



Governor James B. Hunt Jr. Historic Timeline

- 1937 Born in Greensboro North Carolina
- 1955 Graduates High School
- 1956 Begins studying Agricultural Economics at North Carolina State University (NCSU)
- 1957-1959 Student Body President of NCSU
- 1958 Marries Carolyn Leonard
- 1959 Graduates Undergrad and enters the Graduate School at NCSU
- 1962 Graduates NCSU with Masters in Agricultural Economics
- 1962 Hired as College Director for National College Democrats
- 1964 Graduates UNC with Law Degree
- 1964 Ford Foundation economic advisor to the Kingdom of Nepal
- 1966 Hunt family returns to Wilson County
- 1966 Organizes a Young Democratic Clubs chapter in Wilson County
- 1967 Elected State President of the Young Democratic Clubs
- 1968 Attends the 1968 Democratic National Convention as an NC YDC delegate
- 1972 Elected Lieutenant Governor of North Carolina
- 1976 Elected Governor of North Carolina
- 1980 North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics, a Hunt initiative, opens
- 1980 First Governor of NC to have two consecutive terms
- 1983 Announces candidacy for US Senate
- 1984 Following unsuccessful bid for senator Hunt joins the law firm of Poyner & Spruill
- 1986 Hunt organizes inaugural Emerging Issues Forum
- 1992 Hunt wins third term as Governor of NC
- 1993 Educational program Smart Start, a Hunt initiative, created
- 1996 Wins final term as Governor of NC
- 2001 Joins the law firm of Womble, Carlyle, Sandridge, & Rice
- 2002 Institute for Emerging Issues Founded
- 2003 James B. Hunt Jr. Institute for Educational Leadership and Policy Founded
- 2013 James B. Hunt Jr. Library Opens