

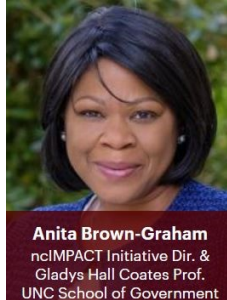
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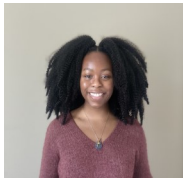
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## Andrea Harris Legacy Award

Anita Brown-Graham is the first ever recipient of the Triangle Business Journal's Andrea Harris Legacy Award. This award was established in memory of Andrea Harris to honor her legacy and to promote the Triangle minority business community. Brown-Graham exemplifies Andrea's legacy in both her passion and successful body of work, and she has already vowed to continue her mission of building bridges between businesses, corporations, and communities of color. Anita Brown-Graham is currently serving as the nIMPACT Initiative Director and Gladys Hall Coates Professor at UNC School of Government. Congratulations!



## Farwell Leila & Anousone



Leila Coe, a rising senior at East Carolina University, served as an intern for the HUB Office since May. Leila has participated in several projects including: edifying webinars, coordinating for the Black Business Forum, offering tech support for online events, and creating interactive maps. "Interning at HUB has opened my eyes to a side of diversity and inclusion that I've never experienced before," said Leila.

The HUB Office would like to thank Leila for her outstanding work!

Anousone Kettisack, HUB Administrative Assistant is also bidding farewell to the HUB Office. She has accepted a new position with the NC Department of Commerce. HUB would like to thank Anousone for her contributions to the office's administrative operations!



## NC Research & Engagement Group Hosts Community Forum



NC Research & Engagement Group, LLC partnered with the HUB Office to offer two community engagement forums on July 23rd and July 24th in Warren County. During the forum, the 2020 HUB Disparity Study was reviewed and the forum participated in discussions on how to expand HUB participation. HUB Director

Tammie Hall also shared her vision moving forward and how to address the disparities that have been identified. [Read more.](#)

## HUB Awarded \$385,000 Grant to Establish MBDA Center

The HUB Office has been awarded a 5-year grant in the amount of \$385,000 from the U.S.



Commerce Department to establish and operate the NC Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA). The program will aid in the growth of North Carolina's minority businesses and assist in the areas of business development and capacity building.

"Diverse businesses are critical to the success of our state's communities and economy," said Governor Roy Cooper. "This Center will help historically underutilized businesses grow and create more jobs as North Carolina emerges from this pandemic stronger than ever." NC Department of Administration Secretary Pamela B. Cashwell added that "This grant could not have come at a better time as it will provide much needed support to minority-owned businesses disproportionately impacted by the pandemic."

"I am excited and honored that the NC Office for Historically Underutilized Businesses has been awarded this significant grant to expand on our support of minority business owners who are crucial to our economic recovery post pandemic," said NC HUB Director Tammie Hall. "The recovery of MBE firms will be a marathon and not a sprint, which is why this funding over the next five years will be vital."

Read the entire [press release.](#)

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