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[**Click here**](http://iei.ncsu.edu/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/2014009_1188.jpg) **for a link to a photo of the Havelock High School team winners. L-R Former Governor Jim Hunt, IEI Director Anita Brown-Graham, Governor Pat McCory Andrew Savoie, Alicia Bess, Hunter Graves and NCSU Chancellor Randy Woodson.**

**Havelock High School team wins $5,000 Prize for Innovation**

A team of students from Havelock High School has won a $5,000 prize based for their innovative idea for helping students. Alicia Bess, Andres Savoie, Kahlee Robinson and their mentor, Natascia Carr beat out high school teams from across the state to win $5,000 and the fourth annual Emerging Issues Prize for Innovation. The Institute for Emerging Issues Prize for Innovation challenged students across the state to unleash their creativity and work collaboratively to design a process, environment or tool for a K-12 classroom that will increase student engagement.

Havelock High School’s team developed the Handy Educational Learning Program or “HELP,” which is a tool that allows students to anonymously alert the teacher when help is needed. As a finalist, the team will receive $1,000 and now $5,000 as winner—a total of $6,000 in all.

The winning team was announced at the 29th Annual Emerging Issues Forum, February 10, 2014 in Raleigh, North Carolina. To learn more about the other finalists, their ideas and the Emerging Issues Forum: *Teachers and the Great Economic Debate*, visit [www.emergingissues.org](http://www.emergingissues.org).

**29th Annual Emerging Issues Forum: *Teachers and the Great Economic Debate***

Without highly effective educators, North Carolina’s students will be unprepared for meaningful, well-paying careers, and our state runs the risk of operating without a globally competitive workforce. Worldwide, nationwide and statewide stakeholders met February 10-11, 2014 at the Raleigh Convention Center as we identified opportunities to recruit, retain, and support world-class teachers for every classroom in North Carolina. Learn More: [http://iei.ncsu.edu/emerging-issues/teachers-great-economic-debate/](http://iei.ncsu.edu/emerging-issues/teachers-great-economic-debate/?utm_source=Outreach+Email&utm_medium=link&utm_campaign=Forum)