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Statewide Leaders in Rocky Mount on Monday, 2/16: Media Advisory from TFA NC

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MEDIA ADVISORY

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Bright Futures, Bold Innovations:

State Superintendent Mo Green and State Teacher of the Year to Join Statewide Executive Director of Teach For America (TFA) NC for Education Panel in Rocky Mount on Monday, February 16

WHAT: In partnership with the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce, **Superintendent Mo Green, Rachel Candaso, and Robyn Fehrman** will discuss the technology, transformative ideas, and visionary leadership shaping the future of education for North Carolina's students. **There is press availability at 5:15 PM prior to the panel.**

WHO: *Maurice "Mo" Green*, NC's Superintendent of Public Instruction

Robyn Fehrman, TFA North Carolina Executive Director

Rachel Candaso, 2025 Burroughs Wellcome Fund North Carolina Teacher of the Year and 2020 alumna of TFA Eastern North Carolina

TFA's teachers, alumni, staff, and supporters

WHEN: [Monday, February 16, 2026](#)

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

There is press availability at 5:15 PM prior to the panel.

WHERE: [Rocky Mount Event Center](#)

[285 NE Main St. Rocky Mount, NC 27801](#)

Free parking is available at the Rocky Mount Event Center

WHY: With over 2,000 teaching vacancies [on the first day of school in NC](#) this year, TFA's work to recruit, train, and develop extraordinary leaders is more urgent than ever. Moreover, TFA's work to transform education and expand opportunities is more essential than ever, especially as artificial intelligence (AI) reshapes teaching and learning.

TFA NC's statewide executive director Robyn Fehrman will offer her perspective on these vital issues alongside NC's Superintendent of Public Instruction and NC's statewide teacher of the year. Attendees will leave feeling informed, inspired, and prepared to pursue an excellent education for all children.

HOW: For interviews or [additional information](#), please contact Lucy Russell Pittman at 919-740-9018 or Lucy.RP@TeachForAmerica.org

About Teach For America

Teach For America works in partnership with communities across the country to reach the "One Day" when every child has access to an excellent education. Founded in 1990, Teach For America finds, develops, and supports extraordinary leaders to transform education and expand opportunity for all children. These extraordinary leaders expand opportunity for children from classrooms, schools, and every sector and field that impacts a young person's education. Today, Teach For America is a force of over 72,000 alumni, corps members, and Ignite tutoring fellows working in pursuit of profound change so that "One Day" every child has the opportunity to learn, lead, thrive, and co-create a future filled with possibility. Teach For America is a proud member

of the AmeriCorps national service network. For more information, visit www.teachforamerica.org and follow us on [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Instagram](#).

About Teach For America North Carolina

TFA North Carolina serves tens of thousands of students each year through its Ignite tutoring Fellowship, two-year teaching corps, and alumni leadership development work. TFA NC has recruited over 4,300 first-year teachers to the Old North State since 1990, who collectively taught more than 255,000 students in their first year of teaching alone. Through innovative local programming and professional development opportunities, TFA North Carolina also continues to support alumni leaders of TFA, including teacher leaders, school leaders, and leaders pursuing child-centered solutions across every sector and field. Learn more through TFA NC's 18-page [2024-2025 impact report](#), 2.5-minute 35th anniversary [video](#), and statewide [LinkedIn](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

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One Day, all children will have the opportunity to attain an excellent education.

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