



FY 2022 Year in Review

Mission

IEI serves as a nonpartisan connector, bringing North Carolinians together across sectors, regions, and perspectives to collaborate on finding solutions to the state's emerging and most critical policy issues resulting in a more vibrant and prosperous North Carolina.

Vision

A North Carolina where people connect and collaborate to build a vibrant and prosperous future for all.



154.8M

interactions with our audience through our website, social media and earned media



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EMERGING ISSUES FORUM

The 2022 Emerging Issues Forum brought together local, state and national leaders to discuss the state's educational attainment gap.



4
day virtual
forum



429
attendees



97%
respondents who
learned something they
intended to use in the
coming year

ENDOWMENTS & GRANTS

IEI received its first two endowments:

1

A [gift from the Tony McLean Brown family](#) that will enable IEI to continue to tackle the state's most critical policy issues.

2

A [gift from Gov. James B Hunt and his wife, Carolyn](#), that will fund IEI's Hunt Internship.

3

IEI [received a \\$440,749 grant](#) from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to support Talent First Economics, the program of work for the 2023 Emerging Issues Forum that will examine ways to overcome barriers to employment.

BETTER 2GETHER

In honor of 2-22-22, [IEI celebrated 22 local leaders](#) who are making North Carolina a better place to work, learn and grow.

PROGRAMS



BAND-NC continued its mission to expand digital inclusion in North Carolina.

11	Number of \$5k digital inclusion planning grants awarded
3	Kick-off events for western regional planning efforts
2M	From Dogwood Health Trust to support digital inclusion planning efforts in 18 western counties
20	Counties supported by \$225,000 from State Employees Credit Union Foundation

Project Resilience continued to identify public policy, programs and community practices that address financial resilience challenges faced by North Carolinians.

12+	Organizations met with to better understand how fulfillment of basic needs promotes resilience
	Focused scope of work around employment, debt and medical coverage

Rural Faith Communities as Anchor Institutions continued its work to fold rural faith leaders into statewide discussions on emerging issues across the state.

140+	Faith leaders and partners attended the 2022 Forum, RFCAI conference and other meetings
60+	Virtual meetups and partnership meetings held
560+	Faith leaders and partners engaged in faith and community network across NC
2M	From the Duke Endowment for continued efforts to engage with rural faith community

NATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD



New Board Members

- Suzanne Walsh, president, Bennett College
- Kevin Price, president and CEO, The Institute
- Cheryl Parquet, community relations director, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina

STAFF UPDATES



Retirement

Leslie Boney retired as director. Sarah Langer Hall named interim director.

New Hires

- Philip Cooper named practitioner in residence (time limited)
- Colin Fox named digital inclusion fellow (time limited)
- Jennifer Heiss named communications director
- Julia Kardos named special projects coordinator
- Shevani Mehta named first Hunt Intern

Service Updates

- Alicia James named vice chair for the NC State Staff Senate
- Davina Thrash named to the NC State Council on the Status of Women



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