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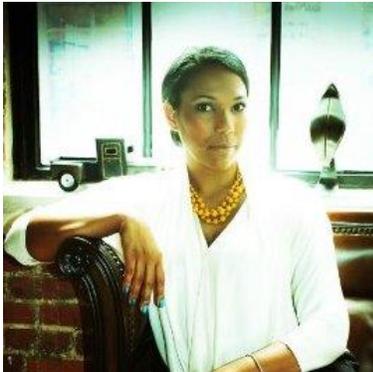


Dr. Atti is an experienced energy technology investor, entrepreneur, and executive who has demonstrated expertise and leadership in venture financing, business development, start-up growth and operations, and negotiating joint venture relationships.

As founder and CEO at Phononic, he's led the development and growth of the company as the leading innovator of solid state cooling and heating management solutions through accretive venture capital and institutional investor support. As a former Director at MHI Energy Partners, a seed- and early-stage energy private equity fund, Dr. Atti managed deal flow networks, conducted due diligence, structured venture financing transactions and provided direct portfolio company leadership.

Dr. Atti earned his Ph.D. in Organic Chemistry from the Loker Hydrocarbon Research Institute at the University of Southern California. Dr. Atti also holds an MBA from New York University and a Bachelor's degree in Biochemistry from Ithaca College.

Jesica Averhart, Executive Director
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Jesica Averhart is the Executive Director of Leadership Triangle a non-profit established to educate and develop regional leaders. Prior to Leadership Triangle, Jesica served as the Director of Corporate Partnerships for Capitol Broadcasting. She's managed the partnership relationships for Google, Google Fiber, Wells Fargo, Fidelity Labs, Lincoln Financial, Audi, Lenovo, Duke I&E, CFCU, RTP, BCBSNC and others.

Prior to her work with Leadership Triangle and Capitol Broadcasting, Jesica founded a boutique event production company specializing in providing professional event management services for organizations such as the Cincinnati Bengals & Cleveland Browns (NFL), Cleveland Cavaliers (NBA), The Procter & Gamble Company, Pepsi Cola North America, as well as a growing number of companies based in RTP

Jes serves as a William Peace University Board Trustee and is active on the Boards of Youth Villages (Chair), Prevent Child Abuse NC (Chair), United Way of the Triangle and Carolina Theatre.

Originally from Evansport, Ohio, Jes worked on her grandparent's farm while learning the ropes in the family's real estate and appraisal business. She was the first to accept a corporate role after college as a financial analyst with General Electric; but it didn't take long before she started her own company, making her a 4th generation entrepreneur. Jes moved to North Carolina 12 years ago and devotes much of her spare time to the community, cheering for The Ohio State Buckeyes and globe-trotting. Without question, her greatest gift is her sixteen-year-old son Tre' who brings her joy & keeps all things in perspective.

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Ambassador Cain was nominated by President Bush as U.S. Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark on June 30, 2005. As Ambassador, Cain oversaw the 13 agencies of the American government that comprised the 150-person U.S. Embassy in Copenhagen. His energies focused on areas of national security, counter-terrorism, energy security, commerce and investment, and promotion of shared values. Ambassador Cain was a strong believer in public diplomacy, getting out of the Embassy and "Selling America." His unique engagement with the Danish public was highlighted by a 37-day, 1,500 mile "Rediscovery Tour" of Denmark by bicycle, and the publication in December 2008 of his best-selling book *The American: On Diplomacy, Democracy and Denmark*. On January 16, 2009, for his contributions to American and Danish relations, Ambassador Cain was

awarded the Grand Cross of the Order of the Dannebrog by Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II.

Ambassador Cain took a leave of absence from the firm from January 2000 to November 2002 to serve as the President and Chief Operating Officer of the National Hockey League Carolina Hurricanes and their parent company, Gale Force Holdings. He stepped down after the Team went to the Stanley Cup Finals in 2002.

Ambassador Cain has served in leadership positions for numerous civic and non-profit institutions including the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce, Character Education Foundation, American Red Cross, American Diabetes Association and Boy Scouts of America. He has chaired the Boards of the Food Bank of North Carolina, Communities in Schools of Wake County and the Eastern North Carolina Chamber of Commerce. Ambassador Cain was named "Business Leader of the Year" by *Business Leader* magazine, received the John Ross Leadership Award from the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau, and received the National Outstanding Community Service Award from the American Diabetes Association in 2003. Ambassador Cain also served as Republican National Committeeman for North Carolina from 2003 to 2005, and served as Regional Chairman and the State Finance Vice Chairman for the Bush-Cheney 2004 Campaign. He served as President Bush's Emissary to the Philippines for the Inauguration of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in 2004.

Ryan Combs, Executive Director
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Ryan Combs is executive director of RTRP, a position he assumed in February 2017 following his appointment by the organization's board of directors. Ryan works closely with economic development organizations in each of RTRP's member counties to market the competitive advantages of the Research Triangle Region to potential investors.

Ryan joined RTRP from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety where he served as Legislative Director for the Department's Government Affairs initiatives. In that capacity, he worked with the North Carolina General Assembly on behalf of

State Troopers, Correctional Officers, the State Bureau of Investigation, Alcohol, Law Enforcement and the State Emergency Management office.

Previously, Ryan served for eight years on United States Senator Richard Burr's staff, traveling throughout the state of North Carolina as a field representative. Through that experience, he developed close relationships with business and community leaders to learn about and address important issues facing communities.

Ryan began his career in Washington, D.C. as a White House staff assistant under President George W. Bush and worked on Capitol Hill for United States Senator Elizabeth Dole. He also worked at Empower America, a prominent non-profit organization led by Education Secretary Bill Bennett and HUD Secretary and Congressman Jack Kemp.

He has served on the board of the Triangle Flight of Honor, flying over 800 WWII Veterans to Washington, D.C. to see the WWII Memorial, and on the board of visitors at Livingstone College. A native of Raleigh, Ryan graduated from Broughton High School and North Carolina State University, where he was a pitcher for the Wolfpack baseball team.

In his free time, Ryan referees college basketball and baseball, and is deeply committed to raising awareness and funds for Project ALS and the ALS Association of North Carolina. His brother, Chris, was diagnosed with ALS in 2016.

**Secretary Anthony M. Copeland, Secretary
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Tony Copeland became North Carolina's Secretary of Commerce in January 2017, named to the post by Governor Roy Cooper and marking a return to the agency for the experienced business executive.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Copeland served as an Assistant Commerce Secretary, leading the recruitment of nearly \$12 billion in investment and the creation of nearly 100,000 jobs. In this capacity, he worked with numerous international companies in China, Japan, Europe, South Korea and Israel, as well as a variety of domestic companies.

Tony Copeland's experience spans a wide range of economic development and business leadership roles. During the past decade, as part of a major law firm and owner of his own firm, Mr. Copeland has brought significant new corporate investment into North Carolina from both domestic and international sources. He brings an insider's knowledge of the ways corporate investment and site decisions are made.

Mr. Copeland also served as executive vice president, secretary and general counsel of a telecommunications company, where he led the company's growth from \$38 million in revenues to more than \$250 million. He led the senior executive team that secured \$500 million in equity financing and planned, financed and installed more than 5,000 miles of fiber optic cable in the Carolinas and along the eastern seaboard.

A native of Perquimans County, Mr. Copeland is a graduate of Duke University and the Western Michigan University School of Law.

**Michael Goodman, Vice President of Real Estate
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Michael Goodman leads one of the country's most dynamic urban mixed-use developments—the American Tobacco Campus in Durham.

As Vice President of Real Estate for Capitol Broadcasting Company, Inc.—the campus' owner and master developer—Michael manages the day-to-day activities of approximately 1,000,000 square feet of Class-A office, restaurant, residential and retail space. He scopes and develops new projects and opportunities including the American Underground startup hub (two locations in Durham, one in Raleigh) as well as solar/alternative energy real estate investments.

Michael earned a B.S. in Mathematical Economics from Hampden-Sydney College and a Masters in Trust and Investment Management from Campbell University.

Goodmon is an advocate and leader of the Durham and Triangle communities and serves on several boards to encourage growth, entrepreneurship and community development. These boards include: AJ Fletcher Foundation; Fletcher Academy; Frank Hawkins Kenan Board of Advisors; East Durham

Children's Initiative; Healing Place of Wake County; Downtown Durham, Inc.; NC Rails to Trails; CAHEC; and Leadership Triangle.

**Michael Landguth, A.A.E., President and Chief Executive Officer
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Michael Landguth is RDU's President and Chief Executive Officer. With nearly 20 years of experience in the aviation industry, Landguth is responsible for overall staffing, budgeting, strategic planning and operations at RDU.

Prior to joining RDU, he served as chief executive officer and president of the Chattanooga Metropolitan Airport Authority after also holding the position of director of airport operations within the organization. Landguth holds both bachelor and master's degrees in Aeronautical Sciences from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University.

He was selected as the 2016 Airport Revenue News Medium HUB Airport Director of the Year, and serves on the board of directors for the Airports Council International – North America. He is also a board member for both the Raleigh and Durham Chambers of Commerce. In 2017, Landguth was named CEO of the Year by the Triangle Business Journal and is a North Carolina Airports Association President's Award recipient.

**Maureen Little, Vice President of Economic Development
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Maureen Little is the Vice President of NCWorks Customized Training for the North Carolina Community College System. She began her work in economic development in 1987 as Director of Business and Industry Services at Stanly Community College, serving her native Union County. After eleven years at the local college level, she joined the North Carolina Community College System in a Regional Director for Economic Development position, working specifically with the colleges in the Charlotte Region. In 2005, she was promoted to the Senior Regional Director position and began working with the 58 North Carolina Community Colleges.

In her current role since 2008, Maureen travels North Carolina from Manteo to Murphy, ensuring continuous improvement and success in the State's greatest asset for economic development – the North Carolina Community College System.

Maureen graduated with honors from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1981. She is a graduate of Leadership North Carolina, Class XIX, and was the proud recipient of the 2012 Stanley Frank Class Award, which is awarded in Mr. Frank's honor to a class member who exemplifies his spirit to make North Carolina a better place to live and work.

**Joe Milazzo, Executive Director
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Joe serves as Executive Director of the Regional Transportation Alliance. RTA is the voice of the regional business community on transportation in the Research Triangle region of North Carolina.

Joe directs the regional business community's leadership and advocacy efforts on transportation issues, policy, and strategy. Joe and the RTA unite the regional business community and connect the public and private sectors to accelerate transportation solutions essential for economic success.

Joe has guided the RTA to exponential growth, with the coalition now including more than 125 of the leading businesses, universities, and transportation partners across our market. The number of major investors (\$5,000 annually and higher) has doubled to 30+ companies since 2013, and the RTA now includes more than 20 member chambers of commerce across central North Carolina.

Joe holds master's degrees in both business management and civil engineering from North Carolina State University and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Pennsylvania State University. He has been a licensed professional engineer in North Carolina for more than 20 years, and a registered lobbyist in North Carolina for more than 15 years.

Joe serves on the Rethinking Southern Cities regional initiative council for the Urban Land Institute (ULI) Carolinas district, and the Transportation Committee for the ULI Triangle chapter.

He served as a member of The Conference Table, an advisory committee for the Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau, and is a past board member of the Triangle Advertising Federation ("Triangle AdFed", an affiliated club of the American Advertising Federation/AAF).

He has served on the strategic initiatives council of the NC Section of the Institute of Transportation Engineers and was previously recognized as the young professional of the year for NCSITE.

Joe was a past chair of the Young Executives Forum of NC Citizens for Business and Industry (the predecessor to the NC Chamber of Commerce) and a founding member of MBA Alumni Board at NC State University.

Joe and his wife, Claire, have three children and live in Cary. Joe served as the chair of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School Advisory Council in Cary from 2015 to 2017, serving a parish of approximately 15,000 members.

**Sergi Roura, President, North America Facilities
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Sergi Roura is currently North America Facilities President at Grifols, where he is responsible for the Grifols North America facilities as well as the reorganization of the site functions in North Carolina, Los Angeles, Emeryville and San Diego. This includes overview of the facilities functions and new projects for the Plasma Operations, with two laboratories in Texas and 176 Donor Centers across the United States. Mr Roura started in the Pharmaceutical industry in 1994 working for Alpha Therapeutics Inc as a project engineer and has been in the industry since then. Prior roles included Managing Director of Grifols Engineering since its creation in 2000 to 2011, and site head of the Grifols Clayton, NC manufacturing plant since the acquisition from Talecris in 2011 to 2017. In these various roles, he has acquired a broad range of skills and experience across all facets of pharmaceutical manufacturing.

From 2008-2013, Mr. Roura served as President of the Probitas Foundation Board, a nonprofit organization created by Grifols to improve health care in vulnerable areas with particular attention to regions lacking resources. Mr. Roura has been an ISPE member since 1995. He led efforts for the creation of the ISPE Spain Affiliate and served as the Affiliate's first President from 2006-2009. Mr. Roura speaks Spanish, Catalan, French and English. He is the inventor or co-inventor of six patents related to the Pharmaceutical process and holds a Master degree in Industrial Engineering from Escuela Técnica Superior de Ingenieros Industriales of Barcelona and an Executive Development Program (PDD) from the IESE Business School.

**Scott Selig, Associate Vice President of Capital Assets and Real Estate
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Scott Selig is the Associate Vice President of Capital Assets and Real for Duke University. Scott has 30 years' experience in both the public and private sectors of the commercial real industry.

Scott is charged with developing and implementing the overall real estate strategy for Duke University and the Duke University Health System. Scott is acting in the lead role for Duke University regarding the development and implementation of the Durham Innovation District and American Tobacco and other real estate and economic development missions. In addition, Scott is responsible for the asset management of the Washington Duke Inn, a 271-room, 4 –star hotel and executive meeting center.

The Real Estate Office portfolio contains more than 300 leases encompassing approximately 3.5 Million square feet of office, medical clinic, laboratory and warehouse space.

Scott holds an MBA from Duke University and is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate from the University of Washington in Seattle.

Doug Speight, Executive Director
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Doug Speight is Executive Director for Durham’s American Underground campus, home to over 250 startups and a diverse entrepreneurial scene dubbed “The Startup Hub of The South” by CNBC. Speight is founder and CEO of Cathedral Leasing, a B2B equipment finance firm, and one of seven 2016 Entrepreneurs in Residence for Google and CODE2040. He has served as Founder or Co-Founder for four tech startups, in addition to leading technology transfer and commercialization divisions for NC A&T State University, NASA and the Department of Energy. He was an Entrepreneur-in-Residence for the GIGTANK venture accelerator, the nation’s first 3D printing venture accelerator, and holds several patents for 3D printing technology.

Speight is a graduate of NC A&T State University and earned a MBA from UNC’s Kenan-Flagler Business School.

Nate Spilker, Vice President of Business Transformation
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Nate Spilker is the Vice President of Business Transformation at Citrix, an 8,000-employee technology company with offices around the world. Nate serves as the Site Leader for the Citrix office in Raleigh, an office that has grown from 80 to more than 650 employees over the last 6 years.

Nate has led various technology and software development teams in the Triangle area since graduating from Duke University with a bachelor’s degree in Religious Studies in 1995.

Nate is proud to call Raleigh, NC, home, where he lives with his wife Jennifer and two sons. He is deeply engaged with the local community and serves on the Boards of Marbles Kids Museum and Artspace. He also serves as the Vice Chair of the Economic Development Department with the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce.

Steve Stroud, Chairman
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One of the most highly regarded commercial real estate professionals in North Carolina, Steve Stroud began his real estate career in 1965, primarily brokering commercial/industrial land and buildings. His list of developments include the expansive Highwoods Office Park, the Arbors Complex, One North Commerce Center, the Rex Drive Office Complex, the Crossroads Complex in Cary and the original assemblage of property around RDU Airport.

While assembling and developing major industrial and office tracts in Wake County, Mr. Stroud founded Carolantic Realty over thirty-seven years ago, and has since built a diverse team of professionals providing all the specialties of a full-service real estate company. Mr.

Stroud's expertise as a real estate broker and developer has now helped make NAI Carolantic the "most called and most quoted" brokerage firm in the commercial real estate marketplace. The legal, financial, journalism, accounting and real estate communities all look to NAI Carolantic for advice and information.

In addition to Mr. Stroud's real estate activities, he is active in various civic, business and community development activities. A close friend has said of him, "What makes him unique is his unwavering effort to give back to the community."

In 1987, Mr. Stroud became President of the North Carolina Railroad Company. At that time the major spine railroad was divided into two ownerships: the North Carolina Railroad and the Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad. For over 100 years people have recognized the importance of merging the two railroads, but without any success. However, during Stroud's tenure as President, the merger was finally accomplished for the benefit of all citizens in North Carolina.

Mr. Stroud has always been an avid supporter of NC State, recognizing its importance to the Triangle community and the State of North Carolina. In addition to being past-president of the Wolfpack Club, Mr. Stroud was a founding member of the Board of Advisors for the newly formed College of Management for NC State. This college has grown very quickly both in student population and stature and is now ranked among the top business schools in North Carolina and the Nation.

In 1985, Mr. Stroud was asked to be Chairman of the Coliseum Committee to study the feasibility of a major events facility in Raleigh. Many would have given up after that experience, but his unwavering commitment to the community led to the creation of the Centennial Authority, which was established by the NC Legislature. In 1995, Mr. Stroud was elected as Chairman of the Authority with the mandate to design and build what was to be known as the Raleigh Entertainment and Sports Arena. He was also instrumental in attracting and convincing the Hartford Whalers, now known as the Carolina Hurricanes, to relocate to this area.

Now completed, the newly named RBC Center is home to the NC State basketball program, and the NHL hockey team, the Carolina Hurricanes. This facility's success has exceeded the dreams of those who supported it. Few would have been willing to take on the task of leading this 13-year effort, but Mr. Stroud did, managing to pull off the deal which will forever change the face of the Triangle area, boosting economic development for years to come.

**Ellen Tai, Senior Manager, Business Recruitment
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Ellen Tai is a Senior Manager, Business Recruitment, managing domestic and international projects across North Carolina. She started her economic development career at NC Dept. of Commerce and later joined Economic Development Partnership of NC (EDPNC) in 2015. With Ellen's background in business development and marketing, she is able to successfully manage projects in all industries. Since joining EDPNC, Ellen's projects have announced in excess of \$1.6 billion in capital investment and over 13,000 jobs in North Carolina.

Prior to economic development, Ellen sharpened her skills in a variety of diverse roles where she marketed Amtrak trains, managed product lines for Cooper Industries, and led business development for private and public organizations. She is an alumna of NC State University and calls Raleigh home.

**Donald Thompson, Partner/CEO
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Donald Thompson has a record of developing competitive and sustainable solutions for global companies, entrepreneurs and emerging leaders. As CEO of the technology company, I-Cubed, Donald dramatically grew the organization amidst a recession with no outside capital, recording annual revenue growth of 30% year over year, from 2008-2013. In 2014, I-Cubed was acquired by the global technology enterprise, KPIT. Donald held the role of Executive Chairman for iCiDigital, a spin-off business of I-Cubed where he groomed his successor from technologist to President, until it was acquired by Beringer Capital in 2017.

As executive chairman of Walk West, Donald partners with the leadership team to develop and implement the firm's growth strategy. Donald is also the CEO for Creative Allies, an integrated marketing firm that focuses on helping celebrity and consumer brands execute marketing campaigns through leveraging a crowdsourced community of over 125,000 creative professionals.

Donald serves on the North Carolina Board of Science, Technology and Innovation, and is an emeritus member of the strategic advisory board for North Carolina State University's Computer Science Department. With a focus on accelerating North Carolina's next generation of technology companies and entrepreneurs, Donald also is an advisor and investor to several startups and successful firms.

Donald is an ongoing contributor to Entrepreneur.com and is currently authoring his first book, *Underestimated: A CEO's Unlikely Path to Success*. Learn more at donaldthompson.com

**Chancellor Randy Woodson, Chancellor
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Dr. Randy Woodson became North Carolina State University's 14th chancellor in April 2010. Woodson leads the largest university in North Carolina, with more than 34,000 students and a \$1.5 billion budget. Under his leadership, the university created and implemented The Pathway to the Future strategic plan and advanced each of its strategic goals.

NC State has become a lead university for two NSF Engineering Research Centers, one Manufacturing USA institute and partner on six others, and expanded to more than 70 industry and government partnerships on its nationally recognized Centennial Campus. NC State has also garnered national and international recognition for its faculty and student scholarship.

Think and Do the Extraordinary Campaign to raise \$1.6 billion for scholarships,

research, programs and facilities, propelling the university to even greater heights.

Leading by example to tackle the world's grand challenges, Woodson also chairs the APLU Commission of Global Food Security and serves on the US Council of Competitiveness Executive Committee.