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### **HEATHER DENNY GIVES COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS FOR NC STATE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

**Raleigh, NC** –Heather Denny, president of McDonald York Building Company, was selected to give the commencement address for the NC State Spring Baccalaureate Ceremony for the NC State Department of Civil, Construction, and Environmental Engineering. On Saturday, May 14, 2011 there were over 150 graduates and approximately 500 family and friends in attendance.

The focus of Denny's address was "What's Next?". Through anecdotes and personal stories Denny shared with the graduates how this question has helped guide her career over the 5,625 days since she graduated. The speech included lessons learned and a message to work hard, ask for help, and understand that the people around you are the team that will get you through.

Heather Denny was named president in August 2010, becoming only the fifth in the 100 year history of the company. Having begun her career at McDonald York nearly 16 years ago straight out of NC State, she has worked her way up through various positions of leadership.

Heather has received numerous business awards including: the TCREW Powerhouse Award, Triangle Business Journal's 40 Under 40, CREW Network 20 Under 40, Triangle Business Journal's Women in Business and Business Leader Magazine's Women Extraordinaire. She is a member of and holds numerous leadership positions in ISPE, IFMA, ULI, CED, TCREW, GCAR, and Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce. She is the 2011 chair of Pink on the Links for Rex Hospital Open, and the co-chair for the 2012 American Heart Association Heart Ball. She supports Habitat for Humanity and Hospice of Wake County. She also serves on the Board of Governors for the Capital City Club.

McDonald York Building Company is a privately-owned business founded in 1910 with corporate headquarters at 801 Oberlin Road in Raleigh and a Research Triangle Park office on

Page Road in Durham. The company provides construction services in diverse market types including: life sciences, health care, corporate, facility improvements and office.