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Class 33 Education Session

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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. Support an understanding of the full education ecosystem in NC, with a specific appreciation for successes and challenges.
2. Foster a deeper appreciation and respect for the value of the full continuum of education in NC, from early childhood to K-12 to higher education.
3. Present multiple perspectives on issues in education and a balanced view of considerations and drivers of policy.
4. Navigate sources of data and how data can be used to drive positive outcomes.
5. Explore how education connects to government, health and human services, economic development, the environment, and inclusive leadership in North Carolina.

Planning Committee

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Assistant Vice President, Duke Learning and Organization
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Tuesday, December 9, 2025

Optional Tour: International Civil Rights Center and Museum, 134 South Elm Street, Greensboro. Business casual attire. Masks (required) provided on site.

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)
Advance RSVP Required. Masks required—provided on site.
- 5:30 – 7:00 pm Session Reception at THRIVE Coworking (Optional)
Advance RSVP Required

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Breakfast and Morning Programming: West Market Street United Methodist Church, 302 West Market Street, Greensboro. Business casual attire.

Parking: LNC participants staying at the Marriott are strongly encouraged to leave their cars in the Marriott deck and walk 3 blocks. Commuters can park at the Davie Street Deck, 109 East Market Street, Greensboro.

Lunch and Afternoon Programming: Guilford Technical Community College – Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CAM), 6012 West Gate City Boulevard, Greensboro. Group transportation provided to and from GTCC.

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 – 9:15 am Setting the Stage

Chris Rivera
*Vice President, Business and Workforce Solutions
South Piedmont Community College
LNC Class 32 Alumnus and Class 33 Program Chair*

Ivan Canada
*President & CEO
North Carolina Center for Nonprofits
LNC Class 32 Alumnus and EDU Session Co-Chair*

Dr. Kristi Snuggs
*President
Early Years
LNC Class 32 Alumna and EDU Session Co-Chair*

- 9:15 – 10:00 am Building the Foundation: North Carolina's Legacy and
The Future of Early Care and Education

Dr. Kelly Maxwell
*Senior Research Scholar
Child Trends*

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

- 10:20 – 10:40 am Class Business

LNC Team

- 10:40 – 11:35 am The Power of a Good Start

Amy Cabbage
*President
The North Carolina Partnership for Children*

Morgan Ford
*Program Director, Building Bright Futures
North Carolina Business Committee for Education*

Dan Tetreault
*Assistant Director of Early Learning, Office of Early Learning
North Carolina Department of Public Instruction*

Candace Witherspoon
*Director, Division of Child Development and Early Education
North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services*

Samantha Cole, Moderator
*Child Care Business Liaison
North Carolina Department of Commerce*

11:35 am – 12:05 pm Group Transportation to Guilford Tech Community College
Bus transportation provided

12:05 – 12:25 pm Lunch

12:25 – 1:40 pm Higher Education in North Carolina: Pipeline to Careers

Bonita Brown
*Chancellor
Winston-Salem State University*

Dr. Jeff Cox
*President
North Carolina Community College System*

Dr. A. Hope Williams
*President
North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities*

Cecilia Holden
*President and CEO
myFutureNC
LNC Class 23 Alumna*

1:40 – 1:50 pm Break

1:50 – 3:50 pm Guilford Technical Community College: Manufacturing Success

Dr. Beth Pitonzo
*Senior Vice President for College and Workforce Instruction
Guilford Technical Community College
Alumna LNC Class 22*

GTCC Students and Educators

3:50 – 4:00 pm LNC Wrap-Up

LNC Team

4:00 – 4:30 pm Group Transportation to Marriott
Bus transportation provided

4:30 – 6:30 pm Free Time

6:30 pm Class Dinner
Wear your school gear or school colors!

Cadillac Service Garage

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Breakfast and Morning Programming: West Market Street United Methodist Church, 302 West Market Street, Greensboro. Business casual attire.

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8:00 – 8:30 am	Breakfast (Optional) <i>Advance RSVP Required</i>	
8:30 – 8:45 am	Morning Reflections	Chris Rivera <i>Vice President, Business and Workforce Solutions South Piedmont Community College LNC Class 32 Alumnus and Class 33 Program Chair</i>
8:45 – 9:30 am	State of the State in K-12 Education	Maurice “Mo” Green <i>Superintendent North Carolina Department of Public Instruction</i>
9:30 – 9:50 am	Morning Break <i>Snack and beverages will be provided</i>	
9:50 – 11:05 am	Beyond the Classroom: Challenges and Change in K-12 Education	Jevelyn Bonner-Reed <i>Executive Director The Belk Foundation</i> Dr. Elena Ashburn <i>Senior Education Advisor Office of Governor Josh Stein</i> Dr. Rodney Peterson <i>Superintendent Person County Schools</i> Lisa Adkins, Moderator <i>Senior Associate Moss+Ross LNC Class 32 Alumna and EDU Session Planning Committee</i>
11:05 – 11:15 am	Kudos	LNC Class 33
11:15 am – 12:00 pm	Lunch	
12:00 – 12:30 pm	What Matters Most?	LNC Class 33
12:30 - 1:30 pm	Bridging Leadership & Learning: Nonprofits As Catalysts For Educational Success in North Carolina	Dr. Kristi Snuggs <i>President Early Years LNC Class 32 Alumna and EDU Session Co-Chair</i> Jill Cox <i>President and CEO Communities in Schools of North Carolina LNC Class 31 Alumna</i> Brittany Fletcher <i>President and CEO United Way of North Carolina</i>

Meka S. Sales, Moderator
Director of Special Initiatives
The Duke Endowment

1:35 – 2:20 pm

Leadership Profile

Dr. David Stegall
Director of Education
The New Hanover Community Endowment

2:20 – 2:30 pm

Wrap-Up and Adjourn

LNC Team