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President's Message

CWNC Makes Great Strides in 2016

As Presidents of CWNC, we take great pride in the work we do and what we've achieved in 2016. This year's accomplishments have been no small feat and we have all of **you**, our members and volunteers, to thank for our success. As you know, our organization slows things down in November and December. It's a well-deserved break for everyone who works so hard to make CWNC successful, and ensures we take the time to enjoy friends and loved ones during the holidays. But before we sign off, let's take a moment to reflect on how much we've accomplished.

New "status," new members, and increased reach

After securing 501c3 status in 2015, this strengthened our position as a non-profit organization. As a result, we successfully grew paid membership by 117% and were able to generate much-needed revenue for our Scholarship programs. Coupled with this, our marketing team worked very hard to "get the word out," increasing our social media followers by 67% in the last two years.

Education

This year marked great growth for our Scholarships Program. Now in its second year, we awarded \$7250 to women pursuing professional certifications. This is **625%** increase over last year! Looking ahead, we have secured a \$20,000 grant for [CCNA](#) online training from corporate sponsor Cisco. This level of certifications is critical for women pursuing careers in IT. Scholarships are the heart and soul of CWNC – we love giving back and we're so excited to expand this program even further!

Exposure

Our quarterly Career Workshops brought you nine executive speakers on career planning and coaching. These workshops were a great success with sold-out attendance and a 90% approval rating from participants. We also held our always popular Quarterly Networking Luncheons across the Triangle – a great way for members to connect with one another over a tasty meal.

Experience

Our Mentoring Program earned reviews for the 2015-2016 cycle, and continued its growth this Fall with 38 hand-selected mentoring pairs actively engaged in the current cycle.

Truly we have much to be proud of as the year closes. We're fortunate to have had **57 tireless volunteers** support CWNC in helping to give back to our members and the community. Thank you as well to all of our Board members, partners, and sponsors – we couldn't accomplish any of this without the strong ties we have with you. Most importantly, **thank you to all of you**, our members, for coming

along with us on this journey and making CWNC the vibrant community that it is! We look forward to even more great things in 2017! Even though we're winding down this year, don't worry - there will be a lot of work behind the scenes to strengthen our foundation and finalize exciting plans for next year. Make sure you stay connected with CWNC on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Instagram](#), and [cwnc.org](#). We'll be back in January with another issue of our newsletter - stay in touch and enjoy your holidays!

Dawn Barnett,
CWNC Co-President



Zahira Floyd,
CWNC Co-President



CWNC Knows Where the Beef Is!

Getting out of cooking dinner *and* helping CWNC? Count me in! This Friday, October 21, join CWNC at the [Burger 21 North Raleigh location](#). You'll end your week with some yummy comfort food while supporting a great cause: This Friday only, Burger 21 will **donate 10% of all sales to CWNC!** Burger 21 offers fantastic milkshakes, burgers, salads, and gluten-free options. Bring your family, bring your friends, bring the neighborhood football team!



Supporting CWNC in Style

In September, we hosted a fundraising event at the **Talbots** Streets at Southpoint location, who generously donated 10% of their sales to CWNC. CWNC members and their friends enjoyed refreshments while shopping Talbots' great Fall lineup of styles. Thanks to everyone who came out and helped earn \$250 for our organization!

Fueling Your Future

On September 26, CWNC was thrilled to provide ECPI University with a check in the amount of \$1000 for gas cards for stipend recipients. Physically getting to and from school can often present a big obstacle to students working hard to make a career change. This is the beginning of our growing relationship with ECPI University, and we're so excited to have them as a new part of our scholarship program.



Let's Keep this Scholarship Love Going!

You've got **one more chance** to help us close out our annual Scholarship Fundraiser Drive with a bang! You already know that CWNC awards scholarships to local women to support their professional development and education, but we can't do that without the generous support of our sponsors and members.

Our Fundraiser Drive wraps up in October - **your help** can make a big difference in the lives of women working to change and advance their careers. [Donate today](#) to help us reach our goals. One hundred percent of your tax-deductible donation will go directly to women in our community.

Interested in applying for a scholarship? To find out more, please see our [Application Process](#).

Ladies Who Lunch... with a Purpose!

We hope you joined us for our final 2016 **Quarterly Networking Luncheon** on September 15! We dined on yummy Mexican fare at Mez Restaurant, networked with other professionals, made new connections, and heard from CWNC Board members.



Your next opportunity to grab lunch with fellow CWNC members is our **January 24, 2017 "Small Luncheon."** We created these events as an opportunity for professional women in the area to network in a more intimate setting. Each luncheon is hosted by a CWNC board member and provides attendees the opportunity to make connections with other professionals in the Triangle area. The name may be small, but the opportunity is not! This is just one of the [many opportunities CWNC offers throughout the year](#) to learn, grow, and build your network.

Get Involved

CWNC has so many great ways to get involved; just [contact us](#) to learn more.

Internships

The CWNC internship model provides valuable opportunities for members and interns to gain experience to help transition into a career focus area. Currently, we have an immediate need for **Project Coordinator Intern**. This role involves:

- Monitoring CWNC's email account daily and filtering incoming requests and information to the correct board/committee members for follow-up.
- Assist with CWNC events and day-to-day logistics of the organization

[Contact us](#) to learn more!



Volunteer

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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