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Dr. Frederick Whitt

PRESIDENT, LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY

Dr. Frederick Whitt brings over 30 years of successful leadership experience in higher education to Lenoir-Rhyne. He previously served as Founding Dean of the Beaver College of Health Sciences at his alma mater, Appalachian State University. He served as Dean since 2010 and led the development of the first new college at ASU in over 40 years. Dr. Whitt earned his Doctorate from the University of Tennessee, and his master's and bachelor's degrees from ASU.



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Danny Hearn

PAST PRESIDENT & CEO, CATAWBA COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Danny Hearn began his career with the Chamber as a senior at Lenoir-Rhyne in 1973 beginning as an intern and then a full-time associate. After serving the communities of Norfolk, VA and Rockingham and Statesville, NC, he returned to Catawba County in 2004, serving for 12 years as President & CEO of the chambers in both Hickory and Statesville. Hearn retired in 2016 after a distinguished 44 year career. He is a graduate of the US Chamber Foundation Institute at the University of Georgia.



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Meg Jenkins Locke

CHIEF ENGAGEMENT OFFICER (CEO),
CAROLINA MOON HOSPITALITY

Hospitality expert, Meg Jenkins Locke, brings life to the traditional Southern welcome in Hickory. As the owner of Carolina Moon Hospitality, Locke nurtures her lifelong passion and commitment for service with over 30 years of experience in the tourism and restaurant industry. Carolina Moon Hospitality encompasses Highland Avenue Restaurant, The Crossing Events Venue, and the Groucho's Deli locations in Hickory and Rock Hill, SC.

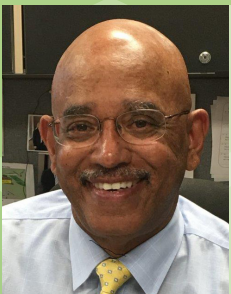


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John Bray

CEO, VANGUARD FURNITURE

Following a distinguished military career in the U.S. Marine Corps, John Bray joined a promising furniture start-up in 1970, rising through the ranks to CEO & chairman of Vanguard Furniture. He helped establish the Catawba Valley Furniture Academy which provides training and increased employment opportunities to hundreds of workers. In 2011, Bray was recognized as Business Man of the Year by the Lenoir-Rhyne University Business Council. In 2016, he was inducted into the American Home Furnishings Hall of Fame.



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Steve Hunt

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
OFFICE OF MULTICULTURAL AFFAIRS – CVCC

In a law enforcement career that spanned three decades at the Hickory Police Department, Steve Hunt rose from rookie police officer in 1975 to criminal investigator and later became the first African American commander to retire from the force. He retired in 2004 and accepted an instructor position with CVCC in the criminal justice program. In 2008, he was named the executive director of the college's Office of Multicultural Affairs. Hunt earned both an associate and bachelor's degree in criminal justice and an Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate, the highest award achievable in law enforcement.



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Scott Millar

PRESIDENT, CATAWBA COUNTY ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Scott Millar has served the Catawba County Economic Development Corporation since 1993 and as president since 1998. He is a current member of the Charlotte Regional Partnership's board of directors. He is past president of the North Carolina Economic Developer's Association and past member of the North Carolina Economic Development Board. He was recognized as NC Economic Developer of the Year in 2010. A graduate of the University of Tennessee, Millar received the professional designation of Certified Economic and Community Developer in 1996.

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