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The Governor's NCWorks Award of Distinction honorees (L-R): John Wilson and Andy MacLaren of BSH, Marvin Kelly of Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont, Khamiah Alderman, Allen Shellenbarger, Lamonty Bullock, Patricia Chandler, Natasha Pender of Creating IT Futures and Danielle Frazier of Charlotte Works.

Workforce Development Standouts Receive Governor's NCWorks Awards

A manufacturer, a technology training partnership and four individual North Carolinians have won the Governor's NCWorks Award of Distinction for outstanding accomplishments and contributions related to workforce development.

The recipients received recognition earlier during a ceremony held in Greensboro as part of the annual NCWorks Partnership Conference last month.

"As Governor Cooper has emphasized in his 'NC Job Ready' workforce initiative, our state needs leaders who collaborate to help workers and businesses succeed," said **N.C. Secretary of Commerce Anthony M. Copeland**. "I congratulate this year's NCWorks award recipients, who represent the very best of our state's efforts, and I thank them for their dedication to training and connecting talent to the jobs of today and tomorrow."

The Governor's NCWorks Awards of Distinction honor outstanding examples from the state's workforce development system. This year's winners include:

- **Allen Shellenbarger** of Charlotte: Outstanding Adult. Shellenbarger overcame physical disabilities resulting from a massive stroke to complete a degree in Exercise Science at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 2017, with assistance from the N.C. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) Services.
- **Lamonty Bullock** of Fayetteville: Outstanding Young Adult. Bullock was 18 years old, had recently exited the



March 12-14, 2019
Salisbury, NC

N.C. Main Street Conference Issues Call to 'Save The Date'

The next edition of the North Carolina Main Street Conference will be held in Salisbury. Conference organizers issued a call today for you to 'save the date' on your calendar.

The conference dates are March 12-14, 2019.

Anyone with an interest in downtown revitalization and downtown sustainability are invited to attend, as the meeting is open to anyone, not just members of communities that currently participate in the program.

As a Main Street America Coordinating Program, the N.C. Main Street program helps lead a powerful, grassroots network consisting of over 40 Coordinating Programs and over 1,200 neighborhoods and communities across the country committed to creating high-quality places and to building stronger communities through preservation-based economic development.

For more information, [visit the new 2019 conference website](#) or visit [nccommerce.com for further information on the program](#).

Governor Cooper Declares Military Family Appreciation Month and Military Veterans Small Business Week

In advance of Veterans Day, **Governor Roy Cooper** has declared the month of November Military Family Appreciation Month and November 5-9, 2018 to be Veterans Small Business Week.

"We owe a solemn debt to our veterans and military families," **Governor Cooper** said. "North Carolina is the most military friendly state in the nation and living up to that means helping small businesses owned by our veterans."

foster care system and was homeless when he first visited the NCWorks Career Center in Cumberland County. With a positive attitude and determination, Bullock has completed the first part of his substance abuse counselor training at Fayetteville Technical Community College with support from the NCWorks NextGen program.

- **Khamiah Alderman** of Charlotte: Outstanding Teen. A student at Vance High School in Charlotte, Alderman has excelled in an internship opportunity with Carolinas Healthcare System through MeckEd's Career Pathways program.
- **Patricia Chandler** of Raleigh: Wayne Daves Award for Outstanding Achievement in Workforce Development. Chandler serves as a senior employment counselor for Wake County Human Services, where she helps participants in the Work First program enroll in the NCWorks system and obtain jobs.
- **BSH Home Appliances Corporation** of New Bern: Outstanding Employer. BSH, which manufactures and distributes home and kitchen appliances, is active in a variety of efforts to build a strong talent pipeline in partnership with the community.
- **IT-Ready Charlotte**: Innovative Partnership. IT-Ready is a national not-for-profit program developed and administered by Creating IT Futures, a workforce charity founded by the trade association CompTIA. In partnership with Charlotte Works, IT-Ready is being offered in Charlotte with funding from TEKsystems, a tech staffing firm, and grant support from Google to Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont.

[Read more, including additional details about each recipient.](#)



(L-R) Dr. Dean McCall, Vice Chairman, Martin County Committee of 100 Board of Directors; Secretary Copeland; Jason Semple, President/CEO, Martin County Economic Development.

Secretary Copeland Visits Martin County

Commerce Secretary Tony Copeland delivered keynote remarks at the Martin County Partners in Progress Luncheon, held last Thursday (November 1). The Martin County Committee of 100 hosted the event in Williamston.

During the visit to the county, Secretary Copeland also took the opportunity to tour the Syfan manufacturing plant in Everetts. Syfan, an Israeli company, supplies shrink and overwrap films

With four major military installations, North Carolina is home to more than 750,000 veterans. Veterans own more than 80,000 North Carolina businesses, support more than 578,000 jobs statewide and contribute more than \$34 billion in personal income to their local economies.

Read the Governor's [Proclamation for Military Veterans Small Business Week here](#).

The [Military Family Appreciation Month proclamation is also online](#).

On Our Radar

- [APLU Names Six Public Research Universities as Finalists for 2018 Innovation & Economic Prosperity Universities Awards](#)

N.C. in the News

- [Officials: I-42 completion could pave way for population boom](#) (*Carteret County News-Times* - November 3)
- [Leaders deliver 'honest and fair' assessment of region at PTP's annual event](#) (*Triad Business Journal* - November 2)
- [NC Economic Development Chair Emory comes to Chamber event](#) (*Independent Tribune* - Concord - November 1)
- [EDC names officers: Appalachian Regional Commission Executive Director Scott Hamilton visits](#) (*Mitchell News* - November 1)
- [GE's Wilmington Site Part Of \\$33.7M Nuclear Fuel Project](#) (*Wilmington.Biz* - October 26)

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Secretary Copeland on site at Syfan in Everetts.

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