

## Greetings.

I want to thank all of you who attended the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Vision Northwest North Carolina Summit last week. We were thrilled to serve as your host at the Watauga Campus of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute. I hope that your experience on our campus was positive and you enjoyed your day.

We are blessed to have so many amazing partners and thought leaders in the High Country who are willing to come together and discuss critical issues impacting our communities. Last week's theme of AI and Technology Solutions is certainly on all of our minds as we embrace the opportunities and deal with the challenges around this ever-evolving topic. I want to thank all of our presenters for their willingness to share their valuable insights, experiences, and best practices that we can all learn from and apply to our respective business or agency.

I also want to thank all of the partners and sponsors that made Vision NWNC possible. It takes a tremendous amount of work, organization, and collaboration to make this type of event successful. One of our mottos at CCC&TI is "Partnerships Matter," and partnerships were on full display for this amazing convening.

Thank you again for allowing CCC&TI to serve as your host location. We are so proud to be "The Community's College" and look forward to working with all of you in the future as we support and enhance economic and workforce development in Northwest NC. Please feel free to let us know if CCC&TI can be of service to you.

Sincerely,

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