

2014 NCACC Youth Summit Participation Report
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Completed Assignments

- County Commissioner Interview with Bruce Davis on August 5, 2014;
- August 7, 2014 Commissioners Meeting
- Report on overall participation experience

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The opportunity to participate in the 2014 NCACC Summit is one that I will appreciate and remember for many years to come. In preparation, I had the opportunity to converse with Commissioner Bruce Davis. He was so kind to provide insight in regards to what his responsibilities as commissioner entails. Commissioner Davis informed that the commissions direct key components of Guilford County government, including allotting budgets and supervising citizen health and social services. I also learned that they set the property taxes.

The week-end in Asheville, NC was truly a vital learning experience for me. From a civil point of view, the opportunity to visit the Buncombe County Detention Facility served as a poignant reminder to follow county laws and to strive to make right choices in life. From a political point of view, having the opportunity to meet and converse with other commissioners opened the door to gain a greater understanding of their work. Commissioner Kay Cashion was a great host. She introduced me to several of her colleagues and welcomed my interest in learning more about how I can serve my community.

I understand that Guilford County commissioners play an intricate part in running the many branches that keep my county thriving. Ultimately, the many experiences at Youth Summit have inspired me to become more involved in my county government. For the first time in my life I have considered becoming a public official in the future, and I look forward to working with Commissioner Cashion and Commissioner Davis in some fashion here in Guilford County.