



## NC TECH LEADERSHIP SUMMIT AGENDA

*Impact of Talent, Innovation & Leadership on Tech Sector Growth*

August 10-11, 2017 • Grandover Resort • Greensboro, NC

### Thursday, August 10

- 4:00 pm      **Board of Directors Meeting** (*invitation only*)
- 5:30 pm      **Private Reception – Board of Directors & Board of Advisors** (*invitation only*)
- 6:30 pm      **Welcome Reception**
- 7:30 pm      **Dinner**
- Keynote: [Chris Heivly](#), Author, *Build the Fort*, Entrepreneur in Residence - Techstars**  
                 ➤ Start-ups, Start-up Communities and North Carolina
- 9:00 pm      **Leaders on the Lawn Reception**

### Friday, August 11

- 8:30 am      **Registration & Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00 am      **Welcome / Announcements**
- 9:15 am      **Opening Keynote: [Mike Dundas](#), SVP Manufacturing Operations Engineering – Dell Technologies**  
                 ➤ Developing, Retaining and Inspiring Talent in the Supply Chain
- 9:45 am      **Talent Panel – Impacts of Data Science on Business Today and Tomorrow**  
Every sector of our economy now has access to more data than would have been imaginable a decade ago. Today's businesses are accumulating new data at a rate that exceeds their capacity to mine value from it. The question facing every organization is how to use data effectively — not just their own data, but all of the data that's available and relevant.
- Moderator: [Dr. Daniel McGurrin](#), Director, Executive Education, Poole College of Management – NC State University**
- Panelists:**  
                 ➤ [Jared Dean](#), Principle Data Scientist – SAS Institute  
                 ➤ [Akash Ganapathi](#), Co-Founder and CEO – Trill Analytics  
                 ➤ [Dr. Michael Kowolenko](#), Director of the Next Generation IT Lab (ITng) and Industry Fellow in the Center of Innovation Management Studies – NC State University  
                 ➤ [Lee Solomon](#), Sr. Director, IT Strategy & Planning – VF Corporation
- 10:45 am      **Break**

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## NCTA LEADERSHIP RETREAT AGENDA

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### Friday, August 11 (continued)

11:00 am

#### **Leadership Panel - New Technology Adoption: Opportunities and Challenges**

The rapid pace of advances in technology (e.g. virtualization, cloud, mobile/IoT, social media, big data analytics) offers opportunities for improved business processes, better customer acquisition and engagement, and more. But those same advances can present challenges or increased risk (security, amplification of adverse customer sentiment, and more). How do leaders capitalize on opportunities and mitigate risks as they innovate and grow their organizations?

**Moderator:** [Phil Olivero](#), CTO – Lighttower Fiber Networks

#### **Panelists:**

- [Morgan Kurk](#), CTO, CommScope
- [Dean Thevaos](#), Director, Software Engineering, LendingTree
- [Mark Wright](#), Sr Vice President, Information Technology, LabCorp
- [Karl Owen](#), Distinguished Engineer, Dell EMC

12:00 pm

#### **Lunch / Keynote – Mid-Year Economic Forecast**

- [Mark Vitner](#), Sr. Economist – Wells Fargo

1:30 pm

#### **Closing Announcements / Adjourn**