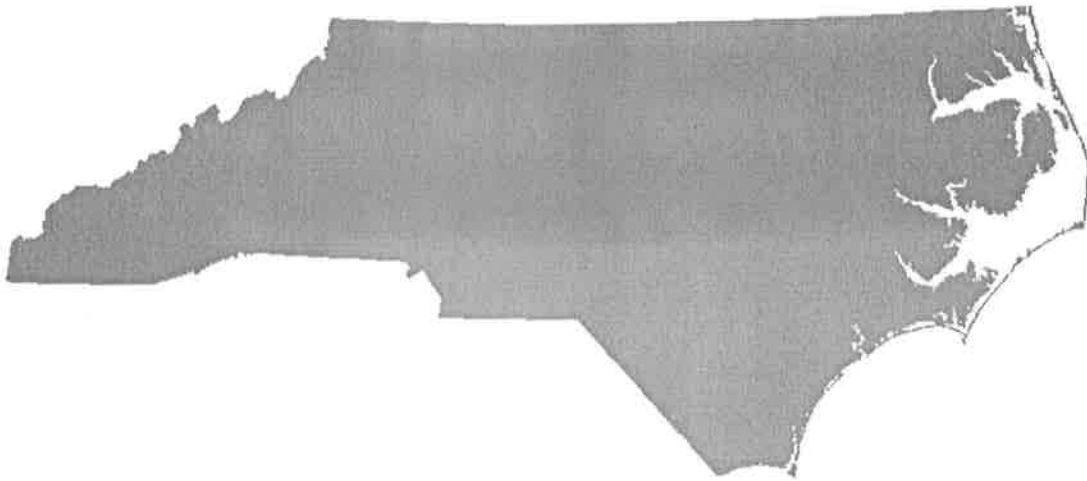


# **2014 NCACC Youth Summit**

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## Victor Chambers Youth Summit Report

Interviewing one of Wake County's commissioners has been a mind blowing experience. I learned things that I never imagined I would ever know. This experience has been a very meaningful milestone in my life.

I interviewed Wake County commissioner Joe Bryan. Joe Bryan is a very intelligent and humble man. He has served as a commissioner for 12 years and is planning to be re-elected this upcoming December. In the waiting room of the commissioner's office I have to admit, I was nervous but as soon as I saw Joe, all my worries were lifted due to the smile on his face and the way he greeted me. As soon as I stepped into his office I knew that I had to come equipped with questions that are not general Google answer questions because I wanted to stand out from all the others that interview him. In our interview, Mr. Bryan explained that the long term goal for our county is to grow financially as we grow in population. The Board of Commissioner's main goal is to insure that all funding throughout the county is regulated and spent in the right way. One of the most interesting things I learned is how the Commissioners basically control the teachers' salaries and how it is one of the most talked about subjects. School system funding is one of the hardest topics for the Board of Commissioners to discuss. Being in one of the Board of Commissioners meetings I can almost conclude that teacher salary and school system funding is one of the most talked about topics that the commissioners discuss.

After my interview I attended the Wake County Board of Commissioners meeting. As I listened to the meeting, there were people that had topics to bring to the board and others that were there just to listen on certain topics that were going to be discussed. I knew the decisions that were going to be made were important because the newscasters were there with their camera crew and bloggers/writers there with their laptops taking key notes about the meeting. The meeting had about 15 or 16 topics that needed to be explained, and each person had 3 minutes to discuss their topic up for vote. After the 3 minutes, the board members then decided if they supported or denied. Except for one, all of the topics were supported. The topic that was not supported was the one concerning how the school system was going to obtain millions of dollars without a set plan on how it should be spent. I think that every decision made was the right choice.

With the things I saw and learned in my hours spent with Wake County's Commissioners I have a better understanding of how my county is supported financially. My experience has changed the way I view economics. One of the things that Mr. Joe Bryan stressed is setting goals and doing whatever it takes to those goals. I now know this is how I am going to excel in the future. I am glad to be a part of NCACC Youth Summit.

# MY Journey of the NCACC youth summit!

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My journey of the NCACC Youth Summit has been a blast. Find out more as I tell you my story.



I had the chance to interview one of 7 Wake County Commissioners Mr. Joe Bryan.

*Joe Bryan* >



## *Interview*

My interview went great. I obtained excellent answers. It made me feel good inside when i was complimented on how good my questions were



# *Interview Pic*



## *The Big Meeting*

After my interview, I was able to attend one of the Board of Commissioners Meetings. The meeting was long and very meaningful. one of the main topics discussed at the meeting was funding for the school system.



# *The Meeting*



# *Sitting in the Big chair!*





**Thank you!**







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