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Kelly Andrews

Andrews joined the Pitt County Development Commission in 2006 as assistant director with a focus on industrial recruitment and marketing. In October 2020, she was named the executive director. She has 18 years of experience in economic and workforce development. Andrews holds degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, East Carolina University, and the Economic Development Institute. She recently became a certified economic developer through the International Economic Development Council.



Michelle P. Logan

Logan joined Thermo Fisher Scientific with the acquisition of Patheon in 2017. With more than 20 years in the pharmaceutical industry, she has held multiple roles within the organization leading sterile injectable, oral solid dose, and quality business units. In addition to her experience at Thermo Fisher Scientific, Logan led the quality organization for a medical device company, Coeur Inc., and was part of the external manufacturing quality organization for GlaxoSmithKline. Logan graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



Mark Phillips

Phillips has more than 35 years experience in the areas of management, including human resources, finance, customer service, external/governmental relations, marketing and sales, and economic development in the electric, telecommunication and pharmaceutical industries. Phillips has been employed with the North Carolina Biotechnology Center since September 2009. In his current role as vice president of statewide operations, he is responsible for the oversight and coordination of five regional statewide offices and their activities. He also performs the duties as the executive director in the eastern region in which he is responsible for positioning biotechnology in the entire 27 county region of eastern North Carolina, with short and long-term economic development goals through projects and strategies stimulating the development of biotechnology.

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Christy Weeks

Weeks has more than 20 years of experience in the biotechnology industry and higher education and has served a chair of Pitt Community College's Biotechnology Department since 2002. She developed the college's biotechnology AAS degree curriculum, working closely with multiple community stakeholders including local biopharma industry members and East Carolina University. Prior to working at PCC, she was employed as a research lab technician at the Brody School of Medicine at ECU and as an assistant scientist at Paradigm Genetics in Research Triangle Park. Weeks graduated from ECU with a bachelor's in biology and a master's in molecular biology and biotechnology.



Keith Wheeler

Wheeler, a retired U.S. Navy captain, earned his master's degree in national security and strategic studies from the U.S. Naval War College. Wheeler serves as the executive director of national security and industry initiatives. The Manteo native has held numerous leadership positions in the Navy, including commanding officer of U.S.S. McInerney where he led the Navy's first at-sea autonomous flight tests of the Fire Scout unmanned aerial vehicle. Wheeler also served as the chief of staff at DARPA — the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency charged with creating breakthrough technologies and capabilities for national security.