

# Same Mission, Bold New Direction

# YEAR IN REVIEW 2022-23



*Pictured: The NC Campus Engagement Launch Party at High Point University  
June 29, 2022*

# SAME MISSION, BOLD NEW DIRECTION

This picture from the NC Campus Engagement Launch Party at High Point University, in June of 2022, captures the overflowing of joy I felt that day, and continue to feel, about this next phase of our organizational journey. I wonder if that scrappy group of 10 administrators and students who formed NC Campus Volunteers in 1994, could have imagined our longevity and impact. But here we are, in our third organizational iteration, standing strong. We have continued to deepen our placed-based focus by building and supporting the higher education community and civic engagement field, and strengthening North Carolina communities. But perhaps our most critical role continues to be our efforts to strengthen democracy. If the past



*“Education ... like democracy, is always in the making, forever incomplete, founded in possibilities.”*

—Maxine Greene, Educator

few years have taught us anything, it is that our democracy is precious and fragile. You can read about the new dialogue and deliberation initiatives we launched this past year to help our campuses prepare students for civic and social responsibility, and to consider what it means to be a citizen, not as a legal designation, but as a set of moral obligations and actions that seek the good of the community. We want students to realize their potential to imagine and design solutions for the problems facing our nation.

We are excited for the future and grateful for your ongoing partnership on this journey.

— Leslie



Images above from the June 29 Launch Parties at High Point University and NC State University

## 2022-23 Executive Board



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# PRESIDENTIAL ENGAGEMENT

## 2023 Presidents Forum

High Point University \* February 15, 2023

Twenty-four presidents and chancellors participated in the 13th annual Presidents Forum, hosted by President Nido Qubein. Highlights include:

- Presentation of the 2023 Leo M. Lambert Engaged Leader Award to Dr. Qubein (*pictured with NCCE Executive Board Chair, Kelli Brown, WCU Chancellor*)
- Fireside Chat with Dr. Ted Mitchell, President, American Council of Education, facilitated by President Pamela Senegal, Piedmont Community College, and NCCE Executive Board Member
- Presentation "A Comprehensive Look at Why Students' Community and Civic Engagement Matters: Findings from the Field"
  - Dr. Ashley Finley, VP of Research and Senior Advisor to the President and Dr. Kathryn Enke, Senior Advisor for Leadership, Strategy and Governance (AAC&U)
- "Navigating the Politics of Higher Education: A Facilitated Conversation"
  - Presenter: Dr. Eric Mlyn, Distinguished Faculty Fellow at the Kenan Institute for Ethics, Duke University, and co-editor of Connecting Civic Engagement and Social Innovation: Toward Higher Education's Democratic Promise (Stylus, 2020)



Save  
the  
Date

14th Annual  
Presidents Forum  
February 14, 2024



President Qubein and his wife, Marianna, hosted a pre-Forum reception and dinner for NCCE member presidents.

# NATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

NCCE is connected to a vibrant network of similar state and regional place-based organizations across the country - CA, IN, Mid-Atlantic (DC, DE, MD), NJ, NY/PA, and WA. This Partnership Alliance is dedicated to supporting the public purposes of higher education and community engagement nationally through a robust and diverse array of programs, initiatives, and events. Stakeholders from NCCE member campuses have discounted or free access to programs, conferences, workshops, and events offered by Partnership Alliance member organizations. We co-hosted events such as a webinar on February 13, "Supporting Publicly Engaged Scholarship in Promotion and Tenure," in partnership with LEAD California and The Collaboratory in which 94 individuals registered from 28 states.



# ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP & PRACTICE

## Community of Practice, Inquiry & Learning (COPII)



In February 2022, as part of the *Contributions of Civic and Community Engagement in Higher Education Series*, COPII released five Civic and Community Engagement Benefits Topical Briefs. These briefs continue to make the case for the benefits and value of higher education civic and community engagement (CCE) in these areas: **Civic Learning, Empathy, Faculty Flourishing, Student Success, and Sustainability and Sense of Place.**

## 2022-23 Engaged Faculty Scholars

In July 2022, we welcomed our newest EFS cohort. Each scholar receives \$2000 in funding and support to carry out a project to expand and strengthen community engagement on their campus.



**Susan Cisneros**  
UNC Charlotte

EFS project:  
Más que un viaje en tren/More Than a Train Ride



**Allison Walker**  
High Point University

EFS project:  
A Seat at the Table: An HPU Center for Community Engagement (CCE) Initiative

## Engaged Scholar Writing Retreats

In October 2022 and March 2023, 35 engaged scholars, representing 15 institutions, gathered for the Engaged Scholar Writing Retreat, a day of directed writing time, optional individual breakout consultation sessions, and mini-workshops on writing strategies. Launched in the fall of 2018, this was the first time we hosted a spring retreat, due to popular demand. The sessions are facilitated by Jennifer Ahern-Dodson, Director of the Duke Faculty Write Program and NCCE Engaged Scholar 2018-19. The Duke Civic Engagement Office hosted us at Durham and Community Affairs office in the NC Mutual Life Building in downtown Durham.



## NCCE/UNCG Engaged Scholarship Prize



During the Engagement Awards Ceremony at the PACE Conference/Presidents Forum, we presented the 2023 Engaged Scholarship Prizes. This Prize, developed in 2020, in partnership with UNC Greensboro Chancellor, Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr., promotes and rewards engaged scholarship in North Carolina. The faculty prize is \$1500 and the graduate student prize is \$500.

### 2023 Winners

Faculty – Dane Emmerling, UNC-Chapel Hill  
(pictured with Chancellor Gilliam)

Graduate Student – Elana Jaffe, UNC-Chapel Hill



# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

August 2022 &  
January 2023

## Regional Network Meetings

Over 40 community engagement professionals, from 19 campuses, attended the August and January network meetings. The August meetings were hosted by Wingate University (west) and Alamance Community College (east). The professional development topic was "Adopting and Promoting the Public Purposes of Higher Education." President Rhett Brown, Wingate University, and President Algie Gatewood, Alamance Community College, opened the meetings. The topic for the January virtual meeting was "Critical Perspectives and Commitments Deserving Attention from Community Engagement Professionals."



August 2022

## Educational Gag Orders and Higher Education

In response to the legislation being proposed and passed by state legislatures around the country targeting higher education, we hosted this webinar for Chief Academic Officers and Chief Student Affairs Officers in the NCCE network. Dr. Jeremy C. Young, Senior Manager of Free Expression and Education at PEN America, provided a survey of the landscape of gag orders and other legislative threats to higher education, explored the potential consequences of these threats to higher education institutions, and offered suggestions for how to respond. We also discussed the implications for community and civic engagement.



September 2022

## Preparing for the 2024 Carnegie Community Engagement Elective Classification

Administrators from 12 NCCE campuses attended this workshop, hosted at UNC Pembroke, designed to assist campuses preparing for first-time applications and campuses re-classifying. The day included a review of the documentation framework and application and effective strategies for successful applications. It was facilitated by Dr. Marisol Morales, Executive Director of the Carnegie Elective Classifications, American Council on Education, and Lauren Bartshe, Associate Director of the Carnegie Elective Classifications, American Council on Education.



February 2023

## Pathways to Achieving Civic Engagement (PACE) Conference

Over 220 faculty, staff, administrators, and community partners from 31 colleges and universities in 5 states, attended PACE hosted at High Point University. PACE, which seeks to grow and deepen the practice and scholarship of civic and community engagement, included 24 workshops and a presentation of the annual Engagement Awards. The plenary sessions included a Fireside Chat with Dr. Ted Mitchell, President of the American Council on Education, and presentation by the AAC&U research team that recently released the report "The Effects of Community-Based Engagement in Higher Education: What We Know and Questions that Remain."

### Virtual Learning Exchanges (VLE)

Launched in October, VLE's convene community engagement professionals to improve practice and continue to build a supportive network.

#### 2022-23 Topics & Facilitators:

- Community Engagement in the Community College context (Jennifer Mock, Alamance Community College)
- Engagement in the HBCU/MSI context (Stacye Blount, Fayetteville State University & Amelia Garrett, NC State University)
- Community-Based Internships (Katelyn Bodwell, UNC-Chapel Hill)

# STUDENT RECOGNITION

## 2022 Community Impact Student Awards

On November 18, we recognized 15 community-engaged student leaders during a powerful virtual ceremony in which each winner shared what they have gained from being civically engaged.

- Appalachian State University – Meredith Maiken
- Duke University – Kiran Sundar
- East Carolina University – Tete Narh-Mensah
- Elon University – Nicole McGinty
- Fayetteville State University – Iyana Beachem
- High Point University – Glenda Emanuel
- NC Central University – Breann Wyman
- UNC Asheville – Mars Zappia
- UNC-Chapel Hill – Alvin Dinh
- UNC Charlotte – David Rodriguez
- UNC Greensboro – Simone Watkins
- UNC Pembroke – Magally Ortiz-Rojas
- UNC Wilmington – Deiona Stanley
- Warren Wilson College –Kenia Romero
- Western Carolina University – Sarah Tisinger



Scan the QR code to view the Engagement Matters Student Awards Ceremony on YouTube.

## Marshall Alternative Break Scholarship 2022 Recipients (\$250 each)

Lily Hernandez, Appalachian State University  
Service Location: Dominican Republic  
Focus: Clean water access by setting up domestic collection systems and wells in local communities.

Cara Martin &  
Magally Ortiz-Rojas  
UNC Pembroke  
Service Location:  
Baltimore, MD  
(pictured)  
Focus: Learning about indigenous culture.



## 2022 Barnhill Civic Trailblazer

**Kamren Lewis, UNC Pembroke**



This award is presented annually to an innovative student who has deepened campus efforts to address community issues. Throughout his career at UNC Pembroke (he graduated in December '22) Kamren volunteered for multiple organizations and initiatives including the CARE Resource Center, the Greater New Orleans Therapeutic Riding Center, Giving Hope Food Pantry, and Lumber River United Way. His most profound and lasting impact is the Brave Foundations Mentoring Program where UNCP students mentor youth in two of the local public housing communities each week. Kamren helped create and implement the program, including helping design the curriculum which includes literacy skill-building, social activities and life skills. He partnered with various university stakeholders and community partners to sustain the program and invested in preparing and training other students to take the helm when he graduated.



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AWARDS

We presented the annual Community Engagement Awards on February 15, 2023 during the opening session of the PACE Conference and Presidents Forum at High Point University.

## Civic Engagement Professional of the Year



**Jaime Russell, Ed.D.**  
Director, Student Community Engagement  
UNC Wilmington

## Engaged Faculty Award



**Lucy Lawrence, Ph.D.**  
Professor and Social Work Program Director  
Warren Wilson College

## Community Partner Award



**Hood Huggers, International**  
Campus Partner: UNC Asheville

Scan to view  
the  
partnership  
video



# STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY

## 7th Annual NC College Voter Summit

On September 9, reps from 26 colleges and universities convened at Elon University to explore the theme "Midterms Matter." Highlights included 14 "Hot Topics in Voting" workshops and a panel of students providing tips for engaging students in their particular context.

Student panelists: Destiny Perez, Forsyth Tech; Odaray Mora-Morejon, High Point University; and Maria Garcia-Ortega, '22 UNC Wilmington. Guest speaker: LaWana Mayfield, at-large Charlotte City Council member.

Campus Prize winners:

Registration Prizes (\$100 cash prize):

- UNC system = NC Central University
- Private/Independent sector = Queens University of Charlotte
- Community College system = Forsyth Tech Community College

Repping Prize (\$100 cash prize to the campus that best represented their campus throughout the day) = UNC Pembroke



## Redesigning Democracy Competition [Pilot]

On Saturday, March 25, four student teams (plus their advisors) - from NC Central University, UNC-Chapel Hill (two teams), and William Peace University - convened to explore how to ensure trustworthy elections. The NCCE Redesigning Democracy Competition seeks to bring together students, from across the political spectrum, to deliberate on topics related to democracy that are either contested or in need of reform and intervention and to find common ground for action. The event was hosted at William Peace University.

Students participated in a 4-hour interactive *Common Ground Workshop on Ensuring Trustworthy Elections* facilitated by the Braver Angels Alliance of Central North Carolina (BAACNC). After lunch, teams developed a proposal for how to address the issue, which they presented before a panel of BAACNC members to be judged.

The top prizes (a \$500 campus prize plus \$100 Amazon gift cards for each student) were awarded to UNC-Chapel Hill's Team #1 and William Peace University. The remaining teams received a \$150 cash prize plus \$10 Amazon gift cards for each student. Funding was provided by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.



## 2022 Election Engagement Mini-Grants awarded (\$500)

- Appalachian State University
- Central Piedmont Community College
- Duke University
- Elon University
- Greensboro College
- Lenoir-Rhyne University
- Methodist University
- UNC Charlotte
- UNC Pembroke





# STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY



## Midterm Election Debrief November 14, 2022

Featured speaker: Dr. Nancy Thomas, Director, Institute for Democracy and Higher Education, Tufts University

Twenty-eight participants from 17 campuses attended a facilitated conversation about voter registration, education, and get out the vote best practices, challenges, and ideas for the future. We also discussed how NCCE could continue to support member campus voter engagement efforts. Dr. Nancy Thomas shared ideas and tips for effective voter engagement and offered suggestions for the path forward.

## Civil Discourse & Dialogue Mini-Grantees 2022-23 (\$500)

Central Piedmont Community College  
Duke University  
Mars Hill University  
Piedmont Community College  
William Peace University

## Virtual Dialogue Series

### Civil Dialogue Training by Institute for Civil Dialogue, December 5, 2022

Facilitator: Dr. Jennifer Linde, Arizona State University  
Topic: "Guns on Campus Make Us Safer"

## New Initiative!

### Citizen Redefined, February 20-24, 2023

In partnership with Citizen University, 15 community engagement administrators participated in a week long training hosted at Elon University. It offered a personal investigation of each one's civic identity with the goal of creating and expanding civic educational experiences for students. Participants shared their civic statements during the closing Civic Confirmation Ceremony.



## Student Dialogue Ambassadors Initiative (New!)

We launched the Student Dialogue Ambassadors Initiative with four pilot campuses: Alamance Community College, Elon University, NC Central University, and UNC Pembroke. A faculty/staff mentor supported up to two Student Dialogue Ambassadors that NCCE trained in four dialogue models. Each Ambassador facilitated four dialogues on their campus during spring semester, and hosted a training for other students. Each campus received a \$500 activity fee and each Ambassador received a \$1000 stipend. Funding was provided by a grant from the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation.



## Civically Engaged Student Webinar Series (New!)

From March 29 - April 19, we hosted a webinar series featuring NC student leaders discussing community and civic engagement topics.

### Students Breaking Barriers From 1965 – 2022

*Kassidy McFeeley, High Point University*  
*Jenny Ngo, High Point University*



### Big Stories, Bold Voices: Activism Redefined

*Iyana Marie Beachem, Fayetteville State University*  
*Aigné Taylor, '22 graduate of NC A & T State University*



### Growing Up in the Grassroots

*Joy Reeves, Duke University*



### First on Scene

*Kirti Patel, UNC-Chapel Hill*



# AMERICORPS VISTA



AmeriCorps VISTA members go where they are needed with passion and perseverance to be a catalyst for change. National service is a critical component of the strength of communities; therefore, since 2003 North Carolina Campus Engagement has sponsored AmeriCorps VISTA projects. We currently host VISTA members through the NC Afterschool Corps and the NC Hunger Corps with our member campuses serving as host sites for our VISTAs to complete their year of service across North Carolina.

Between 2022-2023 we hosted 2 VISTA Leaders, 5 Afterschool Corps members, and 13 Hunger Corps members. Over that time they facilitated the following capacity building outcomes:



**# of Volunteers Recruited**  
**1,317**



**Value of Cash Resources Leveraged**  
**\$194,530**



**Value of In-Kind Resources Leveraged**  
**\$269,256**

*2022-2023 VISTA members: (pictured below from left to right) Erin Guy, UNC Asheville Hunger Corps; Taylor Sligh, NC State University Hunger Corps; Steven Talbott, Duke University Afterschool Corps; and Sam Colston, Warren Wilson College Hunger Corps. This photo was taken during our January 2023 VISTA Retreat while the members visited and volunteered with the local Salvation Army Food Pantry.*

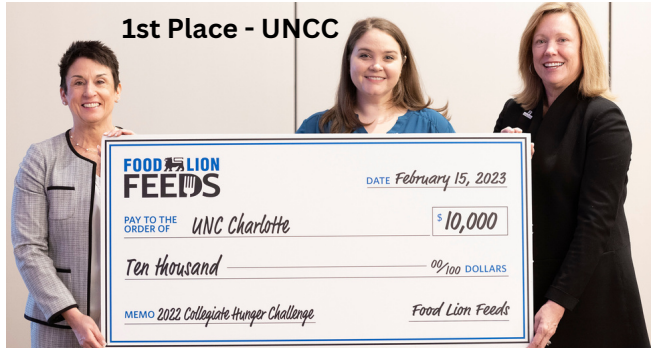
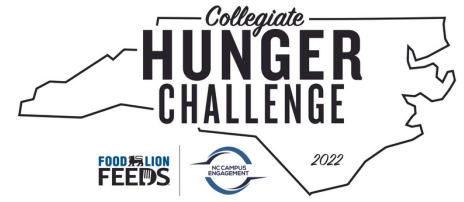


*Pictured above are volunteers that worked on a project orchestrated by our NC Hunger Corps VISTA, Laura Manigrasso, with Alamance Community College culinary program. Laura helps coordinate efforts to run a program called EZ Meals. This program is a ready made frozen meal program where culinary volunteers make meals that are placed in freezers around ACC for students, faculty, and staff facing food insecurity to have access to a free meal.*



# ADDRESSING STUDENT FOOD INSECURITY

In fall 2022, we launched the fourth year of our partnership with Food Lion LLC grocery stores to address student food insecurity in North Carolina. Twenty-five member campuses benefited from the partnership this year which included the Hunger Challenge, food pantry support mini-grants, and FL gift cards. We truly appreciate Food Lion for their ongoing support.



1st Place - UNCC



2nd Place - UNCP



3rd Place - ECU

## Fall 2022

### Hunger Challenge Participants

- Appalachian State University
- Central Piedmont Community College
- Davidson-Davie Community College
- Durham Technical Community College
- East Carolina University
- Elizabeth City State University
- Fayetteville State University
- Guilford College
- NC Central University
- Piedmont Community College
- Queens University of Charlotte
- UNC Charlotte
- UNC Greensboro
- UNC Pembroke
- UNC Wilmington

## Spring 2023 Food Pantry Support

### \$1000 Mini-Grantees

- Greensboro College
- NC State University
- UNC Asheville
- UNC School of the Arts
- Western Carolina University
- William Peace University

### \$500 Food Lion gift card

- Alamance Community College
- Lenoir-Rhyne University
- NC A&T State University
- Winston-Salem State University



# 2022-23 MEMBERS

*Executive Board Member 2022-23 \**

*Incoming 2023-24 Board Member \*\**

Algie Gatewood  
Alamance Community College

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Lenoir-Rhyne University

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UNC Charlotte

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NC Central University

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Vincent Price  
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Durham Tech Community College

Randy Woodson  
NC State University

William Christy, Interim  
Warren Wilson College

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Guilford Technical Community College

Nido R. Qubein  
High Point University



*Pictured: Members of the NCCE  
Executive Board at Presidents Forum  
February 2023*