

LNC Class 33

Environment Session

Wednesday, April 15
Asheville



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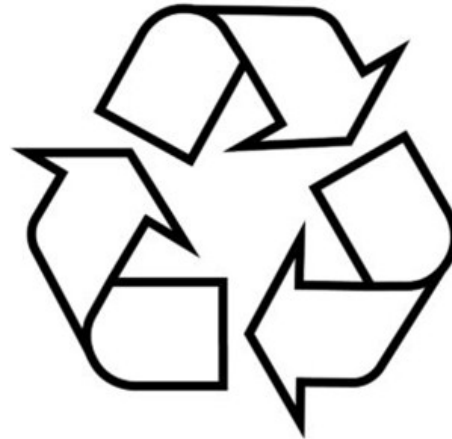
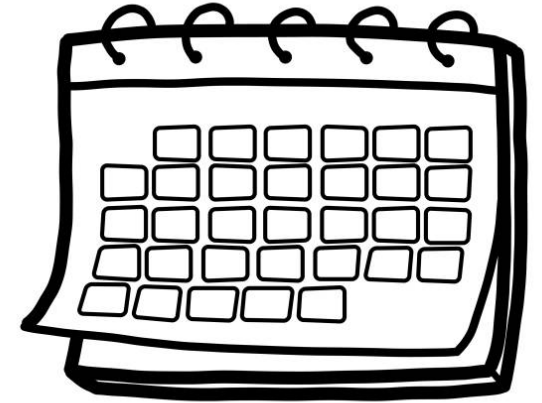
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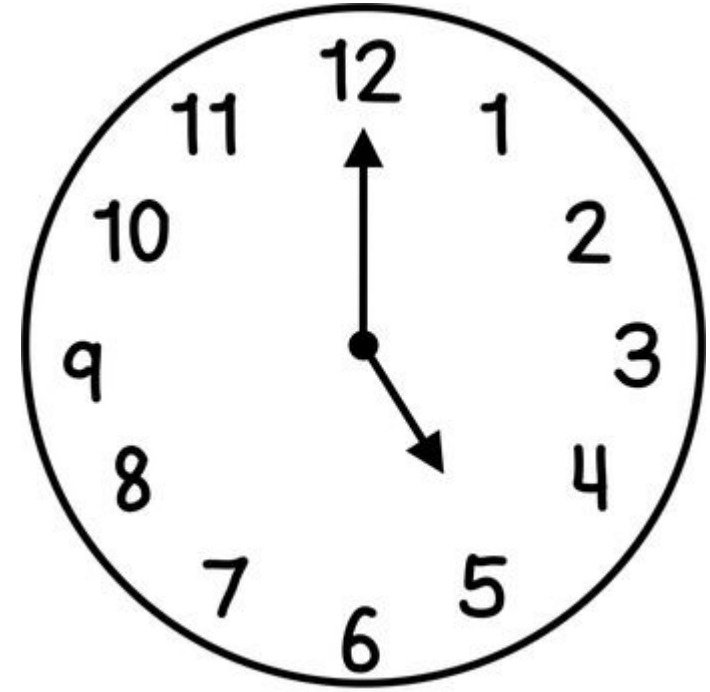


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**A Member of
LNC Class 33!**

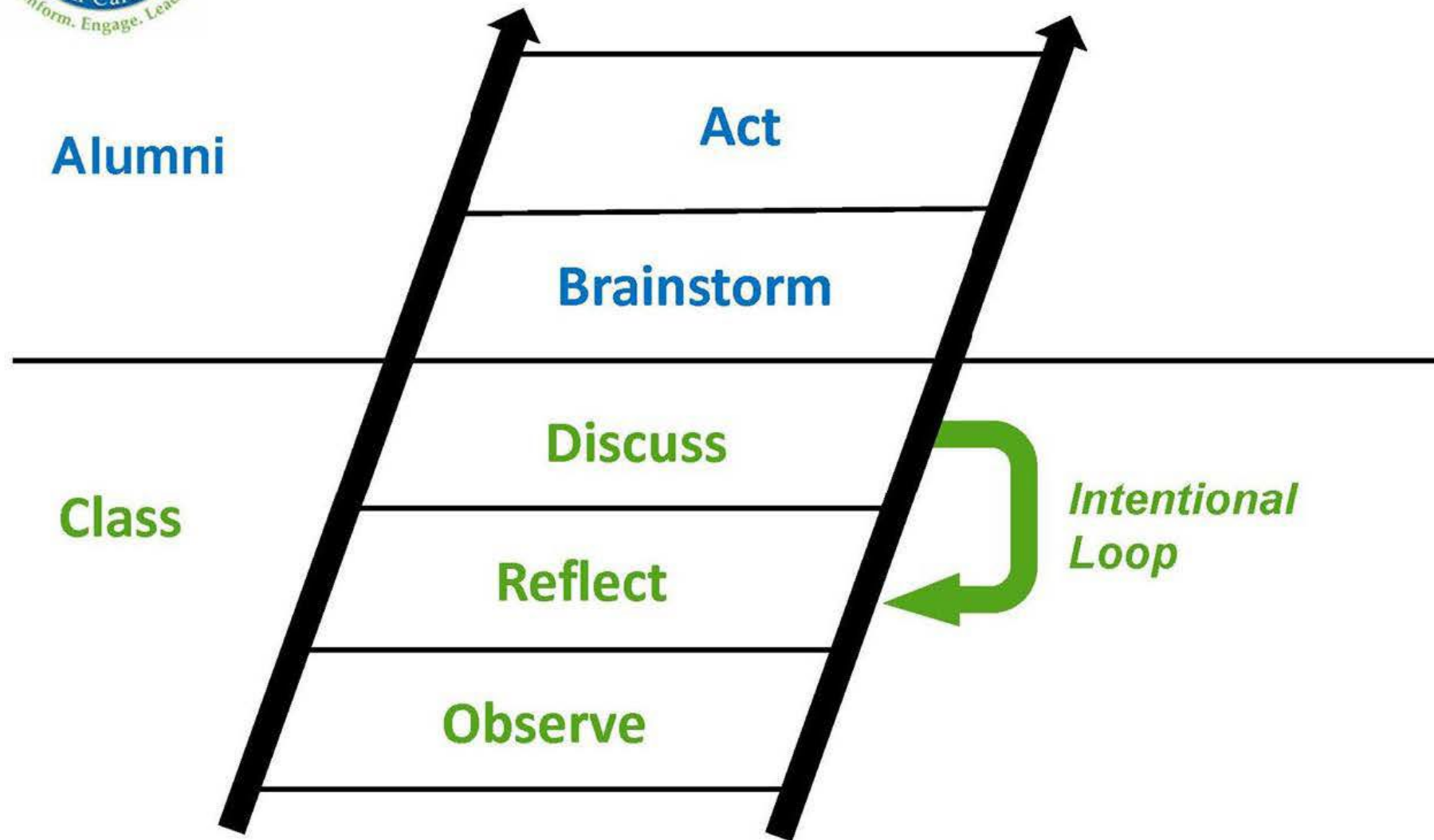
Setting the Stage

Chris Rivera
Class 33 Program Chair





LNC Learning Model



Leadership NC Class 33 Agreements

As members of Leadership North Carolina Class 33, we commit to showing up with openness, authenticity, and intention. We listen deeply—to understand rather than to respond—and approach one another with curiosity, empathy, and respect. Together, we create a safe and inclusive environment where every voice is valued, differences are explored with grace, and learning is grounded in trust and shared humanity.

We hold ourselves accountable for being present, prepared, and engaged in each session, recognizing that our growth depends on the energy we bring and the space we create for others to grow alongside us. We communicate honestly and respectfully, offering feedback with care and receiving it with humility. As we navigate this journey, we remain adaptable and reflective—willing to learn, unlearn, and adjust—embracing challenge as an invitation to transformation.

Above all, we honor the spirit of collaboration and collective success: supporting one another, celebrating our diverse perspectives, and committing to the shared pursuit of leadership that makes a difference in our communities and our state.



Setting the Stage

DeDreana Freeman and Emily Wallace
Environment Session Co-Chairs

Environment Session Planning Committee

DeDreana Freeman, Session Co-Chair
DEEP LLC

Emily Wallace, Session Co-Chair
Thrivner

Eric Bowen
North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives

Layla Cummings
Duke Energy

Tracey du Laney
North Carolina Biotechnology Center

Esteban Guzmán, Wayne Community College

**Jenn Heiss, North Carolina Department of
Transportation**

Michael Johnson, Dogwood State Bank

**Jodi Kaplan, The University of North Carolina at
Charlotte**

**Leslie Karkanawi, North Carolina State
Education Assistance Authority**

Stacy Sereno, North Carolina Farm Bureau

Eastern Band of Cherokee
Stewardship of the Kituwah Landscape

Mike LaVoie
Natural Resources Director
Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians

State of the State of North Carolina's Environment

Dr. Kathie Dello

Assistant Secretary for Resilience

North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality

Important Stuff

Graduation Speaker Ballots: Due TODAY

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Environmental Justice in NC: Past to Present

Dr. Chris Lamont Brown

Co-Director of Research and Education
North Carolina Environmental Justice Network

Class Business



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May 12-13

Recruitment

Reminders

Garrett
Fund

Questions

LNC Class 33 Planning Meeting & Graduation Events

Quorum Center,
Raleigh

Tuesday, May 12

Reflect, Connect, and Imagine:
What Our LNC Can Be!
2:30 – 4:30

Class Social
4:30 – 6:00

Dinner on your own

Wednesday, May 13

Breakfast (optional)
8:00 – 8:30

Planning Meeting (required)
8:30 – 3:00

Transition Time
3:00 – 3:40

Class Picture
3:40

Graduation
4:00

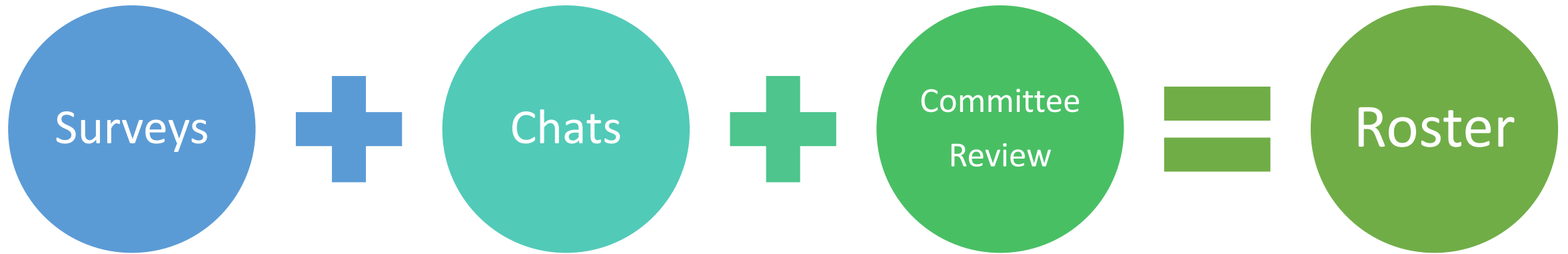
Reception to Follow

Role Descriptions

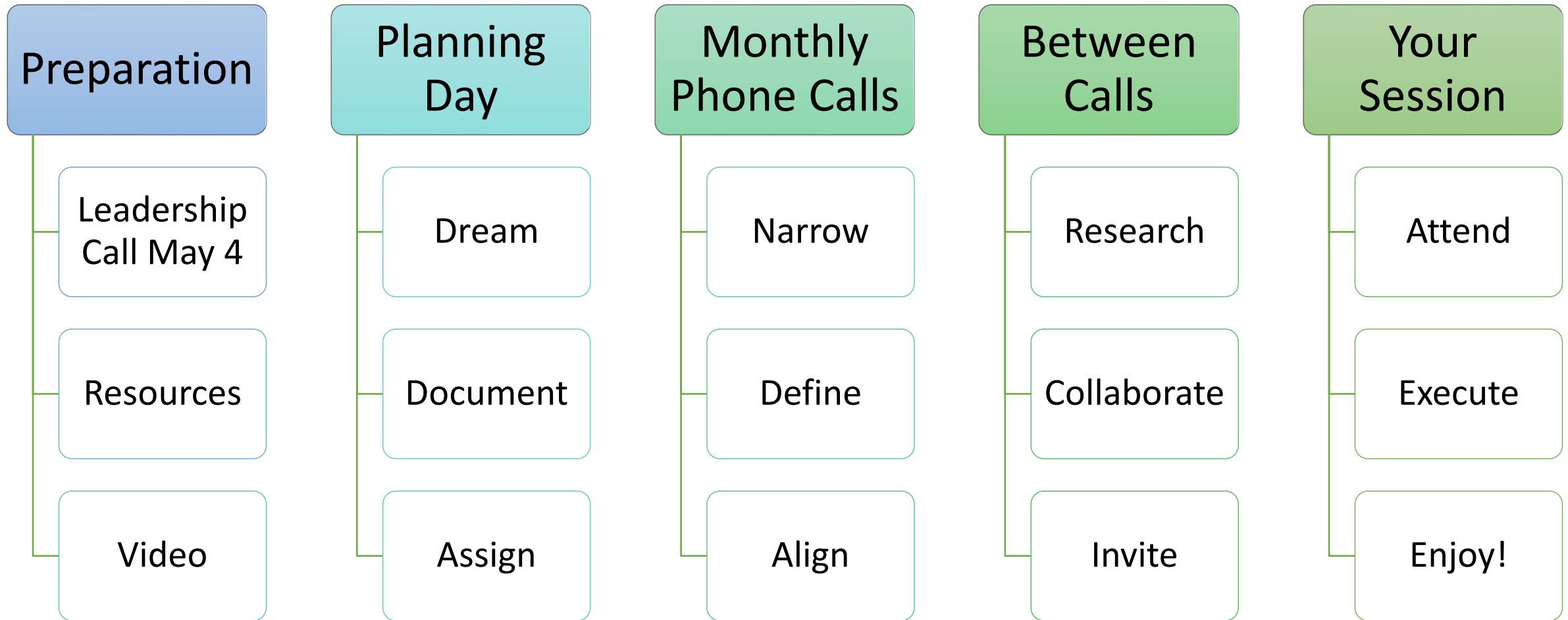


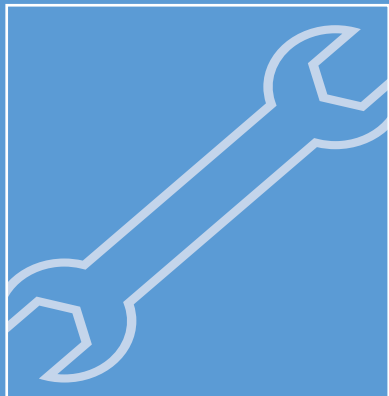
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Planning Committee Roles and Roster Development



Sneak Peak: Session Planning Process

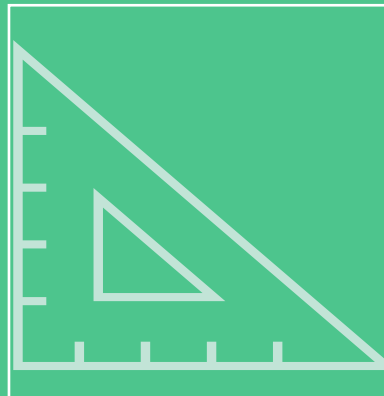




Agendas



Evaluations



Templates



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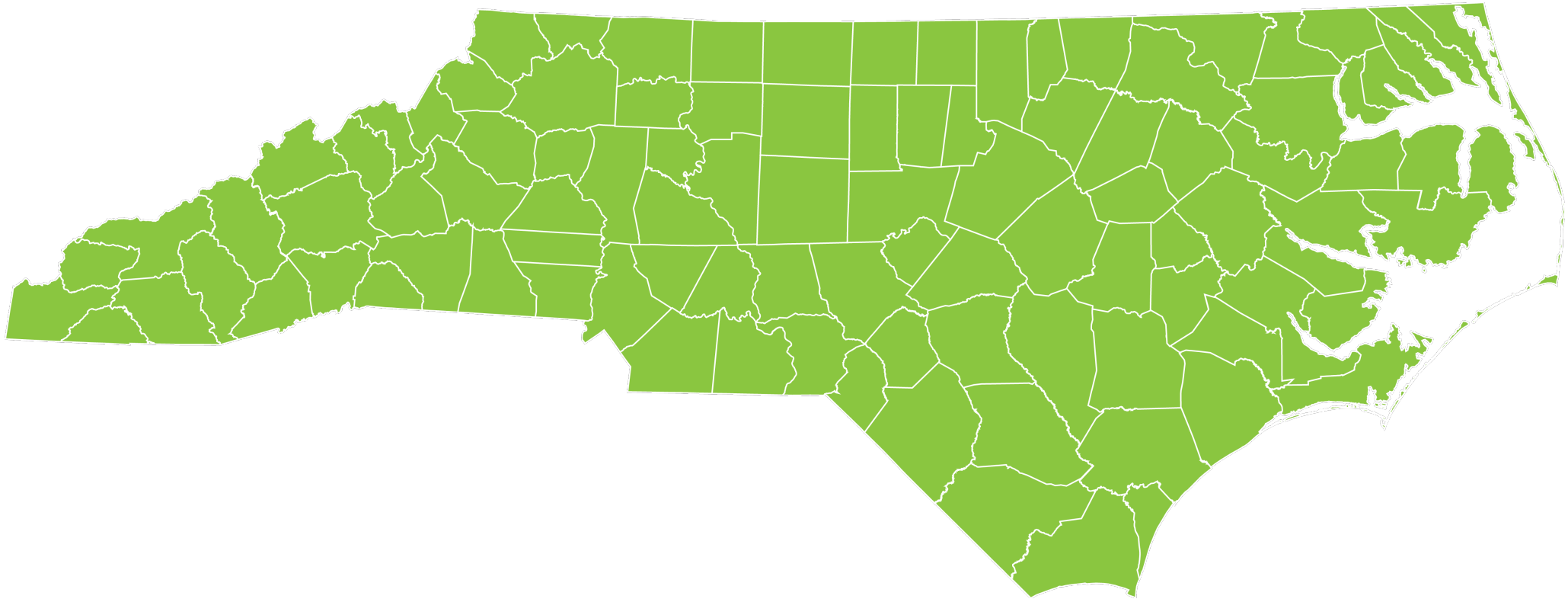


You!



Session Planning Tools

Recruitment and Candidate Suggestions



Revisiting Important Stuff

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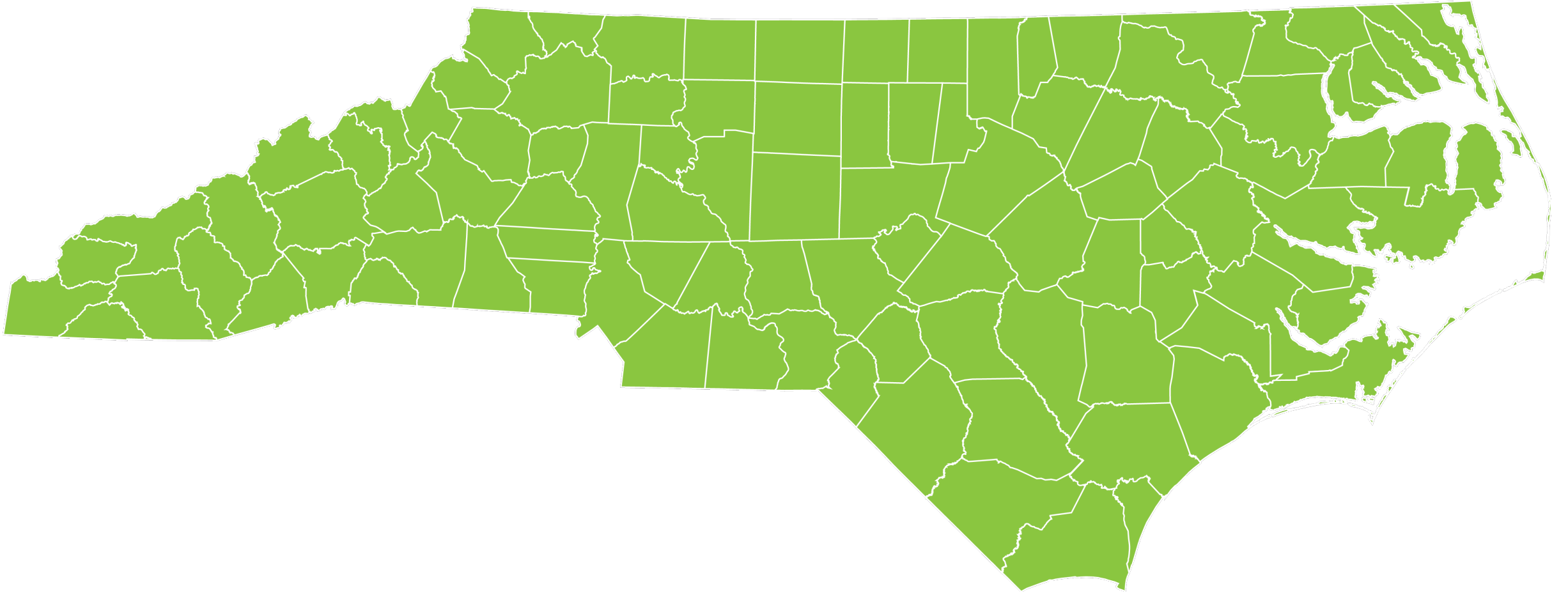
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LNC Pledge Form
Paying It Forward



The Conservation Tax Credit

The Honorable Stephen M. Ross

Mr. Will Summer

Ms. Leslie Karkanawi, Moderator

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Tonight and Tomorrow

Explore

- Asheville Botanical Garden walking tour

Class Dinner

- Pack's Tavern at 6:30 pm (no early arrivals)
- Walkable from the hotel (5-10 min)
- Sit with someone new!

Tomorrow

- Check out before session
- Register your car
- 8:00 Breakfast/8:30 Start



Recovery and Resilience in Western NC

Mayor Zeb Smathers
Councilor Maggie Ullman
Mr. Nathan Ramsey

Jenn Heiss, Moderator

Exploring WNC's Biodiversity

Brian Wuertz, Cassie Payne, and Special Guest
Friends of the WNC Nature Center

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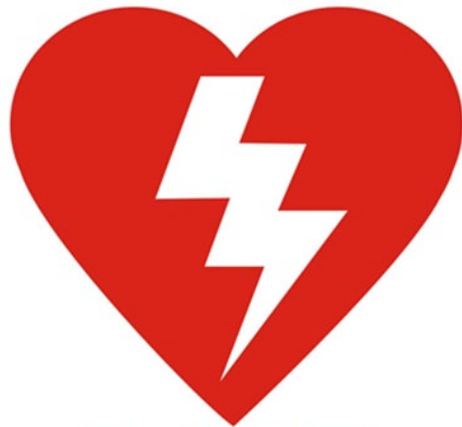
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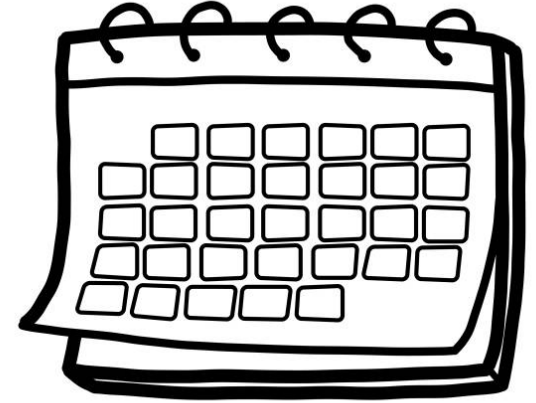
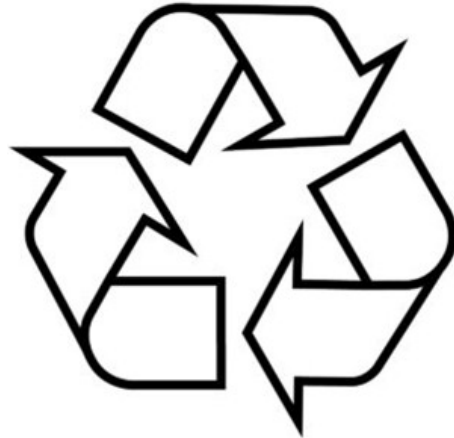
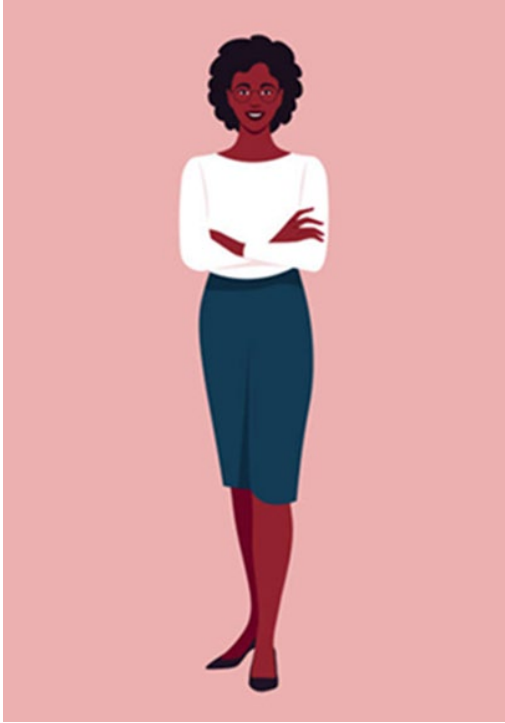
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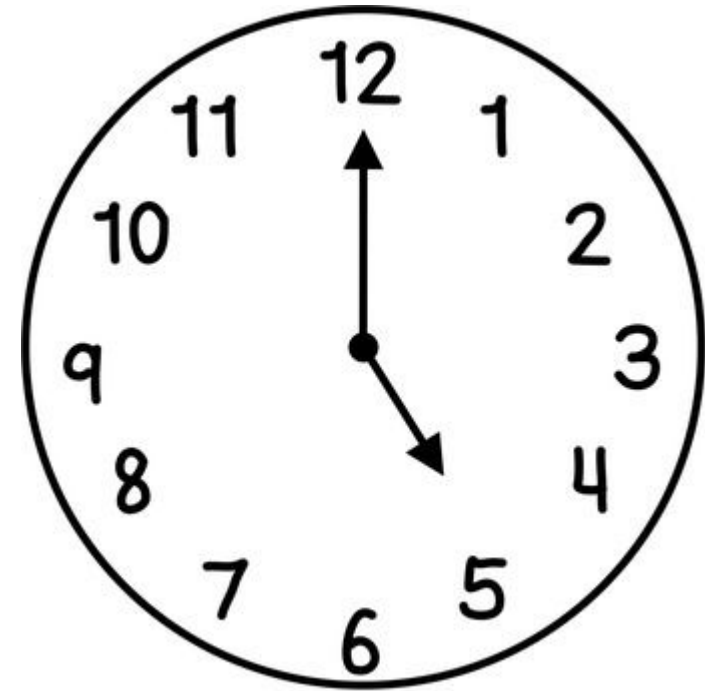
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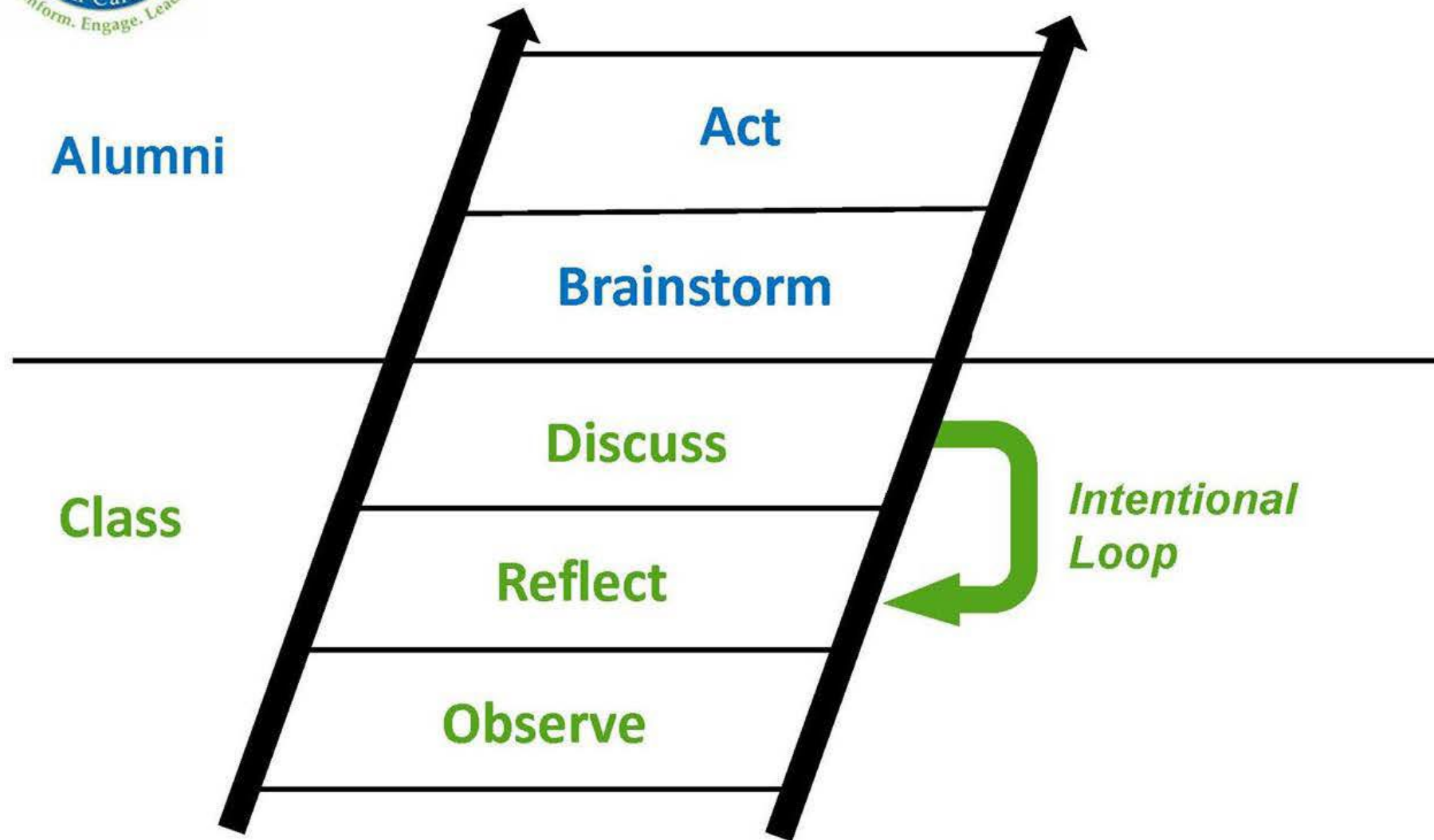


Morning Reflections

- Look back: What stood out from yesterday?
- What moment or insight stuck with you?
- Carry that forward as we build today



LNC Learning Model



Agriculture and the Land

Corey Hoilman

Kaleb Rathbone

Jason Davis

Stacy Sereno, Moderator

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Data Centers and Energy Use in NC

Steven J. Levitas
Venu Ghanta

Kudos!



Water-Smart Futures: Resilience in a Rapidly Changing Climate

Dr. Susan N. White

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Leadership Profile

Sharon Decker

Senior Advisor to Governor Josh Stein on
Economic Recovery of Western North Carolina

Session

WRAP UP

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One Word Check-In



Think of ONE WORD that captures what you are thinking and feeling at the end of the Environment session



Examples: excited, curious, stretched, overwhelmed, grateful



Jot your word on your card and we'll collect them

See You in May!

- Clear your tables
- Leave your nametags
- Safe travels



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