



INNOVATION-BASED ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACROSS NORTH CAROLINA

2017 December Networking Luncheon Agenda

December 7 • Noon – 1:30 pm • City Club Raleigh

11:30 am – Noon	Registration / Networking
Noon – 12:25 pm	Luncheon Buffet
12:25 – 12:30 pm	Welcome / Introductions: Randall Johnson Chair - NCEDA Professional Development Committee Executive Director, Southeastern Office NC Biotechnology Center
12:30 – 12:40 pm	Moderator: John Hardin Executive Director, Board of Science, Technology and Innovation - NC Department of Commerce
12:40 – 12:50 pm	Panelist: Adrienne Cole President & CEO Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce
12:50 – 1 pm	Panelist: Christopher Gergen CEO - Forward Impact / Co-Founder - Forward Cities
1 – 1:25 pm	Panel Discussion / Q&A
1:25 – 1:30 pm	Wrap-Up / Adjourn / Networking

SAVE THE DATE:

Emerging Executives Annual Forum: January 22-23 – Raleigh

MidWinter Conference: March 13-14 – Pinehurst

December Networking Luncheon Speakers



ADRIENNE COLE

President & CEO

Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce is the Triangle's largest nonprofit business membership organization representing two-thirds of the private sector employment in Wake County. Adrienne previously served as the director of Wake County

Economic Development and has over 20 years of economic development experience.



CHRISTOPHER GERGEN

CEO, Forward Impact

Co-Founder, Forward Cities

Forward Impact has launched community-based strategies to develop and scale high-impact entrepreneurs including Bull City Forward in Durham, Queen City Forward in Charlotte, Moore Forward in Moore County, HQ Raleigh, and Think House. Forward

Impact also helps schools, universities, and communities develop transformational entrepreneurial leadership experiences with partners such as the Center for Creative Leadership, where Christopher is Innovator in Residence.



JOHN HARDIN

Executive Director, Board of Science, Technology & Innovation – NC Department of Commerce

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and the EDPNC on the role of science, technology and innovation in the economic growth and development of the state.