



## Leadership North Carolina

Class 32  
Education Session

December 10-12, 2024  
Greensboro

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**Base Hotel**

Greensboro Marriott Downtown  
304 North Greene Street  
Greensboro, NC  
(336) 379-8000  
<http://bit.ly/GreensboroMarriott>

**Session Goals**

1. Empower LNC leaders with an understanding of the landscape of Education in North Carolina, from cradle to career.
2. Expose participants to the current issues and challenges across the educational continuum with a focus on possible solutions, emerging trends, and innovative practices.
3. Ensure the representation of multiple perspectives to increase awareness for participants.
4. Explore how education connects to government, health and human services, economic development, the environment, and inclusive leadership in North Carolina.

**Planning Committee**

**Steven Martin, Program Chair**  
President & CEO  
Constellation Quality Health  
*Wake*

**Dr. Rochelle Cook, Co-Chair** *Guilford*  
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Director, Division of Disability Determination Services  
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**Dr. Paola Sztajn** *Wake*  
Dean, College of Education  
North Carolina State University

**Dr. Jessie Tenenbaum** *Wake*  
Associate Professor  
Duke University

Each planning committee for the Class 32 program year is made up of members from LNC Class 31.

## Tuesday, December 10, 2024

Optional Tour: International Civil Rights Center and Museum, 134 South Elm Street, Greensboro. Business casual attire.

Optional Reception: THRIVE Coworking, 111 West Lewis Street, Greensboro. Business casual attire.

1:00 – 4:00 pm International Civil Rights Center and Museum Tour and Reflections (Optional) Dillon Tyler  
Advance RSVP Required. Masks required—provided on site. Executive Assistant and Tour Coordinator  
Tour sponsored by UnitedHealthcare International Civil Rights Center and Museum

5:30 – 7:00 pm Session Reception at THRIVE Coworking (Optional)  
Advance RSVP Required

## Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Breakfast and Meeting: NC A&T State University Student Center Ballroom, Second Floor, 1403 John W. Mitchell Drive, Greensboro. Business casual attire.

Parking Address: 102 Laurel Street, Greensboro. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> levels of parking deck. 5-10 minute walk to Student Center.

Dinner: Cadillac Service Garage, 304 East Market Street, Greensboro. Casual attire—school gear or school colors encouraged.

8:00 – 8:30 am Breakfast (Optional)  
Advance RSVP Required

8:30 – 8:55 am Setting the Stage Steven Martin  
President and CEO  
Constellation Quality Health  
LNC Class 31 Alumnus and Class 32 Program Chair

Dr. Rochelle Cook  
Founder  
ThinkWriteScholar, LLC  
LNC Class 31 Alumna and EDU Session Co-Chair

Jacki Russell  
Director, Division of Disability Determination Services  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services  
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8:55 – 9:10 am North Carolina A&T State University Welcome Dr. Antoine J. Alston  
Associate Dean, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences  
North Carolina A&T State University

9:15 – 10:00 am NC's Education Landscape: Cradle to Career Mebane Rash  
Founding CEO and Editor-in-Chief  
EducationNC

10:00 – 10:20 am Morning Break  
Snack and beverages will be provided

10:20 – 11:05 am Early Childhood Education: Building the Foundation Yvonne A. Copeland  
Division Director, Division of Child and Family Well-Being  
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

11:10 am – 12:00 pm	K-12 Educational Access: Innovations and Challenges	Catty Quiroz Moore <i>Member At-Large</i> <i>North Carolina State Board of Education</i>
		Dr. Anthony D. Jackson <i>Superintendent</i> <i>Chatham County Schools</i>
12:00 – 12:15 pm	Reflections	Education Session Planning Committee
12:15 – 1:00 pm	Lunch	
1:00 – 1:15 pm	Class Business	LNC Team
1:15 – 1:55 pm	NC's Exceptional Students: Opportunities and Access	Sherry H. Thomas <i>Special Education Consultant</i>
1:55 – 2:15 pm	Afternoon Break	
2:15 – 3:15 pm	Voices of Educators	Ryan Henderson <i>TV/Journalism Teacher, Sugar Creek Charter School</i> <i>2023 North Carolina Charter School Teacher of the Year</i>
		Kimberly Jones <i>Humanities Teacher, Chapel Hill High School</i> <i>2023 North Carolina Teacher of the Year</i>
		Freebird McKinney <i>Director of Partnership Development, Participate Learning</i> <i>2018 North Carolina Teacher of the Year</i>
		Heather Smith <i>Math Teacher, Waynesville Middle School</i> <i>2024 North Carolina Teacher of the Year</i>
		Julie Paige Pittman, Moderator <i>Special Advisor to the NC Superintendent for Educator Engagement</i> <i>North Carolina Department of Public Instruction</i> <i>2018 North Carolina Western Region Teacher of the Year</i>
3:20 – 3:50 pm	AI in Education: What's All the Hype About?	Emma Braaten <i>Director of Digital Learning</i> <i>The Friday Institute for Educational Innovation</i>
3:50 – 4:00 pm	LNC Wrap-Up	LNC Team
6:30 pm	Class Dinner <a href="#">Wear your school gear or school colors!</a>	Cadillac Service Garage

## Thursday, December 12, 2024

Breakfast and Meeting: NC A&T State University Student Center Ballroom, Second Floor, 1403 John W. Mitchell Drive, Greensboro. Business casual attire.

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8:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast (Optional) Advance RSVP Required	
8:30 – 8:50 am	Morning Reflections	Steven Martin President and CEO Constellation Quality Health LNC Class 31 Alumnus and Class 32 Program Chair
8:50 – 9:35 am	Navigating the Complex Maze of AI in Education	Emma Braaten Director of Digital Learning The Friday Institute for Educational Innovation
9:40 – 10:15 am	Holistic Approaches for Adult Learners	Dr. Forrest D. Toms, Sr. Chief Executive Officer NC Research and Engagement Group, LLC
10:15 – 10:35 am	Morning Break Snack and beverages will be provided	
10:35 – 11:20 am	Apprenticeships: A Solution to Workforce Development	Dr. David Cross Career and Technical Education Director Randolph County School System
		Terence Franklin Maintenance Reliability Manager Post Consumer Brands
		Christian Glass Apprentice Post Consumer Brands
		Dr. Chris Harrington, Moderator State Director, ApprenticeshipNC North Carolina's State Apprenticeship Agency Economic Development Division - NC Community College System
11:20 – 11:30 am	Reflections	EDU Session Planning Committee
11:30 am – 12:15 pm	Lunch	
12:15 – 1:30 pm	Higher Education in North Carolina: Pipeline to Careers	Dr. Jeff Cox President North Carolina Community College System
		Dr. Bethany D. Meighen Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Division of Academic Affairs University of North Carolina System
		Dr. A. Hope Williams President North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities

1:35 – 2:20 pm

Leadership Profile

Dr. Chuck Wallington  
*Executive Vice President and Chief Marketing and Communications Officer  
Cone Health*

2:20 – 2:30 pm

Wrap-Up and Adjourn

LNC Team