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Leadership North Carolina Celebrates Graduation of Class XXV

Raleigh, NC – On Thursday, May 10, 2018, Leadership North Carolina held a graduation ceremony for its 25th class. Fifty-five civic and community leaders from across the state celebrated their completion of this prestigious program in the Old House Chamber of the North Carolina State Capitol.

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 XXV 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 1100 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 XXV 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 XXV visited Boone, Raleigh, Greensboro, Charlotte, Robeson County, 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 XXVI (2018 - 2019) opens May 16 and will remain open through June 29. To find out more about Leadership North Carolina, please visit: www.leadershipnc.org.

LNC Class XXV

- **Melody Adams**, Director, Rural Grant Programs, North Carolina Department of Commerce, *Raleigh*
- **Johanna Anderson**, Executive Director, The Belk Foundation, *Charlotte*

- **Lilith Anderson**, Director, Enterprise Portfolio Management and Governance, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, *Durham*
- **Collis Arrick**, Financial Professional, *Durham*
- **Ulisa Bowles**, Executive Director of Admissions, Fayetteville State University, *Fayetteville*
- **Kim Bradley**, Chief of Staff, The University of North Carolina at Charlotte, *Charlotte*
- **Dawn Braswell**, Training Manager, Siemens Charlotte Energy Hub, *Charlotte*
- **Rob Brittain**, Franchise Director of Local Store Marketing, Golden Corral Corporation, *Raleigh*
- **Andrew Cagle**, Director of State and External Affairs, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, *Greensboro*
- **Jenna Carpenter**, Dean and Professor, School of Engineering, Campbell University, *Buies Creek*
- **Tracie Clark**, Executive Assistant to the President, Central Piedmont Community College, *Charlotte*
- **Laurie Clowers**, Vice President, Communications and Marketing, Wake Technical Community College, *Raleigh*
- **John Coggin**, Director of Advocacy, North Carolina Rural Economic Development Center, *Raleigh*
- **Mike Cole**, Founder/President, Amazing Studios, *Fuquay-Varina*
- **Michael Ebert**, Vice President, Marketing and Research, Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina, *Cary*
- **Indira Everett**, District Manager, Duke Energy, *Durham*
- **Veronica Feduniec**, Chief Operating Officer, Gaston Family Health Services, *Gastonia*
- **Sam Funchess**, President and Chief Executive Officer, The Nussbaum Center for Entrepreneurship, *Greensboro*
- **Keith Garbrick**, Vice President, LaBella Associates, *Charlotte*
- **Allie Garrett**, Associate Program Officer, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, *Winston-Salem*
- **Jerri Haigler**, Tutor Charlotte Coordinator, United Way Central Carolinas, *Huntersville*
- **Sarah Hardin**, Director of Government Affairs, North Carolina Education Lottery, *Raleigh*
- **Alyssa Hellman**, Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Compass South Consulting, *Clayton*
- **Doug Heron**, Associate Vice President, Government Relations, Duke University and Duke Health, *Durham*
- **Kathryn Hoover**, Managing Partner, The Nautical Group, *Raleigh*
- **Diane Huis**, Vice President, Resource Planning and Portfolio Management, North Carolina's Electric Cooperatives, *Raleigh*
- **Leslie Ann Jackson**, Director of Grants and Scholarships, North Carolina Community Foundation, *Raleigh*
- **Sam Johnson**, Project Manager II, Duke Energy, *Charlotte*
- **Karen Kelley**, Chief Program Officer, TROSA, Inc., *Durham*
- **Matt Klein**, President, Carolina Water Service, Inc. of North Carolina, *Charlotte*
- **Chad Lloyd**, Director of Land Acquisition, M/I Homes of Charlotte, LLC, *Charlotte*
- **Katie Loovis**, Vice President for External Affairs, Chapel Hill - Carrboro Chamber of Commerce, *Chapel Hill*
- **Jodi Lorenzo-Schibley**, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer, Sanctuary House, *Greensboro*
- **Kelly Maglio**, Director of Capital Budgets and Fixed Assets, Martin Marietta, *Raleigh*
- **Becky McKenzie**, Assistant Vice President, Perioperative Services, Duke University Hospital, *Durham*
- **Larry McManus**, President, TEAM Wealth Planning and Management Inc., *Chapel Hill*
- **Michael McNally**, Director, North Carolina Center for Engineering Technologies, Appalachian State University, *Hickory*
- **Susan Miller**, Tax Manager, DMJ & Co., PLLC, *Durham*
- **Robin Murchison**, Chief of Staff, The Redwoods Group, *Morrisville*
- **Martha Paige**, Town Manager, Town of Morrisville, *Morrisville*
- **Sophia Paulos**, Director of Economic Development, Graham County, *Robbinsville*
- **Priscilla Ramseur**, Chief Nursing and Patient Care Services Officer, Duke Raleigh Hospital, *Raleigh*
- **Melanie Regner**, Certified Financial Planner, First Vice President, Morgan Stanley, *Raleigh*

- **Margaret Roberton**, Associate Vice President - Workforce Continuing Education, North Carolina Community College System, *Raleigh*
- **Emily Roland**, Member Advocacy Director, North Carolina Healthcare Association, NCHA, *Cary*
- **Kathy Rummage**, Executive Director of Communications, Central Piedmont Community College, *Charlotte*
- **Sheri Shaw**, Assistant Dean for Student Success, The University of North Carolina at Wilmington, *Wilmington*
- **Kate Shirah**, Program Director, John Rex Endowment, *Raleigh*
- **Troy Smith**, Director, Medical Economics and Strategic Planning, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina, *Durham*
- **Amy Tharrington**, Mid-Atlantic Marketing Manager, First Tennessee Bank, *Raleigh*
- **Cecelia Thompson**, Executive Director, Action Greensboro, *Greensboro*
- **Tammy Thurman**, Community Relations Manager, Piedmont Natural Gas, *Fayetteville*
- **Willard Whitson**, Executive Director, KidSenses, Inc., *Rutherfordton*
- **Nadja Young**, Senior Manager, Government Practice, SAS, *Cary*
- **Ray Zeisz**, Director, Enterprise Infrastructure Programs, North Carolina State University, *Raleigh*