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## President's Message

This month we celebrate [Women's History Month](#), and as I meditate on what this time should mean to us, I can't help but think about mentoring. Whether you take this month as a time to be more active in women's issues or simply look around and appreciate the women that have paved the way for you, I sincerely believe that the lowest common denominator of working together and helping each other as women is through mentoring. Perhaps, like me, you never had the opportunity to participate in a structured mentoring program. [Read more...](#)

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## SOLD OUT: First Quarterly Luncheon of 2017



We hope you were able to secure a spot at tomorrow's first [Quarterly Networking Luncheon of 2017](#), because all the spots are taken! Make sure you don't miss out on the [next one](#). These luncheons are great opportunities to get to know CWNC members and meet other professional women from across the Triangle – all while enjoying a tasty lunch at Mez Contemporary Mexican Restaurant.

CWNC Members attend for **free** ([Become a member!](#)) - \$29.99 for everyone else. Come see what we're all about: [Register here](#).



Many thanks to the **Cisco Capital team**, who is sponsoring this quarter's lunch! If your business or employer would like to sponsor a future lunch, please contact [ConnectedWomenNC@gmail.com](mailto:ConnectedWomenNC@gmail.com). You'll get free publicity, while helping CWNC help local women at the same time!

## Wondering What to Wear to Our Quarterly Luncheon...?



There's still time to [get your CWNC shirt](#) **FOR A LIMITED TIME ONLY!** Cute styles, fun colors, and a great design for \$23.99 – all in support of a good cause: A portion of the cost goes directly to the [CWNC Scholarship fund](#). Help us spread the word, and look good doing it!

## Plan for Career Preparation Workshop #2

Did you join our Career Strategy Workshop in February? Hope so! We had a fantastic turnout who got expert input from women leaders on topics like building leadership presence and career coaching. And there's more to come in our second workshop of the series on May 23 – [Reserve your spot today!](#) This next workshop focuses on Career Preparation, so you'll get insights from experts on the building blocks to accelerate your career: confidence, a career strategy, and financial results.

As always, CWNC Members attend for **free** ([Become a member!](#)) - \$50 for everyone else.



## Calling All Mentors!

*"One of the greatest values of mentors is the ability to see ahead what others cannot see and to help them navigate a course to their destination." — John C. Maxwell*



If that sounds like you, we want you to participate in our annual [Mentoring Program](#), CWNC's flagship offering that pairs mentors and mentees over the course of six months. We're seeking mentors who are experienced leaders willing to volunteer their time to guide mentees in their career development goals by providing support, feedback, and resources to propel the mentee towards their next steps. Mentors and mentees meet one-on-one to develop a relationship that provides a confidential, supportive environment to discuss developmental and career goals, as well as a strategy to achieve them.

**To get started, [complete the Mentor Survey](#) by March 31** so we can learn more about your background and expertise. We'll use your input to match you with a mentee.

## 13 Plate Networking Lunch

Each month, 13 of us get together for the 13 Plate Networking Lunch – it's a great opportunity to connect with other local businesswomen on a smaller scale. We hope you'll [join us at the next one](#): March 23 at [Trali Irish Pub](#). **Free** for CWNC members ([Become a member!](#))- \$10 for guests.



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## More Ways to Support CWNC

Don't forget to visit [Amazon Smile](#) for your next Amazon purchase and choose "Connected Women of North Carolina" as your charitable organization. Amazon will automatically donate a portion of sales to CWNC. It's a fast and easy way to help us do even more to help develop the careers of local women!

## CWNC Scholarship Funds Go Directly to Local Women

We've got some fantastic training and continuing education scholarship opportunities available:

- [Cisco Certified Networking Associate \(CCNA\)](#) training: Last month we shared that Cisco has partnered with CWNC to offer complete CCNA training packages to 10 lucky recipients. We're excited to announce that four women have already started down their CCNA path as a result: Congratulations to **Moriah Womble, Georgia Popp, Jessica Manickam, and Tammy Scott!** Let us know when you sit for the exam, ladies, and we'll send good thoughts and caffeine your way!



Who will get the remaining six packages? We hope it's **YOU!** The application deadline for this six-month, online Cisco instructor-led training is April 28, so make sure you [apply here](#) soon!

- [Wake Technical Community College](#): We have two \$2,000 scholarships available. Contact [connectedwomenncc@gmail.com](mailto:connectedwomenncc@gmail.com) for more information. Learn more about the WTCC requirements [here](#).



## Get Involved

CWNC has so many great ways to get involved; just [contact us](#) to learn more. Join any of our [committees](#) and lend your talents alongside other women to promote career growth in NC. Choose from several areas to get involved including: Marketing, Scholarships, Events, and Program Management.

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