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Base Hotel

Sheraton Raleigh
421 South Salisbury Street
Raleigh, NC 27601
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Session Goals

1. Provide an overview of how government works, what different parts do for us, and how different levels of government interact with each other.
2. Present an analysis of the political landscape in North Carolina.
3. Explore the role of government in addressing issues and solving problems.
4. Demonstrate the hard choices and tradeoffs that must be made at various levels of government.
5. Equip and empower participants to take meaningful action and get involved with local and/or state government.
6. Illustrate how government connects to education, health and human services, economic development, the environment, and inclusive leadership in North Carolina.

Planning Committee

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Each planning committee for the Class 31 program year is made up of members from LNC Class 30.

Tuesday, November 7, 2023

Tour: North Carolina State Highway Patrol Training Academy, 3318 Garner Road, Raleigh. Business casual or business attire. Comfortable shoes recommended.

Arrive by 1:45 pm to park. No late arrivals.

Reception: Executive Mansion, 200 North Blount Street. Business attire.

2:00 – 4:00 pm	North Carolina State Highway Patrol Training Academy Tour (Optional) Advance RSVP required. Arrive by 1:45 pm to park. No late arrivals.	Captain Derek L. Mobley Assistant Director of Training NC Department of Public Safety, North Carolina State Highway Patrol
5:30 – 7:00 pm	Session Reception at the Executive Mansion (Optional) Advance RSVP required. Photo ID required for security.	

Wednesday, November 8, 2023

Breakfast and Session: Quorum Center, 323 West Jones Street. Coat and tie for men, distinguished dress for women, no denim.

Afternoon Session: NC General Assembly Legislative Building, House Chamber, 16 West Jones Street.

Dinner: Sitti (Jiddi Space), 137 South Wilmington Street. Casual attire.

8:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast (Optional) Advance RSVP Required	Quorum Center
8:30 – 9:05 am	Setting the Stage	Dr. Sara Imhof Senior Director North Carolina Biotechnology Center LNC Class 30 Alumna and Class 31 Program Chair Ashley Ruffin Chief Impact Officer Civic Federal Credit Union / Local Government Federal Credit Union LNC Class 30 Alumna and GOV Session Co-Chair Frank Williams President and CEO, Pioneer Strategies Brunswick County Commissioner LNC Class 30 Alumnus and GOV Session Co-Chair LNC Class 31 Writing Team
9:10 – 9:20 am	Local Welcome	The Honorable Shinica Thomas Chair Wake County Board of Commissioners
9:25 – 10:20 am	Civics 101	Kara Millonzi Robert W. Bradshaw Jr. Distinguished Professor of Public Law and Government Associate Dean for Research and Innovation UNC School of Government
10:20 – 10:40 am	Morning Break Snack and beverages will be provided	
10:40 – 11:00 am	Class Business	LNC Team
11:00 – 11:55 am	Leadership—No Matter Who Wins	John N. Davis Editor John Davis Political Report
11:55 am – 12:40 pm	Lunch	

12:40 – 1:50 pm	What Is the Role of Government?	John Hood <i>President</i> <i>John William Pope Foundation</i>
		Chris Fitzsimon <i>President/Publisher</i> <i>States Newsroom</i>
1:50 – 2:15 pm	Walk to the Legislative Building and Security <i>Belongings can be left at the Quorum Center or in vehicles to streamline security at the Legislative Building. They can be retrieved after the program adjourns at 4 pm. No food or beverage permitted on the House floor.</i>	
2:15 – 2:45 pm	The Legislative Process	James White <i>Principal Clerk</i> <i>North Carolina House of Representatives</i>
2:45 – 3:55 pm	Voices of Legislators	The Honorable Gale Adcock <i>Senator, District 16</i> <i>North Carolina General Assembly</i> <i>LNC Class 20 Alumna</i>
		The Honorable Jim Burgin <i>Senator, District 12</i> <i>North Carolina General Assembly</i>
		The Honorable Erin Paré <i>Representative, District 37</i> <i>North Carolina General Assembly</i>
		The Honorable Robert Reives II <i>Representative, District 54</i> <i>North Carolina General Assembly</i>
		Dr. Ray Levy, Moderator <i>Executive Director, Data Science Academy</i> <i>North Carolina State University</i> <i>LNC Class 30 Alumna and GOV Session Planning Committee</i>
3:55 – 4:00 pm	Wrap Up and Adjourn	
4:00 – 6:30 pm	Free Time	
6:30 pm	Class Dinner	Sitti (Jiddi Space) <i>137 South Wilmington Street</i>

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Breakfast and Session: Quorum Center, 323 West Jones Street. Business casual attire.

8:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast (Optional) <i>Advance RSVP Required</i>	Quorum Center
8:30 – 8:50 am	Morning Reflections	Dr. Sara Imhof <i>Senior Director</i> <i>North Carolina Biotechnology Center</i> <i>LNC Class 30 Alumna and Class 31 Program Chair</i>
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8:50 – 9:40 am	Leadership Profile	The Honorable Machel Baker Sanders <i>Secretary North Carolina Department of Commerce</i>
9:40 – 9:55 am	Morning Break <i>Snack and beverages will be provided</i>	
9:55 – 10:40 am	The Judicial Branch: A Day in the Life	The Honorable Sam Hamadani <i>Judge Wake County District Court</i>
10:45 – 11:15 am	Local Government and Strategies for Engagement	Amy Bason <i>Deputy Director/General Counsel North Carolina Association of County Commissioners</i>
		Rose Vaughn Williams <i>Executive Director North Carolina League of Municipalities</i>
		Ashley Ruffin, Moderator <i>Chief Impact Officer Civic Federal Credit Union / Local Government Federal Credit Union LNC Class 30 Alumna and GOV Session Co-Chair</i>
11:15 – 11:25 am	Dos and Don'ts for Connecting with Elected Officials	Session Planning Committee
11:25 am – 12:10 pm	Lunch	
12:10 – 2:20 pm	Budgetopolis	Doug Bean <i>Director of Government Services, Raftelis Financial Consultants, Inc. Adjunct Faculty, UNC School of Government</i>
		Tracy Miles <i>Adjunct Instructor UNC School of Government</i>
2:20 – 2:30 pm	Wrap-Up and Adjourn	LNC Team