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### Secretary of State Elaine Marshall Receives Leadership North Carolina Governor's Award

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*Raleigh, NC* – Leadership North Carolina honored North Carolina Secretary of State Elaine Marshall for her public service and commitment to developing leaders and growing opportunities in a ceremony Wednesday afternoon at 18 Seaboard in Raleigh. Marjorie Benbow, member of the LNC Awards Committee and alumna of LNC Class XVIII, and David Fountain, president of Duke Energy North Carolina, chair of the LNC Board of Directors, and alumnus of LNC Class XV, presented the LNC Governor's Award to Secretary Marshall.

The LNC Governor's Award is the highest honor LNC can bestow upon a citizen. It is given each year to a North Carolinian who serves as a leadership role model and whose efforts have resulted in an improved quality of life, economic well-being, and sense of community in our state. The award is presented in honor of the current governor, who serves as the honorary chair of the LNC board of directors. A roster of previous recipients can be found in the following link. [Previous Leadership North Carolina Governor's Award Recipients](#)

LNC President Brian Etheridge thanked Secretary Marshall for serving as a speaker for LNC on numerous occasions and for her engagement in the areas of child welfare, women's issues, and agriculture and small town economic development.

In accepting the award, Secretary Marshall remarked that, "Leadership North Carolina is one of this State's great treasures. Their excellent bipartisan training and encouragement system is doing so much to give us a new generation of enthusiastic, caring leaders. I am awed and very proud to be receiving this Governor's Award honor from them."

#### **About Leadership North Carolina**

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 1,000 graduates of the program whose continued ties to LNC and to one another provide them with rich opportunities for serving North Carolina.

To find out more about Leadership North Carolina, please visit: [www.leadershipnc.org](http://www.leadershipnc.org).