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President's Message

Building a New Horizon

Recently someone very close to me revealed that the landscape of her career was at a lull and that her current work situation is very disheartening. She has been in a holding pattern for some years now and knows she needs to make a move but just can't seem to make a plan... much less execute. While we talked, I began to think that sometimes being uncomfortable and lacking passion and challenge at work is a good thing. Why? Because many times this is the impetus for us to move out, strike at something new, and explore what we're passionate about.

With 2017 in full swing, it's a great time to evaluate where you are and where you want to be. [Read more...](#)

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Career Strategy Workshop Series Kicks Off

Ready to catapult your career to the next level? Looking to plan your next career move? Join us for [CWNC's Career Strategy Workshop on February 28, 2017!](#) We've got a great line-up of expert speakers and instructors to cover topics like building leadership presence, and career coaching.

This four-hour workshop is the first of a three-part professional development series. You will gain valuable knowledge on marketing your accomplishments, and delivering impact during interviews and networking. The workshop showcases inspiring expert speakers, combined with hands-on, interactive activities to apply what you learn.

CWNC Members attend for **free** ([Become a member!](#)) - \$50 for everyone else. [Register here.](#) And while you're at it, **mark your calendar for the second workshop in the series: [Career Preparation](#)** on May 23, 2017, 3-8 PM

13 Plate Networking Lunch

We hope you were one of the lucky women who got a seat at our 13 Plate Networking Lunch on February 16, because it is SOLD OUT. If you missed out, [plan on joining us next month](#) – we'll be hosting the 13 Plate Lunch again on March 7 at [The Mason Jar in Holly Springs](#). We do this every month – it's a great opportunity to connect with other local businesswomen on a smaller scale.

CWNC Scholarships in Action

We were busy over the holiday break! Our partnership with [Carolina Career College \(CCC\)](#) is going strong – we were thrilled to grant the 2016 CWNC Annual Scholarship in December to **Cynthia Mitchell** of Garner, NC., is the 2016 recipient for the CWNC Annual Scholarship. Cynthia will use the \$5000 award toward the Systems Administrator program, which includes certification training and career placement assistance. In addition, Cynthia will receive a 12-month CWNC membership.

Congratulations to Cynthia! And it doesn't stop there...



More Scholarships in 2017!

We've also got a number of exciting additions to our suite of scholarships this year – Check them out and spread the word!

- [Cisco Certified Networking Associate \(CCNA\)](#) training: Cisco has partnered with CWNC to offer complete CCNA training packages to 10 lucky recipients. CCNA training focuses on network installation, operations, and troubleshooting, and it's a critical foundation step in achieving industry networking certification. 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 connectedwomennnc@gmail.com for more information. Learn more about the WTCC requirements [here](#).

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Get Your CWNC Gear



Just in time for warmer weather, [get your CWNC shirts](#) **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!

...and You Can Wear Your New Shirt to Our Next Quarterly Luncheon!

Join us as we kick off the CWNC new year with our first [Quarterly Networking Luncheon of 2017 on March 16!](#) You'll enjoy a tasty lunch, network with other professionals, make new connections, and catch-up with CWNC Board members. CWNC Members attend for **free** ([Become a member!](#)) - \$29.99 for everyone else. [Register here.](#)

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. 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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