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## Leadership North Carolina Announces Members of 22<sup>nd</sup> Class

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*Raleigh, NC* – Fifty-five civic and community leaders from across the state have been accepted to form the 2014-2015 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 XXII 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 XXII 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 XXII 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 Rutherford County in December for the Duke Energy Economic Development session. The remaining sessions for LNC Class XXII will be held in Charlotte, Greenville, and High Point.

### LNC Class XXII

- **Barbara Aycock**, Town Administrator, Town of Fremont, *Wayne*
- **Jeff Baker**, Chief of Police, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, *Mecklenburg*
- **Fiona Baxter**, Senior Director, Outreach & Engagement/Associate Executive Director, IES, North Carolina State University, *Wake*
- **Justin Belleme**, Founder, JB Media Group, *Buncombe*
- **Buddy Bengel IV**, Owner, Riverfront Sports and Entertainment, Baker's Kitchen, Bengel Marketing, *Carteret*
- **Brenda Berg**, President and Chief Executive Officer, BEST NC, *Wake*
- **Nick Black**, Managing Director, Victory Social Capital, *Durham*
- **Kim Blair**, Director, Community Relations, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, *Durham*
- **Kendal Bowman**, Vice President, Regulatory Affairs and Policy - NC, Duke Energy, *Wake*
- **Nimasheena Burns**, Outreach Specialist, North Carolina Department of Justice, *Wake*

- **Christie Burris**, Director of Communications, North Carolina Retail Merchants Association, *Wake*
- **Leonor Clavijo**, Executive Director, North Carolina Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, *Wake*
- **Alison DeCinti**, Director of Development, The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, *Robeson*
- **Chris Dillon**, Legislative Liaison, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, *Wake*
- **Sharon Edmundson**, Director, Fiscal Management Section, North Carolina Department of State Treasurer, *Wake*
- **Naras Eechambadi**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Quaero, *Mecklenburg*
- **Johan Enslin**, Director, EPIC, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, *Mecklenburg*
- **Malinda Faber**, Research Associate, The Friday Institute for Educational Innovation, North Carolina State University, *Wake*
- **Janet Farrell**, Firm Administrator, Davenport, Marvin, Joyce & Co., LLP, *Guilford*
- **Richard Fort**, Architect, Vice President, Clark Nexsen Architecture and Engineering, *Buncombe*
- **Kim Gold**, Vice President of Academic and Student Services, Isothermal Community College, *Rutherford*
- **Ebenezer Gujjarlapudi**, Director, Land Use and Environmental Services Agency, Mecklenburg County, *Mecklenburg*
- **Alvaro Gurdian Jr.**, Vice President, La Noticia, *Mecklenburg*
- **Jennifer Hall**, Associate, Troutman Sanders LLP, *Wake*
- **Robyn Hamilton**, Director of Corporate Relations, Novant Health, *Mecklenburg*
- **Misty Herget**, Senior Associate for Leadership Development, North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, *Wake*
- **Liz Jackson**, Director, Ortho Service Line, Duke Raleigh Hospital, *Wake*
- **Rita Jerman**, Senior Vice President for Enrollment and Student Services, Wake Technical Community College, *Wake*
- **Cedric Johnson**, Public Policy Analyst, NC Justice Center, *Wake*
- **Lisa Jones**, Chief Executive Officer, Girl Scouts NC Coastal Pines, *Wake*
- **Pam Kelly**, Vice President, Corporate Tax, Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., *Wake*
- **Chris Kwiatkowski**, Senior Vice President - Head of Government Guaranteed Lending, VantageSouth Bank, *Mecklenburg*
- **Stephanie Lanier**, Broker In Charge/Chief Executive Officer, The Lanier Property Group, Inc., *New Hanover*
- **Bud Lavery**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Prevent Child Abuse North Carolina, *Wake*
- **Marty Martinez**, Director, Technical Services, Cisco Systems, Inc., *Wake*
- **Michael McAllister**, Director of Marketing & Public Information Officer, South Piedmont Community College, *Union*
- **Brian McGrath**, Director, Instructional Systems and Administration, Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina, *Durham*
- **Marty Moser**, Senior Vice President, Barnhill Contracting Company, *Wake*
- **John Moye**, Counsel, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP, *Wake*
- **Cheri Pearson**, Senior Executive Administrator, World Overcomers Christian Church, *Durham*
- **Natalie Perkins**, Chief Executive Officer, Clean Design, *Wake*
- **Beth Pitonzo**, Vice President of Instruction, Guilford Technical Community College, *Guilford*
- **Andrea Poole**, Assistant Vice President for Finance, University of North Carolina General Administration, *Orange*
- **S. Lee Ragsdale Jr.**, Vice President, Asset Management, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, *Wake*
- **Vaughn Reynolds**, Senior Vice President, Middle Market Client Manager, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, *Mecklenburg*
- **Armistead Sapp III**, Executive Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, SAS Institute, *Wake*
- **Elisabeth Stambaugh**, Senior Medical Director, Cornerstone Healthcare, PA, *Guilford*
- **Mary Stokas**, Vice President, Corporate Strategy and Chief of Staff, Premier, *Mecklenburg*
- **Kristy Teskey**, Executive Director, John M. Belk Endowment, *Mecklenburg*

- **Blake Thomas**, Assistant General Counsel, North Carolina Department of State Treasurer, *Wake*
- **Jessica Thomas**, Director, Sustainability Initiative, Poole College of Management, North Carolina State University, *Orange*
- **Ellen Vick**, Associate Executive Director, North Carolina Board of Pharmacy, *Durham*
- **Jason Wheatley**, Interactive Communications Specialist, Piedmont Natural Gas, *Mecklenburg*
- **Tamara Williams**, Dean, Merancas Campus, Central Piedmont Community College, *Mecklenburg*
- **Willy Yamamoto**, Associate Director, Design and Construction Services, North Carolina State University, *Wake*

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.

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