (Saint Augustine’s), Gabriel Crudup and Dwyne Watkins (Shaw), Brittany Price and LaShai Bostic (Wake Tech), Glenn Schell and Rebekah Vandenboom (William Peace)

# Background on Session Two Panelists

## **James Merrill, Superintendent of the Wake County Public School System**

Dr. James Merrill became superintendent of the Wake County Public School System August 1, 2013. Merrill, a former Wake County Associate Superintendent of Finance and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, began his career in 1973 as an English teacher in Forsyth County before working in Wake County for 16 years. He then served as superintendent of the Alamance-Burlington School System before leading the Virginia Beach City Public Schools.

Dr. Merrill has earned numerous accolades and awards, including the 2005 North Carolina Superintendent of the Year award and the 2013 Virginia Superintendent of the Year honor. The UNC-Greensboro School of Education awarded him the Outstanding Achievement Award and the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Education honored him with its Distinguished Leadership Award. Dr. Merrill was a Morehead Scholar at UNC-Chapel Hill, earning a bachelor's degree in secondary English. He earned his master's degree in education administration from Appalachian State University and his doctorate from UNC-Greensboro.

## **Alisa Chapman, Vice President for Academic and University Programs, UNC General Administration**

Dr. Chapman has the responsibility of advancing efforts within the University to prepare more and better teachers and school leaders for the public schools of North Carolina; distance and online program planning; and undergraduate program planning. Her direct responsibilities include supporting and strengthening academic program development for undergraduate programs; research aimed at improving the recruitment, preparation and development of teachers and school leaders; distance/online academic program planning; enhancing public service outreach programs of UNC's fifteen accredited schools of education, as well as the UNC Center for School Leadership Development; and working closely with the UNC Council of Education Deans.

Dr. Chapman responds to K-16 education system initiatives, policy implementation, and legislation impacting teacher and school leader preparation and development throughout the University.

## **Lorie Barnes. Executive Director of the North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children and Secretary of the Wake County Smart Start Board of Directors**

Ms. Barnes serves as executive director of The North Carolina Association for the Education of Young Children (NCAeYC), the state affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). It is a membership association for anyone concerned with the development and education of children ages birth through eight. NCAeYC has over 3,000 members across the state and NAEYC has nearly 100,000 members across the country. Members include teachers, child care providers, administrators, directors, researchers, college faculty, education coordinators, quality enhancement specialists and others.

Ms. Barnes serves on the Board of Directors of Wake County Smart Start and for 10 years was a faculty member in the early childhood education department of Wake Tech Community College. She also was education director at Marbles Kids Museum and education coordinator at United Cerebral Palsy.

## **Wetonah Rice Parker, Director of Teacher Education at Meredith College**

Dr. Parker is a professor in the Meredith Department of Education. Born and raised in Indianapolis, IN, she received her undergraduate degree in biology and science licensure from Ball State University, Muncie, IN; her M.Ed. in special education and administration licensure from North Carolina Central University; and her doctorate in curriculum and instruction from North Carolina State University. Dr. Parker is a former classroom teacher, teaching for over 14 years in Raleigh City and Wake County Public Schools, and worked for private industry, providing educational services to public school teachers in North and South Carolina.