

Pride of The Triangle Area

Awards and Accolades of Raleigh, Cary, Durham, Chapel Hill and other Local Area Honors

Our local community has received many accolades regarding our entrepreneurial, dynamic economy, schools and great quality of life including:

2011

- Raleigh-Durham for Front of Line Among US Technology Hubs - Newsweek, January 2011
- Raleigh-Durham for Least Residentially Segregated - Census Bureau, February 2011
- #3 Raleigh for Best Places for Bargain Retirement - Forbes, February 1, 2011
- #2 Brain Magnet in the Nation (Raleigh-Cary) - Forbes, February 2011
- #3 America's Cleanest Cities (Raleigh-Cary) - Forbes, March 2011
- 50 Best Hospitals in America (Rex Hospital, Raleigh) - Becker's Hospital Review, March 2011
- #1 Raleigh-Cary - Healthiest Markets for 2011 - Builder Magazine, March 2011
- #3 Durham-Chapel Hill - Builder Magazine, March 2011
- #1 Raleigh - Nation's Most Sustainable Mid-Size Community - US Chamber of Commerce, April 2011
- #7 Top Metro for Small Business (Raleigh-Cary) - Portfolio.com/bizjournals, April 2011
- #3 Best Labor Market for Young Adults (Raleigh-Cary) - Portfolio.com/bizjournals, April 2011
- #1 Fastest-Growing City in North Carolina: Cary - Bloomberg Businessweek, May 19, 2011
- #1 Raleigh for Best Places for Business and Careers - Forbes, June 2011
- #3 America's Top Best State for Business, North Carolina - CNBC, June 29, 2011
- #2 The Next Big Boom Towns in the US, Raleigh - Forbes, July 7, 2011
- #4 Raleigh for Top 100 Overall Places to Live - RelocateAmerica.com, August 2011
- #1 Raleigh for America's Best City - Bloomberg Businessweek, September 20, 2011

2010

- #1 Raleigh for America's Most Wired Cities - Forbes, March 2, 2010
- #3 Raleigh for Best Place in the Country for Business and Careers - Forbes, April 2010
- Raleigh-Cary for Top 5 Nation's Strongest Job Market - Business Week, July 15, 2010
- Cary for Top 25 Best Places to Live - CNN Money, August 2010
- #1 Wake County Great School in Nation - GreatSchools.com, August 2010
- Raleigh for Top 10 Best Places to Raise a Family - Kiplinger.com, August 31, 2010
- #1 Raleigh-Cary for 10 Markets Most Likely to Appreciate - Forbes, September 2010
- #1 Raleigh for Fastest Growing City - Mianstreet.com, September 25, 2010
- #3 Durham for Biggest Increase in Wages - Mainstreet.com, September 25, 2010
- #10 Raleigh for Best Cities, It's All About the Job - Kiplinger.com, September, 2010
- #4 Raleigh for America's Smartest Cities - CNNMoney.com, October 1, 2010
- #3 North Carolina as Best for Business - Forbes, October 14, 2010

- #1 Cary for Safest City in the Southeast - Triangle Business Journal, November 2010

2009

- #1 Cary for Safest Place in the State to Live, Work and Raise a Family - CQ Press, November 2009
- #5 Cary for Safest City in Metro Areas - Morgan Quitno Awards, 2009
- #1 Raleigh-Durham for America's Smartest Cities - The Daily Beast, October 2009
- #10 Raleigh/Triangle for 10 Best Cities - Kiplinger's Personal Finance, 2009
- #1 Raleigh Top City for Small Business - Bizjournals, February 2009
- #3 Raleigh for Best Places to Launch Small Business - CNNMoney.com, October 2009
- #1 Raleigh for Best Metro Areas for Business and Careers - Forbes Magazine, 2009
- #5 Raleigh-Durham for Leading Life Science Clusters in the US - Milken Institute, May 2009
- #1 Raleigh for City Where Americans are Relocating - Forbes, April 2009
- #8 Cary for - America's Top Best Places to Move - Forbes, July 2009
- #8 Raleigh-Durham for Next Hot Youth-Magnet Cities - The Wall Street Journal, September 2009
- #3 Raleigh-Durham-Cary for Highest Percentage of Adults with at least a Bachelor, Degree / #4 for Master's Degree or Higher / #6 for Adults with Doctorate/Professional Degree - US Census Bureau, September 2009
- #5 Raleigh-Durham for Metro for Best Quality of Life - Business Facilities, August 2009
- #6 Raleigh for Healthiest Housing Market - Builderonline.com, February 2009
- #1 Raleigh-Cary for Fastest-Growing Metropolitan Area in the Country - US Census Bureau, March 2009
- #18 Raleigh-Cary for MSA with Highest Rate of House Price Appreciation - Federal Housing Finance Agency, February 2009

2008

- #1 Raleigh for Best Place for Business and Careers - Forbes.com, March 2008
- #5 America's Recession-Proof Cities - Forbes Magazine, April 2008
- #9 Best Cities for Jobs - Forbes Magazine, January 11, 2008
- #2 Raleigh for Best City for Bargain House-Hunters - Forbes, February 2008
- Top 5 Strongest Real Estate Market (Raleigh-Cary) - Veros.com, January 2008
- #3 Raleigh for Most Wired City - Forbes, January 2008

2007

- #1 Raleigh for Top Home Sellers Market - Forbes Magazine, June 22, 2007
- #1 Raleigh for Best Places for Business and Careers - Forbes Magazine, April 5, 2007
- #14 Apex for Best Places to Live - Money Magazine, 2007

- Raleigh for Top 3 Most-Educated Cities in America - Census Bureau
- Top Ten Tech Town (Raleigh-Durham, NC) - Wired Magazine, January 2007
- #1 School District in the Nation for Certified Teachers (Wake County) - National Board of Certified Teachers, January 2007
- Gold Rating (Wake County Schools) - Expansion Management's Education Quotient, January 2007

2006

- #1 Best City for Women Entrepreneurs (Raleigh-Cary, NC) - AllBusiness.com, November 2006
- #8 Safest City (Cary, NC) - Morgan Quitno Press, October 2006
- #13 Overall Quality of Life (Raleigh-Durham, NC) - Business Development Outlook, September/October 2006
- #9 Health Ranking #15 Climate Ranking #1 Area Overall (Raleigh-Durham, NC) - Tampa Bay Partnership Regional Economic Scorecard, September 2006
- #6 Area for Relocating Singles (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) - Primacy Relocation, October 2006
- #1 Area for Tech Business (Raleigh-Durham, NC) - Silicon Valley Leadership Group, September 2006
- #3 Best City for Entrepreneurs (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) - Entrepreneur.com, August 2006
- #10 Fastest Growing MSA (Raleigh-Cary, NC) - US Census Bureau, July 2000 - July 2005 (August 2006)
- #3 Top Metro Overall (Raleigh-Cary, NC) - Expansion Management Mayor's Challenge, August 2006
- #12 Best Sports City (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) - The Sporting News, August 2006
- #4 Greatest Home Price Appreciation Market (Raleigh-Durham, NC) - Veros, July 2006
- #6 Best City for Singles (Raleigh-Durham, NC) - Forbes.com, July 2006
- 5-Star Business Metro for Business Expansion (Raleigh, NC) - Expansion Management, July/August 2006
- #13 Fastest Growing Cities (Raleigh, NC) - US Census Bureau, June 2006
- #6 Brainiest Mid-sized Metro (Raleigh, NC) - Bizjournal, June 2006
- 5-Star Quality of Life Metro (Raleigh, NC) - Expansion Management "Quality of Life Quotient", May/June 2006
- #2 Best Place for Business & Careers (Raleigh, NC) - Forbes, May 2006
- #13 Boom Town (Raleigh, NC) - Inc. Magazine, May 2006
- Top 10 Projected Home Appreciation Market (Raleigh, NC) - MSN.com, April 2006
- Top 20 Business Schools (Duke University #11, UNC-CH #20) - US News and World Report, 2006
- #2 Best Value Public Colleges (North Carolina State University) - Princeton Review, March 2006

- #1 Highest Growth County in NC (Wake County, NC) - US Census Bureau, March 2006
- #1 City for Federally Funded Economic Development Incentives (Raleigh, NC) - Public Policy Forum, March 2006
- #10 Best Walking City (Raleigh, NC) - Prevention, March 2006
- #16 Hottest City for Business Relocation & Expansion (Raleigh-Cary, NC) - Expansion Management, February 2006
- #3 Most Educated City (Raleigh, NC) - American Community Survey, US Census Bureau, 2004 (Released January 2006)
- #3 Best US City for Bargains (Raleigh-Durham, NC) - Hotwire Travel Value Index, January 2006

2005

- #10 Safest City (Cary, NC) - Morgan Quitno Press, November 2005
- #7 Richest City (Raleigh, NC) - Forbes, November 2005
- Top 20 Best Places to Live, Work and Play (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) - Homebuilder.com,

November 2005

- #5 Best Inner City for Small Businesses (Raleigh, NC) - Small Business Administration, November 2005
- Top Ten Fast Cities/Hubs for Creative Class Talent (Raleigh-Durham, NC) - Fast Company, October 2005
- #3 Best Large Metro Areas for New Businesses and Entrepreneurs (Raleigh-Durham, NC) - National Policy Research Council, October 2005
- #1 Area for Tech Business (Raleigh-Durham, NC) - Silicon Valley Leadership Group, September 2005
- Top "Seven Cool Cities" for Young Professionals (Raleigh, NC) - Kiplinger's Personal Finance, October 2005
- #3 Hottest City for Entrepreneurs (Raleigh-Durham, NC) - Expansion Management, August 2005
- #12 Top Real Estate Market (Raleigh-Durham, NC) - Expansion Management, August 2005
- Top Ten Best Budget Weekend City (Raleigh-Durham, NC) - MSN City Guides, August 2005
- Five-Star Business Opportunity Metro (Raleigh-Cary, NC) - Expansion Management, July 2005
- #2 Schools that Rock (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) - Rolling Stone, July 2005
- #4 Best City for Singles (Raleigh-Durham, NC) - Forbes, July 2005
- Top 20 Business Opportunity Metro (Raleigh-Cary, NC) - Expansion Management, July 2005

- #5 Knowledgeable Workforce (Raleigh-Cary, NC) - Expansion Management, July 2005
- #1 Fastest Growing Life Science Workforce / #5 Overall Life Science Cluster - Milken Institute, June 2005
- #17 Healthiest City (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) - Sperlings Best Places, June 2005
- #2 Best Place for Business and Careers, (Raleigh-Durham, NC) - Forbes, May 2005
- #2 Most Educated City (Raleigh, NC) - US Census Bureau-American Community Survey, 2003 Survey, (Released April 2005)
- #2 Best Public Education System (Raleigh-Cary, NC) - Expansion Management, April 2005
- #1 Fastest Growing Life Science Workforce / #5 Overall Life Science Cluster - Milken Institute, June 2005
- #8 High-Tech City (Raleigh, NC) - Popular Science, February 2005 Science
- #17 Healthiest City (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) - Sperlings Best Places, June 2005 Places
- #8 Most Wired City (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) - Intel Annual Survey, 2005 Survey Five Star

Knowledge-Worker Metro

- #7 Best Educated Workforce
- #10 Top Metro for University R&D Spending
- #7 Top Metro-Scientists and Engineers Per Capita (Raleigh-Cary, NC) - Expansion Management, May 2005 Management
- Top Five Most Innovation-Entrepreneurial Regions (Raleigh, NC) - US Small Business Administration, April 2005
- Top 50 5-Star City for Quality of Life (Raleigh-Cary, NC) - Expansion Management Quality of Life Quotient, March 2005

2004

- #2 Best Place for Business (Raleigh-Durham, NC) - Forbes, May 2004
- #4 Best City for Entrepreneurs and Small Business - Gold Guide, May 2004
- #6 Best Public School System (Raleigh - Durham -Chapel Hill MSA) - Expansion Management's MSA Education Quotient Rankings, April 2004
- #1 City with the Happiest Workers (Raleigh, NC) - Hudson Employment Index, March 2004
- #3 High Value Labor Market Quotient 2004 - Expansion Management, March 2004
- #4 City That Rocks (Raleigh, NC) - Esquire, April 2004
- #6 Least Expensive Midsize Metro Area for Businesses (Raleigh, NC) - KPMG LLP, February 2004

- 2004 National Superintendent of the Year (Bill McNeal, Wake County Public Schools) - American Association of School Administrators, 2004
- #3 Best Education In The Biggest Cities (Wake County Schools) - Forbes, February 2004
- #1 Hottest Job Market (Raleigh-Durham-Chapel Hill, NC) - Business 2.0, March 2004
- Hottest Town in the East (Cary, NC) - Money magazine, January 2004
- #6 Most Fun City - Cranium, January 2004
- #4 Top State for New Business Sites and Facilities - Plants, Sites & Parks, January 2004
- #13 Hottest Cities (Raleigh-Durham, NC) - Expansion Management, January 2004

2003

- #1 Best Place to Live - MSN House & Home, July 2003
- #1 Best Place to Live & Work - Employment Review, June 2003
- #9 Best City for Corporate Headquarters - Business Facilities, April 2003
- #3 Best Place to Reinvent Your Life - AARP magazine, May/June 2003
- #4 Top Metro for 2003 - Plants, Sites & Parks, March 2003
- #1 Best City for Education - Places Rated Almanac, Millennium Edition
- #1 Fastest Growing Local Online Population - Nielson/Netratings Report, February 2003