



## **\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\***

### **Dr. John T. Crawford to Receive Prestigious Honors at Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners Meeting**

**WHO:** Dr. John T. Crawford, Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, and Greater Step Scholars

**WHAT:** At the next meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, Dr. Crawford will be presented with the Order of the Hornet in recognition of his outstanding achievements with the Greater Steps Scholars program, which has provided post-secondary scholarships to **1,000** youth in Mecklenburg County. Additionally, Governor Roy Cooper's office will award him with the Order of the Long Leaf Pine in recognition of his more than **40 years** of dedicated service to Mecklenburg County's youth.

**WHEN** **Tuesday, February 20, 2024**  
6:00 pm

**WHERE:** ***Charlotte-Mecklenburg Government Center***  
600 E. Fourth St.  
Charlotte, NC 28202

**WHY:** Dr. Crawford's unwavering commitment to utilizing education to empower marginalized youth has had a significant and enduring effect on the community. The acknowledgment he will receive will serve as a testament to both his accomplishments and the value of supporting programs such as Greater Steps Scholars, which are essential in creating a more promising future for generations to come.

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#### **About Dr. John T. Crawford**

As the founder of Greater Steps Scholars in 1983, Dr. John T. Crawford has devoted more than 40 years to using education to empower Charlotte's marginalized youth. His own story served as a catalyst for the program's development, which has awarded over \$4.4 million in awards to 1,000 deserving individuals, enabling them to succeed in a range of academic subjects at esteemed institutions and breaking the cycle of poverty.