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TREASURER COWELL ANNOUNCES STUDENT DEBT TOUR

State Treasurer to speak to North Carolina college communities about managing credit and debt

RALEIGH – State Treasurer Janet Cowell announced today that she will be visiting several college campuses across North Carolina to educate students on credit card use and debt. Cowell will also learn first-hand about financial issues concerning students including the affordability of attending college.

Last year, 84 percent of college students had at least one credit card, with half of these students owning more than four. Average balances on student credit cards have risen to a record high of \$3,200.

Cowell will discuss the dangers of using credit cards for financing education, engage with students, meet with university leaders and discover the biggest obstacles facing citizens in affording a college education.

“My hope is to learn more about what can be done to help students and families,” Cowell said. “This opportunity will provide a basis to develop initiatives that will assist North Carolinians.”

The tour is presented in conjunction with Generation Engage, a nonpartisan, non-profit organization that empowers young adults with the access and resources they need to become active, engaged participants in their communities.

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A tour schedule is included.



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STUDENT DEBT TOUR State Treasurer Janet Cowell

Tuesday, August 25 - Wake Technical Community College
Student Services Building
Room 215 - Wake Tech Conference Center
9101 Fayetteville Road
Raleigh, NC 27603
2:30-4:00 pm

Wednesday, August 26 - Alamance Community College
Wallace W. Gee Building Boardroom, Room G-222
1247 Jimmie Kerr Rd
Haw River, NC
2:00 – 3:30PM

Thursday, August 27 - Fayetteville State University
C. J. Barber Administration Building
Chancellor's Office, Room 256
1200 Murchison Rd
Fayetteville, NC 28301
10:30AM – Noon

Friday, August 28 - High Point University
833 Montlieu Ave
High Point, NC 27262
10:30AM – 11:45AM, Campus Tour
Noon – 1:30 PM, Luncheon with students

Friday, August 28 - Johnson C. Smith University
100 Beatties Ford Rd
Charlotte, NC 28216
3:00 – 4:30 PM