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Governor Pat McCrory's Weekly Newsletter
October 13, 2014

### Governor McCrory talks higher education at UNC-Chapel Hill's University Day

Governor McCrory visited UNC-Chapel Hill on Sunday to address students and faculty members in honor of University Day. Following a warm welcome by UNC-Chapel Hill Chancellor Carol Folt, remarks from UNC President Tom Ross and an award ceremony honoring former NC Governor Jim Hunt, Governor McCrory outlined his plans to improve and revitalize higher education in North Carolina.



Governor McCrory spoke about the need for universities to provide a higher level of education that allows students to formulate their own opinions, and do so in a safe environment that discourages harmful and illicit behaviors. The governor also emphasized the importance of giving students a return on their investment and ensuring that NC's university system hones in on skills and subjects employers need while also driving students' interests and passions.

"As an institution, I'm confident UNC-Chapel Hill will respond to the institutional challenges of lowering costs, using technology to distribute education more efficiently, and digitally expanding the campus boundaries to rural North Carolina," said Governor McCrory. "I'm confident that the University of North

Carolina will be at the forefront of a new paradigm in which universities are judged by the qualitative outcomes produced by their students, and not by the number of students enrolled."

Governor McCrory finished his remarks by stating how impressed he continues to be with UNC-Chapel Hill and Chancellor Folt's progress since taking office.

Watch Governor McCrory's speech here.

## Governor McCrory congratulates Citrix on new building in downtown Raleigh

Citrix, a Florida-based software company that came to North Carolina in 2011, celebrated the opening of its new downtown Raleigh office building with a ribbon-cutting ceremony last Thursday. Governor McCrory was on hand to congratulate the company, which announced in 2012 that it was expanding its NC operations and adding 340 jobs.



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"We want to thank Governor Pat McCrory, Secretary of Commerce Sharon Decker, members of the newly formed Economic Development Partnership of

North Carolina, the many behind-the-scenes people in Wilmington and the team at EUE/Screen Gems Studios for all their efforts to keep our series here," continued [Executive Vice President of Production for CBS Television Studios, Kevin] Berg.

("'Under The Dome' Will Return To North Carolina For Season 3!" by Matt Artz, <u>NC</u> <u>Film News</u>, October 10, 2014)

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In his remarks Governor McCrory touted North Carolina's education system, which provides young and talented workers to companies looking to expand. The governor also thanked Citrix for contributing to the revitalization of downtown Raleigh with the renovation and expansion of an old warehouse into a new, state of the art building.



"This grand opening is great news for collaborations between cities and the state," said Governor McCrory. "This represents both local and state governments coming together to encourage growth, rather than get in the way of it."

### Strata Solar celebrates \$1 billion investment in North Carolina

Governor McCrory was in Roseboro on Thursday to celebrate Strata Solar's \$1 billion investment in North Carolina. The governor first visited Strata Solar during his campaign and has seen tremendous progress from the nearly 6-year-old company.

Solar energy as an industry has experienced phenomenal growth in the past year, generating 2.5 times more electricity than is required by legislative mandate.

"North Carolina is ranked third nationally for solar energy production," said Governor McCrory. "This progress could not have been achieved without the work of Strata Solar, whose solar farms make it possible to generate enough clean energy to power over 31,000 homes in North Carolina."



The governor was joined by several members of the general assembly who have had a hand in progressing clean energy efforts in North Carolina, including Senators Brent Jackson, Louis Pate and Michael Walters, and Representatives Leo Daughtry, Larry Bell and David Lewis.

# Governor McCrory praises biotech company for innovative 'Community Lab'

The governor was on hand at Biogen Idec on October 7 to celebrate the company's newest facility, a community lab. Students and teachers at the lab will participate in hands-on science that forms the foundation of biotechnology discoveries and medicines, doing so alongside company scientists.



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Governor McCrory Appoints Wake County Business Court Judge

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@SupDogsUNC: Govenor McCrory stopped in yesterday for a Hawaiian Burger and to watch the second half of the Panthers game!



@gassigirl88: Always great seeing our governor @PatMcCroryNC ... @CLTMotorSpdwy #BankOfAmerica500



@lyerlyagency: Governor
@PatMcCroryNC pauses
Saturday during a ceremony
in Belmont to greet
@lyerlyagency President
Elaine Lyerly.



@ericlanford: Just another
 day at work with
@PatMcCroryNC. Congrats
 on \$1B in NC to
 @StrataSolar!







Governor McCrory took a tour of the facility with company officials and employees. The bio tech company has added 400 employees in RTP since 2010 and now has more than 1,200 employees all together. It is the largest bio tech company in the state.

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