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# IEI Digest

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***Happy Holidays from all of us at Institute for Emerging Issues!***

As 2016 quickly draws to a close, we wish to take a moment to thank the many of you who have supported IEI's work during the year. Whether through direct partnerships, generous donations, or simple words of encouragement, your commitment to North Carolina's future prosperity is what makes our work possible. We wish you and your families the very happiest of holiday seasons, and much success in the New Year!



There are only **six weeks left** to register for the February 7, 2017, Focus Forum, **kidonomics: The Economics of Early Childhood Investment!** We have *fewer than 100 seats remaining* for this special, one-day event — be sure to [grab your ticket before it sells out!](#) Please visit [emergingissues.org/kidoNomiCs](http://emergingissues.org/kidoNomiCs) for an early look at highlighted topics and a sneak peek at our [invited speakers](#).

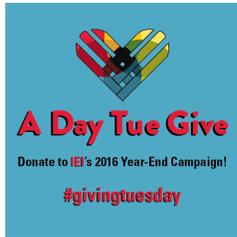


In partnership with [Service Year Alliance](#), and with support from Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, IEI has launched **Service Year NC**, a first-of-its-kind statewide initiative that will work to expand the number of year-long, full-time paid service opportunities for young North Carolinians. To learn more, visit [emergingissues.org/ServiceYearNC](http://emergingissues.org/ServiceYearNC).

Interested in becoming a partner? Contact Maggie Woods at [mjwoods2@ncsu.edu](mailto:mjwoods2@ncsu.edu).



This month, community leaders from five North Carolina communities - *Asheville, Greensboro, Pembroke, Wilson, and Wilmington/Carolina Coast* - gathered in the Triad for the third **InnovateNC** cross-city convening. The group worked to strengthen relationships between participant communities and the ten InnovateNC partners, and each community presented its strategic plan for advancing its local inclusive innovation economy. During the two-day convening, participants also toured select innovation hubs in Greensboro, including HQ Greensboro, The Forge, and Union Square Campus. For a full debrief, check out [InnovateNC's convening livestream on Twitter!](#)



Did you know that we add every IEI supporter's name to our "Digital Partners Wall" located in the [Emerging Issues Commons](#) within Hunt Library? That's because your support is what makes IEI's work possible throughout the year. **Now is your last chance to make end-of-year, tax-deductible contributions!** Your generous gift to IEI supports work that is transforming North Carolina communities into stronger and better places to live, work and play. [Thank you for making a donation today!](#)



As we approach the New Year, we take this time to stroll down memory lane, looking back at all of [IEI's remarkable projects, partners and purpose](#) during 2016. As we take stock of all the great work we've accomplished together, we are excited and proud to share a few of [our favorite moments](#).

From everyone here at IEI, we wish all of you [Happy Holidays](#) and a Happy New Year!

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