

## Election 2014 Candidates – NC House Of Representatives

Office	District	Candidates	# seats in election
NC House	88	Rob Bryan (R) Margie Storch (D)	1
	92	Charles Jeter (R)* Robin Bradford (D)*	1
	98	John Bradford (R) Natasha Marcus (D)	1
	100	Tricia Cotham (D)*	1
	101	Beverly Earle (D)*	1
	102	Becky Carney (D)*	1
	103	Bill Brawley (R)*	1
	104	Dan Bishop (R)* Eric Cable (L)	1
	105	Jacqueline Schaeffer (R)*	1
	106	Trey Lowe (R) Carla Cunningham (D)	1
	107	Kelly Alexander (D)*	1

High school students surveyed all candidates for this Election 2014 office. Candidates who completed the questionnaire are included in this guide.

\* = The candidate did not provide the requested information.

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<b>Education</b>	UNC - Chapel Hill, Duke University
<b>Political viewpoint</b>	Republican
<b>Favorite news source</b>	Charlotte Observer, Drudge Report
<b>Grew up in</b>	Raleigh
<b>Youth interests in civics, government, and leadership</b>	The opportunity & difficulty of applying sound principles to a constantly changing state.
<b>Community involvement and leadership experience</b>	Exodus Project, Pregnancy Resource Center of Charlotte, Christian Legal Society, Charlotte Leadership Forum

<b>First issue I will tackle</b>	My top priority continues to be our state's economy. We must continue to improve our business climate so that more citizens have jobs.
<b>How I will impact...</b>	
<b>Education</b>	We must continue to modernize our education system to provide the training needed for the job market. We can find better ways to pay our teachers more, too.
<b>Economy</b>	Small business owners continue to cite burdensome regulations as their top impediment to job growth. We can further eliminate tax loopholes too.
<b>Government budget</b>	By finding waste and fraud throughout the budget, by paying debts, and further reforming our tax code, we can grow our economy and our state's budget to pay for our growing educational and Medicaid needs.
<b>Children and youth</b>	Parents and children deserve the opportunity to attend another school if they believe it better fits the student's needs.
<b>Community health/safety</b>	Our biggest health care expenditure is Medicaid, and it continues to overrun its budget. We must find ways to modernize the system to enable long-term sustainability.
<b>Community growth/quality of life</b>	We can improve our quality of life by encouraging new businesses to start locally, as well as enabling existing businesses to grow.

<b>Most important role of government</b>	The state must provide an environment for its citizens to succeed.
<b>Way candidate will help leaders to collaborate</b>	I strive to listen to input from a diverse group of individuals and to focus on the results of policies. I often find we have more in common that way.
<b>At end of term, biggest accomplishment will be</b>	I hope to create an education system that is less bureaucratic, providing more freedom for teachers to teach and more success meeting individual needs of a diverse student population.
<b>What else should people know about you?</b>	After graduating college, I spent my first two years in the Teach For America program, teaching in a low-income, inner city school in Los Angeles, CA. Since then, my wife and I have 6 kids.

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<b>Education</b>	Penn State University, B.A. in Art/Graphic Design
<b>Political viewpoint</b>	Inclusive, Optimistic, Democratic
<b>Favorite news source</b>	National Public Radio
<b>Grew up in</b>	Camp Hill, PA
<b>Youth interests in civics, government, and leadership</b>	Democracy is the tool we use to work as a community to meet goals we could not accomplish as individuals. When we work together, we can create a better world!
<b>Community involvement and leadership experience</b>	Founder: Aspergers & Families Support Group, Past President of Charlotte National Organization for Women; Leadership Charlotte Class V; NC Democratic Party State Executive Committee; Mecklenburg County Personnel Commission; Park Road Montessori School Leadership Team; Dilworth Elementary PTA Executive Committee, ...

<b>First issue I will tackle</b>	First, I will try to establish respectful relationships with the elected officials I will be working with. Then, we may be able to discuss ideas to accomplish shared goals - such as improving our schools!
<b>How I will impact...</b>	
<b>Education</b>	I want to invest more in public education so every student has access to an attractive school, good teachers, reasonable class sizes and necessary educational materials - from textbooks to computers. Let's keep high stakes testing to a minimum and respect teachers as professionals! Schools should be safe, welcoming environments that promote critical thinking, exploration of diverse ideas, and creativity!
<b>Economy</b>	Instead of giving away public tax dollars as tax incentives to large private corporations, I would help new small businesses that create most of the new jobs. To keep pace with a rapidly changing

	economy and technology, government should invest in skilled job training for people of all ages through our community colleges and public/private partnerships. Raise the minimum wage so a full time worker is not living on poverty wages and dependent on food stamps and other government services. Fairly paid workers will have more money to spend and this will create jobs!
<b>Government budget</b>	We need a FAIR tax system to fund the services and goals we decide are important. Instead of shifting more taxes to low and middle income earners, I'd work for a progressive tax system where all corporations and individuals contribute income taxes on a sliding scale according to their ability to pay. Eliminate unfair tax breaks and loopholes in our tax system.
<b>Children and youth</b>	Elected officials should make decisions with the well being of future generations in mind. We should invest now in education so our young citizens will be well prepared to be leaders of tomorrow. We should protect our natural resources now so future generations can enjoy clean water, air and land. Elected officials should inspire and mentor youth who will soon be running our country. I want to teach young people not to take voting for granted. VOTING is a powerful and important responsibility!
<b>Community health/safety</b>	Support our police officers and firefighters with proper training and pay. Protect our water, air and land from pollution and expand sustainable renewable energies such as solar, wind and biomass. Ensure all citizens have access to affordable healthcare. We should immediately expand Medicaid healthcare to all citizens who cannot afford health insurance. Communities are most secure when we all look out for each other.
<b>Community growth/quality of life</b>	To create an excellent quality of life, we need to ensure that our citizens have access to excellent public schools; affordable healthcare; nutritious food; clean water, air, land; a safe home, and employment opportunities. We can accomplish whatever we put our hearts and mind to achieving. In 1961, President John F. Kennedy declared we should land a man on the moon and return him safely to Earth - and together we did it!
<b>Most important role of government</b>	State government plays an important role in funding education; providing access to health insurance for low income citizens; protecting our water, air and land; and building roads, bridges and other infrastructure. Elected representatives must create a budget and laws to meet ALL of these obligations.
<b>Way candidate will help leaders to collaborate</b>	It is important for elected officials to consult with people they represent who will be affected by their laws and decisions. We

	can often learn more by listening to people who have different experiences than our own. I would encourage elected officials to be open to new ideas, regardless of the source, and focus on goals that we can agree on. Everyone may have to compromise a bit on HOW to best achieve shared goals.
<b>At end of term, biggest accomplishment will be</b>	To be a strong advocate for justice and opportunity for all NC citizens!
<b>What else should people know about you?</b>	I am the mom of 2 teenagers, Nick and Lia, who attend Northwest School of the Arts (a public magnet high school) in Charlotte, NC. They help keep me connected to the youth perspective.

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<b>Favorite news source</b>	Forbes
<b>Grew up in</b>	Summerville, SC
<b>Youth interests in civics, government, and leadership</b>	I grew up in a family of educators and elected officials. I was interested in government at an early age.
<b>Community involvement and leadership experience</b>	In 2014, John was recognized by the Charlotte Business Journal as a “Forty Under 40” award recipient. John’s company was ranked by Inc. magazine in 2014 as one of the fastest growing privately owned companies in America. His company, Park Avenue Properties, was ranked No. 1352 out of the top 5000 companies in America and was ranked No. 16 out of the 146 North Carolina based businesses making the top 5000. In 2012, John was awarded and recognized as the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year. This same year he was also awarded and recognized by the Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce as the Most Business Friendly Cornelius Town Commissioner. John currently serves on several national and local Boards such as the National Association of Residential Property Managers, Lake Norman Chamber of Commerce, Visit Lake Norman, United Way of Central Carolinas, Entrepreneur’s Organization Charlotte Chapter, Charlotte Regional Transportation Planning Organization, Friends of the Animals and Pi Kappa Phi National Fraternity Housing Corporation. He is also a Rotarian and a member of St. Mark’s Catholic Church.

<b>First issue I will tackle</b>	The first issue I will tackle is the reduction of personal and corporate income tax and regulatory reform.
<b>How I will impact...</b>	

<b>Education</b>	I will work to improve the classroom experience for teachers and students alike while rewarding the best teachers. North Carolina is an above average State and we need to pay our teachers above average salaries.
<b>Economy</b>	As a small business owner I understand first-hand the issues facing small business owners. I will work tirelessly to strengthen our economy by making NC a competitive and attractive place for businesses to start/relocate/expand to help create new jobs.
<b>Government budget</b>	I desire to make government smaller and eliminate government inefficiencies and wasteful spending so that taxpayers get the most for their hard earned dollars.
<b>Children and youth</b>	Our public schools and universities are essential to a strong economy and quality of life. They are the fabric that built North Carolina. I believe we need to work together and improve our public education system by teaching our children the skill sets they will need to become the future business and community leaders of North Carolina.
<b>Community health/safety</b>	I believe safety is essential to our society and is a priority. As a Town Commissioner I have worked hard to always try and improve public safety service levels. If elected, I will apply my government experience in this area to my role in the NC House.
<b>Community growth/quality of life</b>	I want to put more money back in the pockets of hard working North Carolinians. This will improve the quality of life because they will have more money to take care of their families.
<b>Most important role of government</b>	I believe that North Carolina needs a government run by legislators who can bring deliberate leadership, business relevance and government experience to their Office. I believe that the role of State government is to place continued focus on stimulating the State economy, incentivizing business growth/expansion, recruiting new companies, creating new jobs, investing in education, paying competitive salaries to educators, eliminating entitlements to those capable of helping themselves and removing government inefficiencies.
<b>Way candidate will help leaders to collaborate</b>	I have held a Commissioner Bradford Coffee Chat once a month for the last three years. This is an open forum for anyone to attend so as a group we can discuss Town-related issues and hear what is on people's minds. This is an open and non-partisan meeting which promotes collaboration. If elected, I plan to continue this trend of open dialogue with elected officials and encourage collaboration.
<b>At end of term, biggest</b>	I want to be known as a Representative that listens and is



<b>accomplishment will be</b>	accessible to the constituents in my District. In my three years as a Town Commissioner I have learned that being available for my constituents is very important. My approach helps me understand varying perspectives of the issues and keep me grounded.
<b>What else should people know about you?</b>	I married my high school sweetheart after dating her for 9 years and we have been married for 13 years. We have four beautiful children: Jack (11), Molly (9), Sophie and Macy (identical twins - 7).

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<b>Political viewpoint</b>	Moderate Democrat
<b>Favorite news source</b>	NPR, Charlotte Observer, DavidsonNews.net, CorneliusNews.net, Cornelius Today
<b>Grew up in</b>	Brockport, New York
<b>Youth interests in civics, government, and leadership</b>	My father held public office from when I was very young, so I was part of a family that was always interested in politics, leadership and civic issues. I learned early how important it is to pay attention to what's happening in the world and was intereste
<b>Community involvement and leadership experience</b>	I have served as a volunteer with regional organizations such as the Ada Jenkins Center, the Free Clinic of Our Towns, my daughters' schools and WFAE Public Radio. I have been a volunteer coach with North Meck Soccer Club, a founding member of DavidsonLearns and a member of Davidson's Advisory Board for Greenways, Trailways & Bikeways

<b>First issue I will tackle</b>	Public education because it's the framework for a growing and successful state.
<b>How I will impact...</b>	
<b>Education</b>	The quality of our public schools is the key to our future prosperity and represents the best opportunity for our citizens to achieve success. Businesses and young families will choose North Carolina if we offer quality public education. In order to do so, we must attract and retain great teachers and make smart investments in our schools. The current Legislature has severely hampered our ability to do that by making deep cuts to all aspects of the education budget. In recent years, North Carolina

	<p>has ranked 46th in the nation in teacher pay and 47th in per pupil spending. That is not only an embarrassment; it is an impediment to our ongoing economic competitive viability. We must raise teacher pay, reduce classroom size, retain teacher assistants, fund textbooks and technology and allow educators the freedom to teach creatively. Money cannot solve all of the problems faced by our public schools, but the deep cuts made to the education budget recently must be reversed in order for North Carolina schools to keep up with our growing population and the demands of a 21st-century economy. Our students can and should meet the national standards and our students and teachers should be provided the tools needed to meet those standards.</p>
<p><b>Economy</b></p>	<p>People need jobs, the State needs revenue, businesses need profits. The only way all three of these needs can be met is through sustained economic development and business growth and recruitment. I will work for tax and regulatory policies that serve all the interests of our State, including investments in workforce development, infrastructure, and renewable energy production, while making sure that our State government is as efficient and cost effective as possible. Over 70-percent of all new jobs come from small businesses. The Legislature was wrong to eliminate the \$50,000 small business tax credit. Small businesses are still struggling in this economy and should not have to take a hard hit from Legislators who should be encouraging, not discouraging, job growth and economic activity. The small business tax credit should be reinstated, immediately. Sustaining a world-class, educated workforce is a must if North Carolina is to be competitive in the global economy. Only through adequate funding of our public schools and our community college and university systems can we create a workforce that will attract and deserve good paying jobs. This is the single most effective way to recruit businesses and investors to our State. In the past, under Democratic and Republican administrations alike, North Carolina has been a forward-looking state willing to invest in education and economic development. The time has come for our Legislature to set aside partisan bickering and political infighting and do the job for which it was created and elected: to represent the interests of all the people, and to create jobs and grow a viable and sustainable economy. We must once again make our State a welcoming place in which to invest, work, live, raise a family and retire.</p>
<p><b>Government budget</b></p>	<p>The North Carolina General Assembly has targeted and taxed working families in ways that make it harder to raise a family, harder to get an education, harder to start and grow a small</p>

	<p>business, harder to retire here and harder to recover from the loss of a job. By eliminating the deduction for contributions to a North Carolina College Savings plan, the \$50,000 small business tax deduction, the \$4,000 deduction on government retirement income, the \$2,000 deduction on private retirement income, the Child Care Tax Credit and the Earned Income Tax Credit, the General Assembly is discouraging exactly the type of economic activity and upward mobility our State should encourage. The tax, spending and budget policies of the current legislature have resulted in a \$445 million revenue shortfall for fiscal year 2013-14. This imprudent approach is the reason we cannot pay teachers and state workers, improve our roads and bridges or reimburse Medicaid providers. The revenue shortfall will be even worse next year and will create an additional projected revenue shortfall of \$191 million, and will total \$5.3 billion over the next five years. This is irresponsible. We deserve better leadership. We need budgets and tax policies that are sustainable and prioritize investments in North Carolina’s future. Annual budgetary shortfalls that lead to stop-gap cuts and unsustainable reserve spending are simply unacceptable. Neither spending nor tax cuts should be used to benefit the ideological cronies of any party or any politician. Moreover, the new policies have not produced the positive results Raleigh promised. This approach is doing serious damage to our State’s economy and our people. Small business owners, senior citizens, teachers, children, and working families are not to blame for our State’s budget shortfalls and they should not be made to pay for them. North Carolina’s budget and tax policies should encourage business growth, job creation and work. A budget is a list of priorities, and it is time to get our priorities straight.</p>
<p><b>Children and youth</b></p>	<p>My top two legislative priorities will be public education and economic development. Nothing government does can have a greater impact on a child’s life. Education is the key to economic stability and advancement, and the hope of a good job should be every child’s birthright in our State.</p>
<p><b>Community health/safety</b></p>	<p>Our State’s refusal to accept millions of federal dollars in Medicaid funds was shortsighted and politically motivated. It means that our tax dollars were spent in other states while hundreds of thousands of our citizens go without healthcare coverage. When hospitals have to treat the uninsured in emergency rooms, everyone’s insurance costs increase. That is unwise, unfair and wrong. North Carolina should reverse this catastrophic decision immediately and stop making our citizens suffer due to a partisan political fight. We must insist that</p>

	<p>companies disclose the chemicals they pump into our groundwater and air. We should not permit oil companies to drill underneath private property without the permission of the landowner. We should not simply trust corporations to safeguard our natural resources; we should have better regulations and strong enforcement to prevent contamination in the first place. When contamination occurs, we must insist that polluters clean up the damage completely. Spills, leaks, accidents and waste removal are all costs of doing business; the business should absorb that cost, not taxpayers or utility ratepayers.</p>
<p><b>Community growth/quality of life</b></p>	<p>People need jobs, the State needs revenue, and businesses need profits. The only way all three of these needs can be met is through sustained economic development and business growth and recruitment. I will work for tax and regulatory policies that serve all the interests of our State, including investments in workforce development, infrastructure, and renewable energy production, while making sure that our State government is as efficient and cost effective as possible. Over 70-percent of all new jobs come from small businesses. The Legislature was wrong to eliminate the \$50,000 small business tax credit. Small businesses are still struggling in this economy and should not have to take a hard hit from Legislators who should be encouraging, not discouraging, job growth and economic activity. The small business tax credit should be reinstated, immediately.</p>
<p><b>Most important role of government</b></p>	<p>The role of government is to serve the interests of all the people and not the special interests. More important than any single issue or group of issues is the way our legislature does its business and recognizing for whom it works. I will be focused on helping the legislature pass laws that support public education and economic development and restore our State’s national reputation.</p>
<p><b>Way candidate will help leaders to collaborate</b></p>	<p>Elected officials at every level should communicate and work together to meet the needs and advance the interest of all the people they serve. I will build relationships and encourage cooperation with other elected officials who represent our region.</p>
<p><b>At end of term, biggest accomplishment will be</b></p>	<p>To make public education and job creation the top priorities of our State government.</p>
<p><b>What else should people know</b></p>	<p>I have two teenage daughters, who are helping me learn how to</p>

<p><b>about you?</b></p>	<p>use Instagram and Twitter. Please follow me, but be patient if I'm not fully up to speed. I am a life-long animal lover. My family has always had at least two pets, we now have four (a dog, two cats and a hamster) and we have foster-parented six litters of kittens through local rescue organizations. I'm proud that all of our foster kittens have been adopted to loving homes.</p>
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<b>Political viewpoint</b>	Libertarian: Live and let live
<b>Favorite news source</b>	The Carolina Journal
<b>Grew up in</b>	New Carlisle, OH
<b>Youth interests in civics, government, and leadership</b>	As I grew up during the Cold War I was mostly interested in national defense and patriotism.
<b>Community involvement and leadership experience</b>	Home Owners Association Board member, one of the founders of the Charlotte Curling Association, active member of the Freemasons, former participant in the Opera Carolina Chorus

<b>First issue I will tackle</b>	Gerrymandering. The manipulation of legislative districts by a political party is contrary to a free democracy.
<b>How I will impact...</b>	
<b>Education</b>	School needs to be a place teachers and students want to be. School should be interesting and engaging. Teachers need to be paid more to attract the best people to the profession.
<b>Economy</b>	Lower or eliminate the state income tax. This will give business more money and with more money they may hire more people.
<b>Government budget</b>	Eliminate waste. There is so much that can be done in that area.
<b>Children and youth</b>	Make school interesting and engaging. Eliminate Common Core.
<b>Community health/safety</b>	Healthcare costs are out of control. Lack of insurance is not the problem, extreme costs are. Waste in healthcare, silly lawsuits that cause malpractice insurance to be expensive, etc. all contribute to high costs.
<b>Community growth/quality of life</b>	Reduction of taxes will give business and people more money to spend and invest.
<b>Most important role of government</b>	Protect the people of the State from corrupt Federal laws and regulations. Provide infrastructure. Spend money wisely. Provide money for public education.

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<b>Way candidate will help leaders to collaborate</b>	As a Libertarian, I will be able to work with legislators from both parties and bring the best ideas to the table.
<b>At end of term, biggest accomplishment will be</b>	Elimination of the State Income Tax and replacing it with a sales tax.
<b>What else should people know about you?</b>	This is probably the best opportunity for a member of the Libertarian Party to get elected to the General Assembly that has ever been in this state. It is an open seat, and I only have one opponent.



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<b>Education</b>	Masters
<b>Political viewpoint</b>	Conservative/Moderate
<b>Favorite news source</b>	MSNBC/CNN/Fox
<b>Grew up in</b>	Savannah, GA
<b>Youth interests in civics, government, and leadership</b>	Leadership
<b>Community involvement and leadership experience</b>	

<b>First issue I will tackle</b>	Education will be the first thing I go after if elected. Having many teachers in my family has made me realize the issues these teachers face and see the impact that education has on young people as they go through their lives.
<b>How I will impact...</b>	
<b>Education</b>	When it comes to education there are several things I'd like to accomplish; I'd like to raise teacher pay, Help to improve the school systems by having more opportunities to involve parents and also would like to create more school/work programs where students get more real life hands on experience.
<b>Economy</b>	At the root of the economy is the education system. If people are better educated (whether it is through degrees or through tech programs) they will have better opportunity to be employed. I'd also like to create incentives for businesses in NC. If we have an educated workforce with no job opportunities than those jobs will go elsewhere. As a government we need to create tax incentives so more businesses will relocate here.
<b>Government budget</b>	Budgets are very simple, spend less money than you take in (taxes). We see wasteful government spending everyday. If elected I will work to decrease the amount of wasteful spending and instead use that hard earned tax money on investment

	projects.
<b>Children and youth</b>	There are a great deal of low income families and single parents. These single parents have to work in order to provide and in doing so cant always be with their children in the afternoons. I will work to increase the number of after school programs so a single mother working till 6 will know her child is safe after school. These educational and fun after school programs will benefit the parents, the schools and the local people.
<b>Community health/safety</b>	Healthcare is a big issue right now. People who cant afford healthcare pay huge out of pocket prices to hospitals. We need to make healthcare affordable. We need to tweak and make better the healthcare act which was recently initiated.
<b>Community growth/quality of life</b>	Creating more opportunities for businesses to grow and move to NC, making more after school programs available to children, getting better education for those growing up and making healthcare more affordable will all impact quality of life. These will all improve the growth of NC and the quality of life of its people.
<b>Most important role of government</b>	State government needs to help create an environment which is conducive to creating new jobs and opportunities.
<b>Way candidate will help leaders to collaborate</b>	Being a more moderate conservative I believe that I will be able to better cross party lines and help bring more unity to government. After all we are born as Americans, not as Republicans and Democrats.
<b>At end of term, biggest accomplishment will be</b>	Improved education system and opportunities will be my biggest accomplishment. With this young adults graduating will have some real life experience, more children will be in productive after school programs, and more parents will be involved.
<b>What else should people know about you?</b>	I accumulated over \$110k in student loans while putting myself through undergrad and graduate school along with working full time. I know that getting an education is a big challenge for many of us. I will do everything in my power to make it where students don't have to struggle the way I did. Education should be more accessible to the people.

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<b>Education</b>	BSN
<b>Political viewpoint</b>	Issue Oriented
<b>Favorite news source</b>	CNN
<b>Grew up in</b>	Charlotte
<b>Youth interests in civics, government, and leadership</b>	History
<b>Community involvement and leadership experience</b>	Activist

<b>First issue I will tackle</b>	My first issue this past session was equal pay. I will continue to work on this issue. I will also continue work on Suicide Prevention legislation that I introduced this past session.
<b>How I will impact...</b>	
<b>Education</b>	I support public education and our educators. I will continue to advocate strongly not to cut anymore teachers and teacher assistants from our class rooms.
<b>Economy</b>	I support creating jobs for our state, and want to see more industries invest in NC by relocating here, and investing more in the workforce that is available locally.
<b>Government budget</b>	This past session I stood for no additional cuts to our statewide public libraries. This cut was in the Appropriations Subcommittee General Government which I serve on in the North Carolina General Assembly. I will continue to advocate for our public libraries.
<b>Children and youth</b>	I will continue to work closely with youth and children advocates to keep the focus on early childhood development issues.
<b>Community health/safety</b>	I will continue to work closely with youth and children advocates to get suicide prevention legislation.
<b>Community growth/quality of life</b>	I am always concern about our environment and how we can do better to protect our water, and other vital natural resources. I

	will continue to support clean air and clean water initiatives.
<b>Most important role of government</b>	To assist with developing laws that enhance quality of life for all of their citizens. As well as, budget state revenue dollars in a fair, transparent, and responsible way.
<b>Way candidate will help leaders to collaborate</b>	Be a good listener and observer while building relationships. Relationships are built on trust, I will continue to work with my colleagues on issues that we have a common interest in for the betterment of the citizens of North Carolina.
<b>At end of term, biggest accomplishment will be</b>	I have learned a lot during my first term, and I am sure there is more to learn. My biggest accomplishment was learning the process of how to get a bill drafted and introducing it on the floor, learning all my colleagues names and faces, and building relationships.
<b>What else should people know about you?</b>	I am very issue oriented and a critical thinker.