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**New UNC System President to Headline Wilmington Chamber Annual Meeting**

Wilmington, N.C.—Area business leaders will hear from Margaret Spellings, newly appointed UNC system president, during the Wilmington Chamber’s 149<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held on Friday, April 22, 2016, from 2:00-4:00 pm at the Wilmington Convention Center (515 Nutt Street).

Spellings served as U.S. Secretary of Education under George W. Bush. During her tenure she led the implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act, a national bipartisan initiative to provide greater accountability for the education of 50 million U.S. public school students. In addition, she launched a national conversation on the future of higher education that resulted in an action plan to address challenges of access, affordability, quality, and accountability of our nation’s colleges and universities.

Spellings will discuss her plans for the University of North Carolina system among other topics. In addition to the keynote address, Wilmington Chamber Chairman Mitch Lamm will discuss the Chamber’s 2016 focus areas. A reception will follow the business portion of the Annual Meeting.

Attendance at the Annual Meeting is open to Wilmington Chamber of Commerce members at a cost of \$45 per person. Attendance for non-Chamber members will be available on a space-available basis at the same cost. Non-members should call Megan Canny, member services director, at 910.762.2611 ext. 202 or [canny@wilmingtonchamber.org](mailto:canny@wilmingtonchamber.org) for reservations.

Registration for Chamber members is available online at <http://www.cvent.com/d/tfgw1c>.

Media interested in attending the Chamber Annual Meeting should RSVP to Scott Czechlewski at 910.762.2611 ext. 216 or [czechlewski@wilmingtonchamber.org](mailto:czechlewski@wilmingtonchamber.org).

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