

## **Governor's Commission on Education beyond High School** <sup>[1]</sup>

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UNC-Asheville began as Asheville-Biltmore College at the recommendation of the Governor's Commission on Education Beyond High School. Image courtesy of NC

The Governor's Commission on Education beyond High School, Office of Archives & History. <sup>[3]</sup>commonly referred to as the Carlyle Commission, published a report in 1962 that led to legislation in 1963 establishing the state's community college system and public universities at [Asheville](#) <sup>[4]</sup>, [Charlotte](#) <sup>[5]</sup>, and [Wilmington](#) <sup>[6]</sup>. The commission was appointed in 1961 by Governor [Terry Sanford](#) <sup>[7]</sup> to plan for the higher education of the rapidly increasing baby boom high school graduates and to consider other issues relating to the state's change from an agricultural to a technology-based economy. Irving E. Carlyle, attorney and former legislator from [Winston-Salem](#) <sup>[8]</sup>, was chairman of the 20-member panel of educators and citizens, and W. Lunsford Crew, president pro tem of the North Carolina Senate from [Halifax County](#) <sup>[9]</sup>, served as vice chairman.

The commission's report contained 61 recommendations for higher education on statewide planning and coordination, the [University of North Carolina](#) <sup>[10]</sup> and public senior colleges, comprehensive [community colleges](#) <sup>[2]</sup>, students, faculties, finance, and extension and public service. The commission also initiated a comprehensive demographic study, titled *Community Colleges for North Carolina: A Study of Need, Location, and Service Areas* (1962) <sup>[11]</sup>, led by [C. Horace Hamilton](#) <sup>[12]</sup> of the [Department of Rural Sociology](#) <sup>[13]</sup> at North Carolina State College (modern [North Carolina State University](#) <sup>[14]</sup>). The Hamilton Report documented the great need for additional institutions of higher education in North Carolina.

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