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Leadership North Carolina Announces Members of 24th Class

Raleigh, NC – Fifty-five civic and community leaders from across the state have been accepted to form the 2016-2017 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 XXIV 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 XXIV 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 XXIV will convene in Boone in October for their Orientation session. The group will meet in Raleigh in November for the Government session and in Winston-Salem for the December Education session. The remaining sessions for LNC Class XXIV will be held in Charlotte, New Bern, and Asheville.

LNC Class XXIV

- **Daniel Amburn**, Regional Director, State Government Relations and Public Affairs, UCB, Inc., *Wake*
- **Paige Bagwell**, Chief Talent Officer, The Redwoods Group, *Wake*
- **Pamela Baldwin**, Superintendent, Asheville City Schools, *Buncombe*
- **Jason Beck**, Senior Director, Clinical Operations, Columbus Regional Healthcare System, *Columbus*
- **Callee Boulware**, Executive Director, Reach Out and Read Carolinas, *Jackson*
- **Susan Burgess**, Director of University Compliance, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, *Mecklenburg*
- **Rolanda Charletta Burney**, Chief of Staff, Bennett College, *Guilford*
- **Anthony Caison**, Vice President of Workforce Continuing Education, Wake Technical Community College, *Wake*
- **Timothy Carroll**, Chief Information Officer, North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, *Wake*
- **Kimberly Chambers**, Chief Financial Officer, Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers (TROSA), *Durham*
- **Lisa Dalberth**, Chief Administrative Officer, Fidelity Charitable, Fidelity Investments, *Durham*
- **Preston Davenport**, Director of Business Development, Eckel & Vaughan, *New Hanover*
- **Chris Edge**, Vice President, Large Business Customers, Duke Energy, *Wake*

- **Phillip Emer**, Director, Technology Planning and Policy, The Friday Institute for Educational Innovation, North Carolina State University, *Wake*
- **Michele Fitzsimons**, Director, Compensation and HRIS, Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., *Wake*
- **Susan Fleetwood**, Executive Director of Economic Development, North Carolina Department of Commerce, *Wake*
- **Cynthia Floyd**, School Counseling Consultant, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, *Nash*
- **Christopher Gergen**, Chief Executive Officer, Forward Impact, *Wake*
- **Jacqueline Gottlieb**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hinton Rural Life Center, *Clay*
- **Claudia Guthrie**, Director, Business Process Excellence, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, *Durham*
- **Terry Hairston**, Environmental Manager, Nucor Steel, *Hertford*
- **Blake Hassell**, Financial Analyst, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, *Wake*
- **Bryan Heckle**, Director of Risk Management, North Carolina Department of Insurance, *Wake*
- **Tyran Hill**, Local and Regional Policy Advocate, North Carolina Housing Coalition, *Wake*
- **Jason Horay**, Health Promotion Coordinator, Medical Mutual of North Carolina, *Wake*
- **Lois Inglad**, Assistant Vice President, Community Engagement, Carolinas HealthCare System, *Mecklenburg*
- **Nancy Johnston**, Executive Director, Piedmont Triad Office, North Carolina Biotechnology Center, *Forsyth*
- **Jason Jones**, Director of Charlotte Office, Clark Nexsen, *Mecklenburg*
- **Brian Keefe**, Vice President, Sales and Account Management, Delta Dental of North Carolina, *Mecklenburg*
- **Jacqueline Keener**, Assistant Secretary of Labor and Economic Analysis, North Carolina Department of Commerce, *Wake*
- **David Kim**, Vice President, Information Technology and Research Services, and Chief Information Officer, Central Piedmont Community College, *Mecklenburg*
- **Nicole Kloss**, Director Corporate Health, Novant Health, *Mecklenburg*
- **Kenneth Lin**, Regional Government Relations Manager, International Paper, *Wake*
- **Katherine Lockhart**, Western Carolinas Business Banking Market Executive, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, *Mecklenburg*
- **Paul Lukan**, Senior Manager, Technical Support, Cisco Systems, *Durham*
- **Kristina Fransel McGraw**, President, National MS Society, Greater Carolinas Chapter, *Wake*
- **Pamela Meek**, Senior Director, External Communications, SAS, *Wake*
- **April Mills**, Business Development Executive, Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP, *Wake*
- **Derwin Montgomery**, City Council Member, City of Winston-Salem, *Forsyth*
- **Stephen Moore**, Managing Director, Degrees Matter!, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, *Guilford*
- **Angelyn Murphrey**, Community Development Manager, First Tennessee, *Forsyth*
- **Michael Olender**, Associate State Director, AARP North Carolina, *Mecklenburg*
- **Jacqueline Olich**, Director, University Collaborations, RTI International, *Orange*
- **Elizabeth Outten**, Government Relations Manager, Novant Health, *Wake*
- **Jamaica Pfister**, Area Director, Business Development and Advocacy, Children's Home Society of North Carolina, *Wake*
- **Eric Quimby**, Manager, Brand and Market Activation, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, *Durham*
- **Lisa Rolan**, Small Business Center Director/Director of Grants, South Piedmont Community College, *Anson*
- **Paige Sayles**, Vice Chair, Franklin County Board of Education, *Franklin*
- **William Schneider**, Associate Vice President for Research and Performance Management, North Carolina Community College System, *Wake*
- **LaMonica Sloan**, Director of Career Development Services, Winston-Salem State University, *Forsyth*
- **Amy Strecker**, North Carolina Principal Community Affairs Manager, Duke Energy Foundation, Duke Energy, *Wake*
- **Jonathan Thill**, Dean of Continuing Education, Montgomery Community College, *Montgomery*
- **Sherée Vodicka**, Executive Director, North Carolina Alliance of YMCAs, *Wake*

- **Brandon Watson**, Banking Director, North Carolina Department of State Treasurer, *Wake*
- **Kate Woomer-Deters**, Staff Attorney, North Carolina Justice Center, *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 1000 graduates of the program whose continued ties to LNC and to one another provide them with rich opportunities for serving North Carolina.

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