

Education: What the North Carolina Candidates for U.S. Senate Say

U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole, R-N.C.
Salisbury; first elected to U.S. Senate in 2002; Committees: Aging, Armed Services, Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Small Business and Enterprise; former secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation and Department of Labor



No Child Left Behind: Dole supports accountability measures, but wants to re-evaluate current testing measures she considers unreasonable

Teachers' support: Dole wants to promote programs such as Teach for America and Troops to Teachers and to link teacher salaries to classroom performance

Classrooms: Dole wants to reduce class sizes and promote the latest technology in the classroom, especially in low-income rural and urban districts

Alternative schools: Dole supports alternative educational options, including charter and magnet schools, and allowing parents to decide what sort of education to give their children

Achievement gap: Dole cited closing the "achievement gap" between white and minority students as a top priority

Legislative record on education: Dole sponsored a 2007 bill that would have provided a student loan program for stu-

dents enrolled in workforce development tracks. The bill did not pass, but provisions were incorporated into the College Opportunity and Affordability Act of 2008, for which Dole voted. She voted for the GI Bill, which funds higher education opportunities for servicemen and servicewomen. She voted against increasing the maximum Pell Grant.

There are no educational endorsements.

N.C. Sen. Kay Hagan, D-Guilford
Greensboro; first elected to N.C. Senate in 1998; Committees: Appropriations, Education/Public Instruction, Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship, and Health Care; Guilford County Campaign Manager for former Gov. Jim Hunt



No Child Left Behind: Hagan wants to fully fund the program, use it to measure schools' improvements, provide more flexibility in implementation and give more guidance to schools not meeting standards

Teachers' support: Hagan supports incentives for teachers in disadvantaged areas, more funding for Teach for America and adequate salaries

Workforce development: Hagan wants to increase funding for

community college and workforce development programs in the state

Access to college: Hagan wants to simplify the education tax credit, control tuition costs, reduce interest rates on college loans, fully fund Pell grants and provide forgiveness loans for graduates in the health profession, military and educators

Legislative record on education: While Chairwoman of the N.C. Budget Committee, Hagan

wrote budgets that increased teacher pay by an average of 21 percent; she has also supported dropout prevention programs and efforts to reduce class sizes and expansion of Learn and Earn schools, which allow students to complete a community college degree while still in high school

Relevant endorsements: The N.C. Association of Educators, the union that represents the state's teachers, has endorsed Hagan for her senatorial campaign.

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Teresa Perez, a doctoral candidate in the philosophy department, practices yoga in the Coker Arboretum on Monday. "It's beautiful," said Perez, "today's weather is nice for practice." Perez practices her hour-and-a-half routine in the arboretum about once a month.

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STV

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25 years, STV's fall lineup includes new episodes of seven returning shows and one debut show.

The new show, titled "Carolina Style," is designed to showcase individuality at the University with an emphasis on fashion, said junior Perrine DeShield, the show's creator and producer.

"Carolina Style" is here to help your personal style blossom," DeShield said. "You can't define Carolina style in a single style."

The fall season premiere week starts Oct. 20.

"Shows are going to really grab people and get them excited about student TV," Harper said.

"It would be a nice way to end the year after restoring the studio to its full potential."

ERIC ELLINGTON, STATION MANAGER

Ellington also spoke about the possibility of producing a movie at the end of the year.

"It would be a nice way to end the year after restoring the studio to its full potential."

Advertising the changes will likely be important in meeting their goals. Several students said they would be more likely to watch the station if they were more aware of show information.

"I flip past it," said Nikki Moreno,

a sophomore journalism and mass communication major. Moreno suggested the station reach out to students though more advertising and publicity.

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said.

In the first meeting, the mentor gauges the worker's English proficiency level. The pair then begins working on skills the worker wants to learn.

Each pair could have an entirely different curriculum, Toler said. But the objective remains the same.

The tutoring program aims to give them skills that allow them to communicate better with co-workers and bosses, creating a safer, more productive workplace, he said.

The program also tries to bridge the gap between students and workers and make workers feel welcome on campus.

"We want to build these relationships with the whole UNC community — not just teachers and students," Zepeda said.

But the program is also beneficial for students, Toler said. Not only do they gain teaching experience, but they also form close relationships with their worker.

"It's not just about teaching them English but about developing that relationship with them," said Toler, who has been tutoring the same worker since he entered the program two years ago.

"In the hour that we have, we easily spend 15-20 minutes talking about life in general. We've definitely gotten really close."

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"This just means people just have to watch their credit and make good choices, which I don't think is a bad thing," Hayes said.

This lack of loans has affected the affordable housing market.

Bailey said market-rate affordable homes have not moved as fast as Empowerment would like, but the group is looking at the bright side.

Renovations occurring at their Northside and Pine Knolls properties lend some hope for the future.

"People will always want to move to Chapel Hill," she said.

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