



John D. McConnell, M.D.

Chief Executive Officer
Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

B.A. Degree with Distinction—University of Kansas
M.D. Degree—Loyola-Stritch School of Medicine

Dr. McConnell joined Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center (WFUBMC) in November 2008 after being named the Medical Center's first Chief Executive Officer. As CEO, he has the overall responsibility for the Medical Center's research, education and patient care programs. Previously, Dr. McConnell was the Executive Vice President for Health System Affairs at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center. In that capacity he had the overall executive responsibility for the UT Southwestern faculty physician practice, University Hospitals, and outpatient clinics.

A urologist and translational researcher by training, Dr. McConnell and his collaborators defined the importance of the enzyme 5 α -reductase in the development and progression of benign prostatic disease, and led the landmark NIH-funded MTOPS study, which definitively established that 5 α -reductase therapy significantly reduces the long-term risk of clinical progression by preventing further growth of the prostate. He has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles and ten books.

Dr. McConnell is a leader in the development of evidence-based guidelines for the management of Benign Prostatic Hyperplasia (BPH). In 1990, he was commissioned by the former Agency Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR) to develop national guidelines for the management of this disorder. Dr. McConnell has led an American Urological Association update of the guidelines, as well as similar international projects in affiliation with the World Health Organization. He has served on the Advisory Board of NIH-NIDDK and was elected to the Institute of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences in 2004. He has received the Barringer Medal from the American Association of Genitourinary Surgeons and the Fuller Award from the American Urological Association in recognition of his contributions to the field of prostate disease.

Dr. McConnell currently serves on the boards of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce (Chairman), the Winston-Salem Alliance, the Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, Senior Services of Winston-Salem, Inc., Wells Fargo Winston-Salem Advisory Board, the Triad Partnership CEO Council, and the North Carolina Hospital Association Policy Development Committee. He and his wife, Melinda, have one daughter, Cara.



Dr. Nathan O. Hatch

Winston-Salem, North Carolina
President
Wake Forest University

Nathan O. Hatch became Wake Forest University's 13th president on July 1, 2005.

Dr. Hatch grew up in Columbia, South Carolina, where his father was a Presbyterian minister. A graduate of Wheaton College in Illinois, he received his master's and doctoral degrees from Washington University in St. Louis and held post-doctoral fellowships at Harvard and Johns Hopkins universities. He joined the faculty at Notre Dame in 1975. He was named provost, the university's second highest-ranking position, in 1996; a Presbyterian, he was the first Protestant to ever serve in that position at Notre Dame.

Regularly cited as one of the most influential scholars in the study of the history of religion in America, Dr. Hatch received national acclaim for his 1989 book, *The Democratization of American Christianity*, in which he examined how the rise of religious groups in the early 19th century helped shape American culture and foster democracy. The book was chosen in a survey of 2,000 historians and sociologists as one of the two most important books in the study of American religion. He is also the author or editor of seven other books on American history.

Dr. Hatch has served on the board of the American Council on Education, and is currently a member of the Division I Board of Directors of the NCAA. He was recently elected Chair of the National Association of Independent Colleges and Universities. A board member of the United Way of Forsyth County, Dr. Hatch served as the Chairman of the 2010 United Way Campaign.

Dr. Hatch was elected in 2007 to the Wake Forest University Health Sciences Board, and he is currently a member of the WFUHS Executive Committee. On January 1, 2008, Dr. Hatch was elected to the Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Board of Directors and currently serves on its Executive, Academic Affairs, Health System Operations and Quality, and Research Park Committees. Dr. Hatch is the Chair of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Piedmont Triad Research Park.

Dr. Hatch and his wife, Julie, a former public school teacher, have three grown children: Gregg, David and Beth. The Hatches also have five young grandchildren.



Richard V. Linville

Chairman, Forsyth County Board of Commissioners

Richard V. Linville is chairman of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners and has been a member of the Board since 1980. Linville owns and operates a farm in the county and also serves on several community committees and state agricultural boards, including the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners' Agricultural Committee; the Transportation Advisory Council and the North Carolina Agricultural Steering Committee.

Linville, a graduate of East Forsyth High School, lives with his wife in Kernersville and has two children.



Douglas L. Edgeton

President, Piedmont Triad Research Park
Executive Vice President of Administration, Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center

Doug received his B.S. degree from the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and M.P.H. and M.B.A. degrees from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB). He worked at UAB for 20 years, first at University Hospital in hospital administration and later in Central Administration. Doug spent the last six years of his tenure with UAB in the School of Medicine. Among his positions were Assistant Dean for Resource Management and his last position at UAB was Associate Dean for Administration & Finance.

In October 2000, Doug moved to Winston-Salem as Vice President for Health Affairs, Finance & Administration and COO of the Wake Forest University School of Medicine. In 2001 when the School became part of the newly created subsidiary corporation, Wake Forest University Health Sciences, Doug was appointed as Senior Vice President for Finance & Administration and COO. With the reorganization of the Medical Center in 2007, Doug was promoted to his current position as Executive Vice President/COO. In addition, in August, 2007, Doug was appointed President of Piedmont Triad Research Park, and in 2008, he was appointed Executive Vice President for Medical Center Administration.

Doug is a member of several professional societies, including two groups of the Association of Academic Medical Centers (AAMC): Business Affairs and Institutional Planning. In the community, he is a member of the boards of Piedmont Triad Research Park, WFUHS Dialysis Centers, United Way of Forsyth County, Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, Winston-Salem Alliance, Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership, Winston-Salem Business, Inc., and serves as co-chair of TriSTEM. He is also a member of the Rotary Club of Winston-Salem.



Daniel C. Cramer

Wexford Science & Technology, LLC
Vice President and Regional Executive

Dan is responsible for evaluating and executing new investment opportunities for Wexford. He brings over 32 years of diverse real estate experience throughout the U.S.

Since 1994, Dan has contributed to the purchase, development and sale of more than 5 million square feet of commercial space for Wexford and Townsend Capital, LLC. His experience includes development, construction and repositioning of commercial assets including office, industrial, retail, and research projects. In addition, Dan has been actively involved in the structuring of creative products for tax-free exchanges and the use of historic and new market tax credits to enhance project feasibility.

As Senior Vice President and Managing Director of Ackerman and Company's Washington, DC, office, Dan developed and constructed the Washington Center, a multi-million square foot mixed-use commercial development in Gaithersburg, MD. Prior to that, as Director of Real Estate at Opus Corporation, Dan developed, constructed, leased and sold over 2 million square feet of office, research and warehouse space in Chicago, IL and Tampa, FL.



Richard Burr

U.S. Senator

On January 4, 2005, Richard Burr was sworn-in to serve North Carolina in the United States Senate.

Elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in 1994, Richard established himself as a passionate legislator on health care issues and worked to restore accountability to the federal government.

As Senator, Richard continues to focus on job growth across North Carolina by working to ensure a robust economic environment and strong public schools. He is dedicated to finding common-sense solutions to increase access to affordable, quality health care for all North Carolina families. He is a vocal advocate for our men and women in the military and their families, and for the growing population of veterans across North Carolina.

In the Senate, Richard serves as ranking member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee where he works to improve the quality of health care and service veterans receive. Burr also sits on the Senate Intelligence Committee; the Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions Committee; the Energy and Natural Resources Committee; and the Indian Affairs Committee.

The son of a minister, Richard and his family moved to Winston-Salem, North Carolina when he was a young child. After graduating from Wake Forest University, he began his career far from the halls of Congress by spending seventeen years in business with Carswell Distributing, a wholesale commercial products company.

He currently serves as a Board Member of Brenner Children's Hospital.

Richard and his wife, Brooke, have two sons.



Bev Perdue

Governor of North Carolina

In January 2009, Bev Perdue was inaugurated as the 73rd Governor of North Carolina and our state's first woman governor. On Governor Perdue's first day in office she signed a series of executive orders designed to make government more efficient, more accessible and more accountable to the people.

Before entering public service, Perdue worked as a public school teacher, as director of geriatric services at a community hospital in her hometown of New Bern, and earned a Ph.D. in Education Administration. Governor Perdue has also served in the State House, State Senate and as Lieutenant Governor for 8 years.

As a state legislator, Perdue was part of several landmark initiatives, including raising teacher salaries from 43rd to 21st in the nation, starting the Children's Health Insurance Program, and creating the Clean Water Management Trust Fund.

As Lt. Governor, Perdue led our state's efforts during the Defense Department's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process, successfully protecting North Carolina's military bases worth \$18 billion and 350,000 jobs to our economy. Building on that success, Perdue launched the NC Military Foundation to attract 21st century defense, aerospace and homeland security jobs to North Carolina.

She also created the Green Business Fund to make environmental innovation investments in alternative fuels, green construction, and other clean energy technologies—positioning North Carolina to become a national leader in environmental technology and in high-wage green collar jobs.

As Chair of the Health and Wellness Trust Fund Commission, Perdue helped create Senior Care, a prescription drug program for low-income seniors called the best in the nation by NC AARP. And under Perdue's leadership, the state targeted teen tobacco use for the first time—an effort that resulted in all 115 school systems becoming 100% tobacco free.

Drawing on her experience as a former teacher, Bev Perdue is working to transform North Carolina classrooms into 21st century learning centers through increased technology in the classroom and a statewide online school initiative, steps critical to preparing students to enter the global workforce. She understands clearly that the success of our education system will define our economic future as a state, that's why she is committed to attracting and retaining the best teachers in America.

Bev grew up in the coal mining mountains of Southwest Virginia and has lived most of her adult life in New Bern. Her parents never finished high school, but always preached education and hard work as the path to success—and those are the values that continue to drive her today.

Bev is married to Bob Eaves and she is the proud mother of two sons, Garrett and his wife April and Emmett and his wife Sara. Bob is the proud father of Charlotte and her husband Doug, and Robert and his wife Michelle. They have six grandchildren—Bennett, Jake, Rachel, Sarah, Amelia and Haddie. Bev and Bob also share their home with two dogs, Dosie and Zipper.



Michael L. Suggs

Executive Director
Goler Community Development Corporation

Michael L. Suggs is the Executive Director for the Goler Community Development Corporation, a faith-based community development corporation that is revitalizing a community in downtown Winston-Salem. Mr. Suggs, a former marketing and governmental executive with RJ Reynolds Tobacco Company is leading the \$100 million effort to restore the area through construction and renovation of an industrial area into a mixed use and multicultural community.

At RJ Reynolds, Mr. Suggs was Senior Director of Public Affairs, responsible for the company's outreach to its numerous constituent organizations, including civic leaders, business owners, elected officials, and community leaders. Early in his almost twenty year career at RJ Reynolds, Mr. Suggs held several positions in the Marketing Department, including Brand Manager for VANTAGE/MORE/NOW and Special Markets Manager for SALEM.

Prior to joining RJ Reynolds, Mr. Suggs worked with Hanes Hosiery where he was responsible for building the company's share in mass merchandiser accounts with the Coloralls brand. Mr. Suggs was also instrumental in introducing the Silk Reflections line to department stores.

Mr. Suggs attended North Carolina A&T State University where he graduated with honors in Business Administration. His education continued at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he earned an MBA in Marketing. Additional work experience was gained at Procter and Gamble, Miller Brewing Company and Champion International.

Mr. Suggs' civic activities include Chairman of the Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership, and board member of The North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development and the Winston-Salem Alliance.



Allen Joines

Mayor of Winston-Salem

Mayor Allen Joines received his B.S. from Appalachian State University and his M.P.A. from the University of Georgia. In 1971 he began his career in Winston-Salem as Assistant to the City Manager.

Subsequent promotions were to Director of Evaluation, Public Safety Coordinator, the Director of Development and Deputy City Manager. During his tenure he worked with more than 30 companies that relocated or expanded in Winston-Salem, creating over 6,000 new jobs.

He retired from the City of Winston-Salem in 2000 to become the President of The Winston-Salem Alliance, a non-profit development corporation created to improve economic vitality and create additional employment opportunities in Winston-Salem. He was elected Mayor of the City of Winston-Salem in November 2001 and re-elected in 2005 and 2009.

As Mayor, he has concentrated on rebuilding the economy and in unifying the community. During his first term, over 4,000 jobs were created through recruitment of new companies and in the subsequent terms, over 6,000 additional jobs were recruited. He continues to work to create additional jobs through recruitment, expansion of existing companies and new business start-ups. In addition, the growth of the city's tax base has increased from about 1% in 2001 to over 3%, on average, over the past six years.

Mayor Joines has held numerous positions in professional, civic and community organizations, including the N.C. Development Association, serving as President; the Triad March of Dimes as Chairman and Vice Chairman, the Board of Directors of the Salvation Army Boys' Club and Program Chair of Leadership Winston-Salem. He is also past President of Sertoma West, past member of the Tourism Development Authority, the Board of Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem, and a past member of the N.C. League of Municipalities Board of Directors. Allen served as a member of the Board and Executive Committee of the United Way, was the 2004 United Way Campaign Chairman and served as the 2011 Campaign Chair for the Winston-Salem Arts Council. He serves on the Board of Directors for the Children's Museum, and was the 2006 Chairman of the Community Advisory Board of the Children's Museum. He is a member of the Board of Directors of Winston-Salem Business, Inc., and a member of the Executive Committee of the N.C. Metropolitan Coalition. He serves as a member of the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, the Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership, the Piedmont Triad Research Park Board of Trustees, Goodwill Industries Foundation Board, the Piedmont Authority for Regional Transportation and the Piedmont Triad Partnership.

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Governor Michael Easley appointed him to the North Carolina Local Government Commission, the Fiscal Modernization Study Commission and to the 21st Century Transportation Study Commission. Governor Beverly Perdue appointed Mayor Joines Chairman of the State Economic Development Board in May 2009 and to the North Carolina Innovation Council, the Logistics Task Force and the North Carolina Bio Fuels Board.

In recognition of his efforts to bring about a racial healing and to foster a unified community, Mayor Joines has received a number of community awards. He was presented the 2002 Winston-Salem Foundation Award in recognition of his “visionary leadership and for committing his life to the betterment of Winston-Salem.” The Winston-Salem Chronicle named him the “Man of the Year” in 2003. He was presented the “Dare to Dream” award as part of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration in 2005 for his efforts with racial healing. The Business Journal named him one of “The Triad’s Most Influential People” in 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011. In 2007, he received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Arthritis Foundation of North Carolina. He was also the recipient of the “2007 Marvin Collins Planning Award for Distinguished Leadership of an Elected Official” presented by the North Carolina Chapter of the American Planning Association. He was the 2008 recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Boy Scouts of America, Old Hickory Council. He received an Honorary Doctorate from Wake Forest University in May of 2009.

Mayor Joines is a member of First Baptist Church.

