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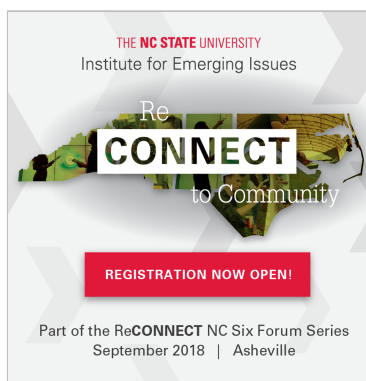


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Every summer, I try to spend at least one week at the beach. And every beach week, I make a deal with myself that by the end of the week I will be in swimming shape. This has been that week for me.

If you want to swim in the ocean there's a price to pay. Waves are relentless and it is easy to imagine them conspiring against you, plotting strategies to whomp you upside the head just enough to make you want to give up and go in.

If you want to do anything other than get knocked **cattywampus** by the waves, you have to have your own game plan—you dive under some, swim over the top of others, and you recognize going in that some are just going to smack you in the face. Figuring out how to deal with which waves takes time.

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[REGISTRATION OPEN for the Emerging Issues Fall 2018 Forum!](#)

On July 16, the [Institute for Emerging Issues](#) opened registration for “[ReCONNECT to Community](#),” our Sept. 17, 2018, forum in Asheville focusing on civic engagement, which will examine historical and current causes of the state’s civic disconnection, while showcasing ways to re-engage and re-energize North Carolina’s citizens. The Forum kicks off ReCONNECT NC, IEI’s larger, three-year initiative which features six forums around the state, each focusing on different aspects of social, civic or economic “reconnection.” This is the first time in IEI’s 30-plus year history that we have held a forum outside Raleigh and what better place to start than beautiful [Asheville](#)?

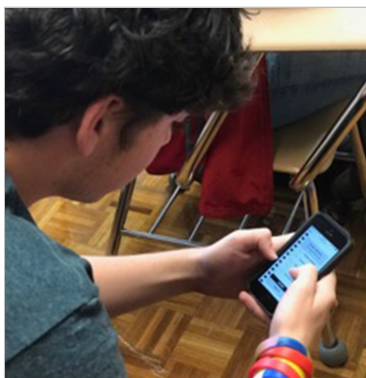
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[Sponsor a Scholarship!](#)

In order to create a diverse audience at the Sept. 17 "[ReCONNECT to Community](#)" Forum, IEI is offering scholarship sponsorship opportunities. Why not sponsor a table at this year's forum and help someone else "get a seat at the table?" A table at the Forum seats eight people. We are looking for companies or individuals to host a table and designate at least two of those seats for scholarships. As our thank you, IEI will offer a small discount per table and named recognition during the Forum. To reserve your table at a cost of \$1,500, or to sponsor individual scholarships at a cost of \$195 each, please contact IEI Development Director Tony Reevy at (919) 515-3543 or awreevy@ncsu.edu.

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[First Vote NC](#)

Learn more about [First Vote NC](#), an initiative of [EducationNC](#) which teaches high schoolers about civic engagement through civic education and mock simulation elections. With IEI's upcoming Sept. 17 forum "[ReCONNECT to Community](#)" focused on the topic of civic engagement, we were excited to catch up with First Vote NC founder Hunter Baxton and learn about the important work the organization does.

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[Spotlight | Renee Potts, IEI Executive Assistant](#)

A Boston native with a passion for hiking, Renee Potts serves as the executive assistant for IEI Director Leslie Boney. She comes to IEI with a deep pool of varied experience, from working as a preschool teacher to serving as a personal trainer. Now, as part of Team IEI, she holds down the very important role of keeping track of all of us, a truly important feat as our "[ReCONNECT to Community](#)" forum fast approaches.

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Coming up in August on First in Future!

Be sure to tune in and subscribe to IEI's weekly program, "[First in Future: Where Emerging Ideas Take Flight](#)." Next month on the program, IEI Director Leslie Boney will talk with Pearce Godwin, founder of the Listen First Project, Mebane Rash, CEO and editor-in-chief of EducationNC, Chris Suggs, founder of Youth Impact Strategies, and Mission Health



President and CEO Ronald A. Paulus, MD. Listen to these podcasts and others by visiting iTunes or emergingissues.org/podcast. The First in Future podcast also airs on UNC-TV's North Carolina Channel each Tuesday at 8:30 P.M.! Check for shows and local channel listings here: <http://www.uncvtv.org/schedule/>.

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