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### Leadership North Carolina Celebrates Graduation of Class XXIII

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*Raleigh, NC* – Fifty-five civic and community leaders from across the state have completed the Leadership North Carolina program and will celebrate their graduation during a ceremony in the North Carolina Capitol this week.

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 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. With the graduation of Class XXIII, there are now more than 1000 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 XXIII 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 XXIII visited Boone, Raleigh, Greensboro, Charlotte, Wilmington, 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 XXIV (2016-2017) opens May 16 and will remain open through June 30. To find out more about Leadership North Carolina, please visit: [www.leadershipnc.org](http://www.leadershipnc.org).

#### LNC Class XXIII

- **Keith Artin**, Chief Operating Officer, Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers (TROSA), *Durham*
- **Kim Beal**, Marketing Operations Director, Grant Thornton, *Charlotte*
- **Leslie Bell**, Director of Academic Resources, The University of North Carolina at Pembroke, *Pembroke*

- **Michelle Brock**, Vice President of Finance and Administrative Services / Chief Financial Officer, South Piedmont Community College, *Polkton*
- **Angela Broome**, Regional Chief Executive Officer - Western NC Region, American Red Cross, *Charlotte*
- **Kathy Browder**, Associate Dean, College of Health & Human Services, The University of North Carolina at Wilmington, *Wilmington*
- **Jenny Bruce**, Director, Clinical Operations, PharPoint Research, *Durham*
- **Miriam Chitiga**, Associate Professor of Educational Leadership, Fayetteville State University, *Fayetteville*
- **Chris Cook**, Senior Director, Corporate Accounts Business Development, bioMérieux, *Raleigh*
- **Mike Cornelia**, Capacity Lead, Forest City Data Center, Facebook, Inc., *Forest City*
- **Debbie Elliott**, President, Talk, Inc., *Wilmington*
- **Tanya Evans**, District Manager, Duke Energy, *Henderson*
- **Matt Ferraguto**, Partner/Client Services Director, Eckel & Vaughan, *Raleigh*
- **Shawan Gabriel**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Big Brothers Big Sisters Services, Inc., *Winston-Salem*
- **Pam Gilchrist**, Director, Imhotep and Kyran Anderson Academy-The Science House, North Carolina State University, *Raleigh*
- **Jeanne Gonzales**, Program Administrator, Treatment Courts, Mecklenburg County Criminal Justice Services, *Charlotte*
- **Rocio Gonzalez-Zornosa**, Executive Director, Latin American Chamber of Commerce of Charlotte, *Charlotte*
- **Jennifer Gregory**, Executive Director, Middle Border Forward, *Danville, VA*
- **Elizabeth Hall**, Equal Opportunity/Title IX Investigator, Equal Opportunity and Compliance Office, The University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill, *Chapel Hill*
- **Jamilla Hawkins**, Community and Rural Development Agent, North Carolina A&T State University - Edgecombe County Extension Center, *Tarboro*
- **Meredith Henderson**, Senior Director of Programs, Go Global NC (formerly Center for International Understanding), *Durham*
- **Katie Henry**, Chief Legal Officer / Chief Compliance and Patient Safety Officer, Cornerstone Health Care, LLC, *High Point*
- **Cecilia Holden**, Chief of Staff, North Carolina Department of Commerce, *Raleigh*
- **Lisa Humphreys**, Senior Vice President, Organizational Development, YMCA of the Triangle, *Raleigh*
- **Siobhan Hunter**, Director, Quality and Release Management, Enterprise Sourcing Governance, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, *Durham*
- **Keith Jarmusch**, Tax Manager, DMJ & Co., PLLC, *Greensboro*
- **Velva Jenkins**, Vice President of Continuing Education, Economic and Workforce Development, Brunswick Community College, *Bolivia*
- **Rick Kaglic**, Senior Regional Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, Charlotte Branch, *Charlotte*
- **Jonathan Kappler**, Director of State Government Relations, The University of North Carolina General Administration, *Chapel Hill*
- **Lori Kroll**, Director, Government Relations, Novant Health, *Cary*
- **Fritz Lehman**, Executive Vice President and Chief Customer Officer, SAS, *Cary*
- **Cynthia Liston**, Program Officer, John M. Belk Endowment, *Charlotte*
- **John Locke**, Business Performance Coach, Carolinas Region, Dixon Hughes Goodman, *Asheville*
- **Josh Lyle**, Construction Manager, Rodgers Builders, *Charlotte*
- **Seamus Mannion**, Director, Division Operations, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, *Durham*
- **Denise Marshall**, Director, Customer Care, Parata Systems, *Durham*
- **Ray McKeithan**, Manager, Public and Governmental Affairs, Potash Corporation, *Aurora*
- **Jay Moreau**, Vice President, Martin Marietta, *Raleigh*

- **Bill O'Boyle**, Senior Manager, Business Development, Citrix, *Raleigh*
- **Pat O'Bryant**, Territory Account Lead, Johnson and Johnson, *Belville*
- **Jennifer Pittman**, Government and Community Relations Manager, Duke Energy, *Raleigh*
- **Pia Powers**, Director - Regulatory Affairs, Piedmont Natural Gas, *Charlotte*
- **Trey Rabon**, Executive Director of Government Affairs, AT&T, *Raleigh*
- **Kristen Richardson-Frick**, Program Officer, Rural Church, The Duke Endowment, *Charlotte*
- **Betsy Rozakis**, Chief Financial Officer, North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, *Raleigh*
- **Bryan Ryan**, Senior Vice President, Effectiveness and Innovation, Wake Technical Community College, *Raleigh*
- **Scott Saff**, Manager of Research Services, NC Electric Membership Corporation, *Raleigh*
- **Alice Schenall**, Assistant Director, Area L AHEC, *Rocky Mount*
- **Mary Shuping**, Director of Government Relations, NC Community College System, *Raleigh*
- **Lisa Thomas**, Director, Donayre Cancer Care Center, Levine Cancer Institute, Carolinas HealthCare System, *Whiteville*
- **Dorothy Vick**, Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) Coordinator, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, *Charlotte*
- **Kathleen Volandt**, Owner and Founder, Auroros Incorporated, *Raleigh*
- **Dianne Ward**, Promotions Director, Town of Tabor City, *Tabor City*
- **Sarah Warren**, Senior Vice President, Global Commercial Banking, Bank of America, *Charlotte*
- **Quincy White**, Associate Vice President, CPCC Services Corporation, Central Piedmont Community College, *Charlotte*