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Leadership North Carolina Announces Members of 23rd Class

Raleigh, NC – Fifty-five civic and community leaders from across the state have been accepted to form the 2015-2016 class for Leadership North Carolina, the state's premier leadership engagement program.

Each year, through a rigorous selection process, LNC chooses a class of established and emerging leaders from across the state to participate in its acclaimed program. Leadership North Carolina's Class XXIII is made up of top leaders from the government, business, nonprofit, and education sectors.

Over the course of six two-and-a-half day sessions Class XXIII participants will learn about issues critical to the state through discussions with top officials and professionals, field trips, and experiential learning activities. LNC's sessions focus on five key areas: economic development, education, environment, government, and health and human services. Through LNC's program, participants gain new insight into North Carolina's strengths and challenges and develop their own action plans for ways they can improve and empower their communities and the state as a whole.

LNC sessions are held around the state, highlighting the social, geographic, and economic diversity of North Carolina. The members of Class XXIII will convene in Boone in October for their Orientation session, where they will be welcomed at a reception by Chancellor Sheri N. Everts of Appalachian State University. The group will meet in Raleigh in November for the Government session and in Greensboro for the December Education session. The remaining sessions for LNC Class XXIII will be held in Charlotte, Wilmington, and Asheville.

LNC Class XXIII

- **Keith Artin**, Chief Operating Officer, Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers (TROSA), *Durham*
- **Kimberly Beal**, *Mecklenburg*
- **Leslie Bell**, Director of Academic Resources, The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, *Robeson*
- **Michelle Brock**, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services / Chief Financial Officer, South Piedmont Community College, *Anson*
- **Angela Broome**, Regional Chief Executive Officer - Western NC Region, American Red Cross, *Mecklenburg*
- **Kathy Browder**, Associate Dean, College of Health & Human Services, The University of North Carolina at Wilmington, *New Hanover*
- **Jennifer Bruce**, Director, Clinical Operations, PharPoint Research, *Durham*
- **Miriam Chitiga**, Department Chair; Director of the Doctoral and Master's Programs, Fayetteville State University, *Cumberland*

- **Christopher Cook**, Director of Quality and Outcomes Policy, GlaxoSmithKline, *Durham*
- **T. Michael Cornelia**, Capacity Lead, Forest City Data Center, Facebook, Inc., *Rutherford*
- **Debbie Elliott**, President, Talk, Inc., *New Hanover*
- **Tanya Evans**, District Manager, Duke Energy, *Vance*
- **Matthew Ferraguto**, Partner/Client Services Director, Eckel & Vaughan, *Wake*
- **C. Quincy Foil**, Associate Vice President, CPCC Services Corporation, Central Piedmont Community College, *Mecklenburg*
- **Shawan Gabriel**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Big Brothers Big Sisters Services, Inc., *Forsyth*
- **Pamela Gilchrist**, Director, Imhotep and Kyran Anderson Academy, North Carolina State University, *Wake*
- **Janeane Gonzales**, Program Administrator, Treatment Courts, Mecklenburg County Criminal Justice Services, *Mecklenburg*
- **Rocio Gonzalez-Zornosa**, Executive Director, Latin American Chamber of Commerce of Charlotte, *Mecklenburg*
- **Jennifer Gregory**, Director, Family Resources & Special Projects, Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc., *Vance*
- **C. Elizabeth Hall**, Associate Attorney, Troutman Sanders, *Wake*
- **Jamilla Hawkins**, Community and Rural Development Agent, North Carolina A&T State University - Edgecombe County Extension Center, *Edgecombe*
- **Meredith Henderson**, Senior Director of Programs, Center for International Understanding, *Durham*
- **Katherine Henry**, General Counsel / Chief Compliance and Patient Safety Officer, Cornerstone Health Care, PA, *Guilford*
- **Cecilia Holden**, Chief of Staff, North Carolina Department of Commerce, *Wake*
- **Lisa Humphreys**, Senior Vice President, Organizational Development, YMCA of the Triangle, *Wake*
- **Siobhan Hunter**, Director, Quality and Release Management, Enterprise Sourcing Governance, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, *Wake*
- **A. Keith Jarmusch**, Tax Manager, DMJ & Co., PLLC, *Guilford*
- **Velva Jenkins**, Vice President of Continuing Education, Economic and Workforce Development, Brunswick Community College, *Brunswick*
- **Richard Kaglic**, Senior Regional Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Charlotte Branch, *Mecklenburg*
- **Jonathan Kappler**, Director of State Government Relations, The University of North Carolina General Administration, *Orange*
- **Lori Kroll**, Director, Government Relations, Novant Health, *Durham*
- **Fritz Lehman**, Senior Vice President Customer Engagement and Support, SAS, *Wake*
- **Cynthia Liston**, Program Officer, John M. Belk Endowment, *Mecklenburg*
- **John Locke**, Business Performance Coach, Carolinas Region, Dixon Hughes Goodman, *Buncombe*
- **Joshua Lyle**, Construction Manager, Rodgers Builders, *Mecklenburg*
- **Seamus Mannion**, Director, Division Operations, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, *Durham*
- **Denise Marshall**, Director, Customer Care, Parata Systems, *Durham*
- **W. Ray McKeithan**, Manager, Public and Governmental Affairs, Potash Corporation, *Beaufort*
- **Jay Moreau**, Vice President, Martin Marietta Materials, *Wake*
- **William O'Boyle**, Senior Manager, Business Development, Citrix, *Wake*
- **Patrick O'Bryant**, Territory Account Lead, Johnson and Johnson, *Brunswick*
- **Jennifer Pittman**, NC Foundation and Community Affairs Lead, Duke Energy, *Wake*
- **Pia Powers**, Director - Regulatory Affairs, Piedmont Natural Gas, *Mecklenburg*
- **Trey Rabon**, Executive Director of Government Affairs, AT&T, *Wake*
- **Kristen Richardson-Frick**, Program Officer, Rural Church, The Duke Endowment, *Mecklenburg*
- **Elizabeth Rozakis**, Chief Financial Officer, North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, *Wake*
- **Bryan Ryan**, Senior Vice President, Curriculum Education Services, Wake Technical Community College, *Wake*
- **Scott Saff**, Manager of Research Services, NC Electric Membership Corporation, *Wake*

- **Alice Schenall**, Assistant Director, Area L AHEC, *Nash*
- **Mary Shuping**, Director of Government Relations, NC Community College System, *Wake*
- **Lisa Thomas**, Director, Donayre Cancer Care Center, Levine Cancer Institute, Carolinas HealthCare System, *Columbus*
- **Dorothy Vick**, Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) Coordinator, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, *Mecklenburg*
- **Kathleen Vollandt**, Owner and Founder, Auroros Incorporated, *Wake*
- **Dianne Ward**, Promotions Director, Town of Tabor City, *Columbus*
- **Sarah Warren**, Senior Vice President, Global Commercial Banking, Bank of America, *Mecklenburg*

Leadership North Carolina's mission is to inform, develop, and engage committed leaders by broadening their understanding of and involvement in issues and opportunities facing North Carolina. The Leadership North Carolina Program cultivates a network of individuals with diverse backgrounds and experiences who share a deep commitment to their state. There are more than 980 graduates of the program whose continued ties to LNC and to one another provide them with rich opportunities for serving North Carolina.

The Class XXIII roster is available [here](#). To find out more about Leadership North Carolina, please visit: www.leadershipnc.org.