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**Peter Hans**  
**President**  
**University of North Carolina System**



Peter Hans is the seventh president of the University of North Carolina System. As a first-generation college graduate, he is committed to providing accessible, affordable, high-quality educational opportunities for all.

Prior to his election in 2020 he served as the ninth president of the North Carolina Community College system. During his tenure the system increased visibility, enrollment, completion rates, public funding, private support, and business partnerships.

President Hans was elected by the legislature to the State Board of Community Colleges (1997-2003) and UNC Board of Governors (2003-2015) where he was chosen by peers for leadership roles and fought for streamlining the transfer of student credits.

Previously he served as senior policy advisor to three members of the United States Senate, counseled the private sector on public affairs at one of the state's largest law firms, and supported UNC system President Margaret Spellings on key initiatives.

President Hans grew up in the small North Carolina towns of Southport on the coast and Hendersonville in the mountains. He earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from UNC-Chapel Hill and a Master of Liberal Arts in extension studies from Harvard University.