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Randy Edwards became Vice Chancellor for University Advancement at Appalachian State University in April 2017 after a national search. Edwards began serving as Interim Vice Chancellor on July 1, 2016. He is responsible for all areas of development, advancement services, and alumni affairs. In addition, he serves as president of the Appalachian State University Foundation, Inc.

Edwards became Chancellor Everts' Chief of Staff in July 2014, with Vice Chancellor added to his title in 2015. He was Dean of Appalachian's Walker College of Business for nine years and Chair of its Department of Accounting for 13 years. He first joined the business faculty in 1981.

Edwards holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science in accounting from Appalachian State University and a Ph.D. from the University of Tennessee. Prior to working in higher education, Edwards was an auditor for Ernst & Ernst, now EY.

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Karl Campbell is an associate professor of history at Appalachian State University, where he teaches North Carolina and recent United States history. Originally from Ohio, Karl received his B.A. degree in history and political science from Warren Wilson College in Asheville and his M.A. and Ph.D. in history from UNC Chapel Hill.

Dr. Campbell's book *Senator Sam Ervin, Last of the Founding Fathers* won the North Carolinian Society Book of the Year Award for 2007. He has also published articles on civil rights, civil liberties, and North Carolina political culture. In 2002 one of his articles won the Connor Award for the best article published in the *North Carolina Historical Review*. Karl is completing work on a biography tentatively titled "Governor Luther H. Hodges: Carolina at the Crossroads." He has also recently completed two articles: "The Rise and Fall of the Progressive Plutocracy: Tar Heel Politics in the Twentieth Century" and "The Impact of World War I on Two Generations of North Carolina Leaders." In 2009 Dr. Campbell was inducted into the ASU College of Arts and Sciences Academy of Teachers, and in 2012 he won the ASU Transforming North Carolina Research Award. Karl's wife, Kathy, is the pastor of Crossnore Presbyterian Church, and his daughter, Joanna, is a graduate student at Duke University.

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Kristy Teskey has worked on vital issues across the education and workforce development continuum, ranging from early childhood development to postsecondary access, completion, and workforce alignment for more than 27 years. Beginning in January of 2019, Kristy embarked on a Grown-Up Gap Year to concentrate on her doctoral work, take a breath or two, assist with family issues, and strategically plan the next phase of her life.

Before embarking on her gap-year journey, Kristy served as the executive director of myFutureNC. In that role she led the initiative's commission through the first phase of the statewide education planning efforts that culminated in a goal of 2 million postsecondary certifications or degrees statewide by 2030.

Leading into the myFutureNC role, Kristy was the inaugural executive director of the John M. Belk Endowment, a private family foundation partnering with results-oriented postsecondary institutions and programs in North Carolina. She led the organization's strategic vision to create systemic change for all North Carolina students to access and complete postsecondary education and move into family-sustaining employment.

Kristy also served as senior vice president for the Bank of America Charitable Foundation, where she helped create and lead the national philanthropic strategies focused on education opportunities and pathways into the workforce. Prior to that, Kristy was vice president of Community Impact for Children and Youth at the United Way of the Greater Triangle and held leadership roles in youth and fund development at the YMCA of the Triangle in Raleigh, NC.

Kristy serves on several state and local boards including Leadership NC, YWCA of Central Carolinas, and NC State's School of Education Advisory Board. She has a Master of Public Administration and Nonprofit Management from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and earned her undergraduate degree at North Carolina State University in English Education. She lives in Charlotte and is currently working on her Doctor of Education in organizational leadership from Northeastern University.

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Mike Barnes is the regional director at Thomas & Hutton, a professional consulting and land development services firm specializing in economic development projects with 11 offices throughout the Southeast. Mike is an active member in the Charlotte Chamber Board of Advisors and the Construction Professionals Network of North Carolina. He is an alumnus of LNC Class XX and a former LNC Board Member. Mike was also awarded the Charlotte 40 under 40 Award in 2010 by the Charlotte Business Journal and is a previous nominee for the Charlotte Mayor's Mentoring Alliance Mentor of the Year. An alumnus of North Carolina State University, Mike lives in Charlotte with his wife, Emme (an educator in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System), and three children.