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### Leadership North Carolina Celebrates Graduation of Class XXI



*Leadership North Carolina Class XXI courtesy of Story Photographers*

Raleigh, NC – Fifty civic and community leaders from across the state completed the Leadership North Carolina program and celebrated their graduation in the North Carolina Capitol recently.

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 XXI comprised top leaders from the government, business, nonprofit, and education sectors. A full list of participants follows.

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 950 graduates of the program whose continued ties to LNC and to one another provide them with rich opportunities for serving North Carolina.

Over the course of six two-and-a-half day sessions the members of LNC Class XXI learned about issues critical to the state through discussions with top officials and professionals, field trips, and experiential learning activities. LNC's sessions focused on five key areas: economic development, education, environment, government, and health and human services.

LNC sessions are held around the state, highlighting the social, geographic, and economic diversity of North Carolina. The members of Class XXI visited Boone, Raleigh, Greensboro, Charlotte, New Bern, and Asheville. Through LNC's program, participants gained new insight into North Carolina's strengths and challenges and developed their own priorities for ways they can improve and empower their communities and the state as a whole.

The application process for LNC Class XXII (2014-2015) is open through June 30. To find out more about Leadership North Carolina, please visit: [www.leadershipnc.org](http://www.leadershipnc.org).

### **LNC Class XXI**

- **April Anthony**, Director of Institutional Advancement, NC New Schools, *Raleigh*
- **Paul Boney**, Senior Vice President, LS3P Associates, *Wilmington*
- **Ken Burton**, Senior Vice President, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, *Charlotte*
- **Kelly Caldwell**, Vice President and Co-Founder, AK Environmental, LLC, *Holly Springs*
- **Trae Cotton**, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Winston Salem State University, *Winston-Salem*
- **Kyle Deak**, Associate, Troutman Sanders LLP, *Apex*
- **Roszena Devione-Bivens**, Director of Educational Talent Search, James Sprunt Community College, *Rose Hill*
- **Tracy Dixon**, Director, University Sustainability Office, North Carolina State University, *Raleigh*
- **Pearse Edwards**, Senior Vice President and Group Director, Capstrat, *Raleigh*
- **David English**, Vice Provost and Dean of Academic Affairs, UNC School of the Arts, *Winston-Salem*
- **Debby Futrell**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Area L AHEC, *Wilson*
- **Audrey Galloway**, Associate State Director Community Outreach, AARP North Carolina, *Raleigh*
- **Jessica Graham**, Vice President, Communications and Community Relations, Belk, Inc., *Indian Trail*
- **Carson Harkrader**, Senior Finance Director, Carolina Solar Energy, *Durham*
- **Lou Harrell**, Executive Director of Grants and Contracts Administration, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, *Charlotte*
- **Greg Heaton**, Executive Vice President-Commercial Banking Executive, CommunityOne Bank, *Charlotte*
- **Tim Holloman**, Town Manager, Town of Topsail Beach, *Hampstead*
- **Stewart Holmes**, Senior Vice President, First Tennessee Bank, *Winston-Salem*
- **Pam Howze**, Associate Director of Learning and Development, Merck Vaccine Manufacturing, *Durham*
- **Mike Hughes**, Vice President-Community Relations for North Carolina, Duke Energy, *Raleigh*
- **Jeff Hwang**, Manager-Investment Advisor, DMJ Wealth Advisors, LLC, *Greensboro*
- **Quentin Johnson**, Vice President, Student Support Services, Guilford Technical Community College, *Mooreville*
- **David Kochman**, Director of Communications, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, *Raleigh*
- **Curt Ladig**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Delta Dental of North Carolina, *Raleigh*
- **Randy Ledford**, Vice President, Student Development, Surry Community College, *Dobson*
- **Stacie LeGrow**, Director, Legal Services, Cisco Systems, Inc., *Raleigh*
- **Angela Lipke**, Manager, Healthcare Consulting, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, *Greensboro*
- **Moira LoCascio**, Chief Executive Officer, McLaughlin Young Group, *Charlotte*
- **Jeff Lowrance**, Public Information Officer and Assistant to the President, Central Piedmont Community College, *Mooreville*
- **Elaine Loyack**, Program Coordinator, Triangle Air Awareness, *Cary*
- **Jenn Mann**, Vice President, Human Resources, SAS Institute, *Cary*
- **Don McCunniff**, Senior Vice President, Human Resources, Martin Marietta Materials, *Raleigh*
- **Angela McDonald**, Assistant Professor and Program Director, The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, *Laurinburg*
- **Tsegga Medhin**, IBM Global University LEADing to Africa Internship Manager, IBM, *Raleigh*
- **Dan Merle**, Vice President, Career Development and Continuing Education, South Piedmont Community College, *Monroe*
- **Matt Meyer**, Associate Vice President STEM Innovations, NC Community College System, *Cary*

- **Jenny Mizelle**, Director of Economic Development, Town of Holly Springs, *Holly Springs*
- **Haleh Moddasser**, Vice President, Stearns Financial Group, *Durham*
- **Ged Moody**, University Sustainability Director, Appalachian State University, *Vilas*
- **Michael Moss**, Vice President, Finance and Administrative Services, Central Piedmont Community College, *Charlotte*
- **Ryan Nance**, Executive Director, Carolina Commerce and Technology Center, Inc., *Lumberton*
- **Stacey Perrow**, Communications Specialist, Piedmont Natural Gas, *Charlotte*
- **Heidi Pruess**, Community Plan and Sustainability Officer, Mecklenburg County, *Charlotte*
- **Brandon Reed**, Grassroots Specialist, North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives, *Knightdale*
- **Jim Rose**, Regional President, VantageSouth Bank, *Raleigh*
- **John-Paul Smith**, Civic Entrepreneur, *Durham*
- **Marirose Steigerwald**, President, Elinvar, *Raleigh*
- **Brian Vick**, Partner, Williams Mullen, *Durham*
- **Paula Vincent**, President, Novant Health Foundation and Community Relations, Novant Health, *Charlotte*
- **Brenda Williams**, Deputy Treasurer, Unclaimed Property Division, North Carolina Department of State Treasurer, *Raleigh*

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