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1,151



Number of attendees for the final four convenings of ReCONNECT NC, IEI's three-year statewide focus on strategies to increase the state's connectedness: across demographics and politics; linking rural to urban, strengthening ties to educational opportunity; access to mental health and to broadband.

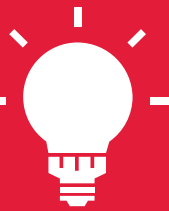
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Number of community partners IEI worked with to demonstrate effective "reconnection" strategies. IEI delivered capacity building training, networking services and shared success stories across the state.

5

"Ideas to ignite." IEI delivered 5 high-level recommendations for progress in civic connections, rural-urban bridges, increasing adult educational attainment, boosting broadband adoption and expanding mental health services.



39,287 participants and listeners at 30 "First in Future" podcasts and "First in Future Live" webinars, with guests focusing on COVID recovery, economic development, education and equity across the state.

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122

Faith leaders, community members and partners attended our Rural Faith Communities as Anchor Institutions Annual Conference.

Number of counties receiving support through BAND-NC, IEI's effort to increase digital inclusion across the state.

62



\$641,050

Total raised to support BAND-NC grants and technical support.

9



University student groups joining PILOT 21, an IEI initiative to equip college students for careers in public service.

(Duke, NC A&T, NCCU, NC State, UNCA, UNC-CH, Wake Forest, Shaw and UNCW)

65% of the Institute for Emerging Issues' budget is derived from non-state funds.

234 million

people reached through IEI social media accounts and earned media.

Major Initiatives

BAND-NC: IEI's program to dramatically expand digital inclusion in the state, conducted in collaboration with the NC Broadband Infrastructure Office, held webinars, worked with the NC General Assembly and awarded grants to community groups across the state.

ReCONNECT NC: 3-year program concluded with 8 in-person or virtual gatherings and 26 community partners working on topics related to ReCONNECT. Our final report outlined 5 high leverage strategies to move ideas forward.

Major Programs

Rural Faith Communities as Anchor

Institutions: 62 Rural Faith leaders attended Fall ReConnect meeting, 94 Rural Faith leaders attended Spring 2021 Forum and 337 faith leaders and partners attended 47 virtual gatherings.

PILOT 21: Began work on multi-university project designed to equip students with skills to research and develop recommendations on key public policy programs. Nine public and private university student teams will make recommendations to reduce food insecurity in Fall 2021.

Project Resilience: IEI launched a five-year initiative to explore what public and private policies are needed to strengthen North Carolina families ability to survive and recover from the pandemic and ongoing economic downturns.

Strategic Planning

IEI's new 3-year strategic plan focuses on deepening partnerships with statewide entities; enhancing our programs as a trusted, nonpartisan organization; strengthening capacity of community-based groups; increasing our attention to diversity, equity and inclusion; and increasing our financial sustainability.

Staff and Board Success

AMEXCAN's Juvencio Rocha-Peralta, NCCU's Henry McKoy, Curi's Dale Jenkins and SAS' Paula Henderson join National Advisory Board

NAB Member Maurice Smith elected IEI's first-ever Vice Chair

NAB Member Carol Mattocks received Community Fabric Award for Individual Leadership

HR Officer Davina Thrash awarded Provost's Award for Excellence for HR service during the pandemic

Pat Cronin, Sarah Hall, Alicia James and Leslie Boney received NCSU's Excellence in Diversity certificate

Alicia James elected chair of external affairs for the NC State Staff Senate

Program Manager Maggie Woods' column on digital inclusion reached 700,000 readers in Carolina Country magazine

Director Leslie Boney named to the National Commission on Innovation and Competitiveness; serving as co-chair of working group on "The Future of Work"

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Our Mission

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

Our Vision

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