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## **“Better Skills, Better Jobs” Fair Announces Morning Keynote Speaker**

*Dr. Angie Jenkins of myFutureNC will serve as the keynote speaker of the Better Skills Better Jobs fair on October 5*

**GREENVILLE, North Carolina** – Better Skills, Better Jobs, the largest job fair of its kind in eastern North Carolina, is excited to announce a keynote speaker for the employer and vendor breakfast program on October 5, 2023. Angie Jenkins, Ed.D., regional impact manager with myFutureNC for the Northeast region of North Carolina, will speak to employers, educational resource vendors, and volunteers about the impact they have in developing North Carolina’s current and future talent pipelines.

“I believe now more than ever the power of creating a robust pipeline for North Carolina’s talent lies in the power of the collective,” explained Dr. Jenkins. “With each of us embracing the opportunity for everyone to contribute to our communities, we can transform the educational and workforce ecosystem.”

Throughout Dr. Jenkins’ 22-year career, she has worked within corporate and educational settings. As an educator and workforce development professional, she has held several roles within secondary education ranging from business education teacher, instructional coordinator to Director of Career & Technical Education (CTE). She has even served as a NC Pre-K Director. On the collegiate level, she has taught adult learners as an adjunct psychology instructor for Shaw University C.A.P.E. in Ahoskie, NC. As a contract consultant, she has coached CTE and Project Lead the Way teachers to help them improve their craft as teachers and to create a greater impact on student learning. She also had the privilege of extending her expertise to a regional workforce initiative that was geared towards increasing educational attainment and building the employee pipeline in the advanced manufacturing industry.

“As we often say at myFutureNC, education is the gateway to upward mobility for our state’s citizens. Not only that, having a skilled workforce leads to an economically and competitive North Carolina. Because we realize this, we are working with local communities to mitigate educational attainment gaps thus ensuring that we meet our state’s goal of two million North Carolinians between the ages of 25-44 with an industry-valued credential or degree,” added Dr. Jenkins.

Dr. Jenkins holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from East Carolina University, Master of Arts in Organizational Management from Trevecca Nazarene University, Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from North Carolina A&T State University and has post-grad training in Organizational Psychology from Walden University.

Better Skills, Better Jobs, now in its third year, is focused on addressing workforce development needs in Pitt County and surrounding areas. The annual event at the Greenville Convention Center is sponsored by Pitt Community College (PCC), John M. Belk Endowment, Greenville Eastern North Carolina (ENC) Alliance, Pitt County Economic Development, Greenville-Pitt County Chamber of Commerce, Inner Banks Media, and Koinonia Community Solutions.

This career fair provides adult jobseekers and interested high school students with the opportunity to learn about and apply for open positions with local companies. This year’s event will feature more than 110 currently hiring employers and vendors that offer career resources or educational information. Pitt County high school students will be bussed in from their schools in the morning and adult jobseekers are invited to pre-register for timeslots from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Jobseekers can also register on-site for the afternoon session.

Those planning to attend the fair should register online by visiting <https://pittcc.edu/better-skills-better-jobs-fair/>. Some participating companies will conduct on-site job interviews, so jobseekers are encouraged to bring an updated resume.

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