2026 Harnett County Economic Development Update

Thursday, November 5, 2026 | 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Campbell University | Oscar N. Harris Student Union, Banquet Hall

AGENDA

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. **Check-In and Networking Breakfast**

8:30 a.m. **Welcome Remarks and Invocation**

Dr. William M. Downs
President, Campbell University

8:40 a.m. **Harnett Economic Development Corporation Welcome**

Jerry Milton
Chair, Harnett Economic Development Corporation
Owner, Southeastern Interiors

8:45 a.m. **Harnett County Economic Development Update**

Stephen Barrington
Director, Harnett County Economic Development

9:05 a.m. **Harnett County's and North Carolina's Economic Competitiveness Today and In the Future**
A look at recent economic performance and the changing trends that will impact future economic growth and competitiveness.

Featured Speaker: Ted Abernathy
Founder & Managing Partner, Economic Leadership

9:45 a.m. **Closing Remarks & Looking Ahead**

Phyllis Godwin
Secretary/Treasurer, Harnett Economic Development Corporation
Corporate Vice President, The Godwin Group

10:00 a.m. **Event Concludes**