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Leadership North Carolina Presents Annual Awards and Celebrates Graduation of Class XXIV

Raleigh, NC – This afternoon Leadership North Carolina will present three prestigious awards in conjunction with its 2017 graduation ceremony in the North Carolina Capitol.

The L Richardson Preyer Alumni Award will be presented to Jeff Frazier, managing director, office of the executive chairman, at Cisco Systems, Inc. Jeff is an alumnus of LNC Class XI (2003-2004). He has been active in his involvement with and support of Leadership North Carolina and is known for leading by example through his personal, professional, and community engagement. Past recipients of the Preyer Award can be found [here](#).

The Charles T. Hagan III Chairman's Award will be presented to Piedmont Natural Gas and received by Victor Gaglio, chief utility operations officer. Piedmont Natural Gas has been a longtime partner with leadership North Carolina, providing support through funding and program content and enabling the participation of many high-caliber candidates for the program. Past recipients of the Charles T. Hagan III Chairman's Award can be found [here](#).

The winner of the Stanley Frank Class Award will be announced during the May 11th ceremony. The recipient of this award is chosen by the members of the current class and embargoed until the ceremony. Past winners of the Stanley Frank Class Award can be found [here](#).

Following the awards presentations, the fifty-five civic and community leaders from across the state who have just completed the Leadership North Carolina program will celebrate their graduation

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 comprises top leaders from the government, business, nonprofit, and education sectors. A full list of participants follows.

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.

Over the course of six two-and-a-half day sessions the members of LNC Class XXIV learned about issues critical to the state through discussions with top officials and professionals, field trips, and experiential learning activities. LNC's

sessions focused on five key areas: economic development, education, environment, government, and health and human services.

LNC sessions are held around the state, highlighting the social, geographic, and economic diversity of North Carolina. The members of Class XXIV visited Boone, Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Charlotte, New Bern, and Asheville. Through LNC's program, participants gained new insight into North Carolina's strengths and challenges and developed their own priorities for ways they can improve and empower their communities and the state as a whole.

The application process for LNC Class XXV (2017-2018) opens May 17 and will remain open through June 30. To find out more about Leadership North Carolina, please visit: www.leadershipnc.org.

LNC Class XXIV

- **Daniel Amburn**, Regional Director, State Government Relations and Public Affairs, UCB, Inc., *Raleigh*
- **Paige Bagwell**, Chief Talent Officer, The Redwoods Group, *Morrisville*
- **Pam Baldwin**, Superintendent, Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, *Chapel Hill*
- **Jason Beck**, Senior Director, Clinical Operations, Columbus Regional Healthcare System, *Whiteville*
- **Callee Boulware**, Executive Director, Reach Out and Read Carolinas, *Sylva*
- **Susan Burgess**, Director of University Compliance, University of North Carolina at Charlotte, *Charlotte*
- **Rolanda Burney**, *Greensboro*
- **Anthony Caison**, Vice President of Workforce Continuing Education, Wake Technical Community College, *Raleigh*
- **Tim Carroll**, Chief Information Officer, North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, *Raleigh*
- **Kim Chambers**, Chief Financial Officer, Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers (TROSAs), *Durham*
- **Lisa Dalberth**, Chief Administrative Officer, Fidelity Charitable, Fidelity Investments, *Durham*
- **Pres Davenport**, Director of Business Development, Eckel & Vaughan, *Wilmington*
- **Chris Edge**, Vice President, Large Business Customers, Duke Energy, *Raleigh*
- **Phil Emer**, Director, Technology Planning and Policy, The Friday Institute for Educational Innovation, North Carolina State University, *Raleigh*
- **Michele Fitzsimons**, Director, Compensation and HRIS, Martin Marietta Materials, Inc., *Raleigh*
- **Susan Fleetwood**, Executive Director of Economic Development, North Carolina Department of Commerce, *Raleigh*
- **Cynthia Floyd**, School Counseling Consultant, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction, *Nashville*
- **Kristina Fransel**, President, National MS Society, Greater Carolinas Chapter, *Charlotte*
- **Christopher Gergen**, Chief Executive Officer, Forward Impact, *Raleigh*
- **Jacqueline Gottlieb**, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hinton Rural Life Center, *Hayesville*
- **Claudia Guthrie**, Director, Business Process Excellence, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, *Durham*
- **Terry Hairston**, Environmental Manager, Nucor Steel, *Winton*
- **Blake Hassell**, Financial Analyst, North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation, *Raleigh*
- **Bryan Heckle**, Director of Risk Management, North Carolina Department of Insurance, *Raleigh*
- **Tyran Hill**, Local and Regional Policy Advocate, North Carolina Housing Coalition, *Raleigh*
- **Jason Horay**, Health Promotion Coordinator, Medical Mutual of North Carolina, *Raleigh*
- **Lois Inglad**, Assistant Vice President, Community Engagement, Carolinas HealthCare System, *Charlotte*
- **Nancy Johnston**, Executive Director, Piedmont Triad Office, North Carolina Biotechnology Center, *Winston-Salem*
- **Jason Jones**, Director, Charlotte Office, Clark Nexsen Architecture and Engineering, *Charlotte*
- **Brian Keefe**, Vice President, Delta Dental of North Carolina, *Charlotte*

- **Jackie Keener**, Assistant Secretary of Labor and Economic Analysis, North Carolina Department of Commerce, *Raleigh*
- **David Kim**, Vice President, Information Technology and Research Services, and Chief Information Officer, Central Piedmont Community College, *Charlotte*
- **Nicole Kloss**, Director Corporate Health, Novant Health, *Charlotte*
- **Kenneth Lin**, Regional Government Relations Manager, International Paper, *Raleigh*
- **Katherine Lockhart**, Western Carolinas Business Banking Market Executive, Bank of America Merrill Lynch, *Charlotte*
- **Paul Lukan**, Director, Technical Support, Cisco Systems, Inc., *Research Triangle Park*
- **Pamela Meek**, Senior Director, External Communications, SAS, *Cary*
- **April Mills**, Client Service Executive, Ward and Smith, P.A., *Raleigh*
- **Derwin Montgomery**, City Council Member, City of Winston-Salem, *Winston-Salem*
- **Steve Moore**, Fundraising Manager, Krispy Kreme Doughnut Corporation, *Winston-Salem*
- **Angie Murphrey**, Community Development Manager, First Tennessee Bank, *Winston-Salem*
- **Mike Olender**, Manager of Outreach and Advocacy, AARP North Carolina, *Charlotte*
- **Jackie Olich**, Director, University Collaborations, RTI International, *Durham*
- **Elizabeth Outten**, Government Relations Manager, Novant Health, *Cary*
- **Jamaica Pfister**, Area Director, Business Development and Advocacy, Children's Home Society of North Carolina, *Raleigh*
- **Eric Quimby**, Manager, Brand and Market Activation, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, *Durham*
- **Lisa Rolan**, Small Business Center Director, South Piedmont Community College, *Monroe*
- **Paige Sayles**, Director, Z.B. Collie Foundation, *Louisburg*
- **Bill Schneider**, Associate Vice President for Research and Performance Management, North Carolina Community College System, *Raleigh*
- **Amy Strecker**, North Carolina Principal Community Affairs Manager, Duke Energy Foundation, Duke Energy, *Raleigh*
- **Jonathan Thill**, Dean of Continuing Education, Montgomery Community College, *Troy*
- **Sherée Vodicka**, Executive Director, North Carolina Alliance of YMCAs, *Raleigh*
- **Brandon Watson**, Banking Director, North Carolina Department of State Treasurer, *Raleigh*
- **LaMonica Wilhelmi**, Director of Career Development Services, Winston-Salem State University, *Winston-Salem*
- **Kate Woome-Deters**, Staff Attorney, North Carolina Justice Center, *Raleigh*