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Session Goals

1. Provide a robust overview of the full continuum of education in North Carolina and explore emerging trends.
2. Identify pressing issues facing education in North Carolina, including impacts of COVID and disparities in educational opportunities and outcomes, and explore strategies for reducing inequities.
3. Foster opportunities for discussion, interaction, and experiential learning for LNC participants.
4. Highlight opportunities for participants to make a positive contribution to education in NC.
5. Explore how education connects to government, health and human services, economic development, and the environment in NC.

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Tuesday, December 7, 2021

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| 2:25 – 2:30 pm | Log into Zoom Waiting Room for Virtual Tour | |
| 2:30 – 4:30 pm | International Civil Rights Center and Museum Virtual Tour and Reflections (Optional) Advance RSVP Required | Dillon Tyler <i>Tour Coordinator</i> <i>International Civil Rights Center and Museum</i> Brenda Dalton James (invited) <i>Community Activist and Woolworth's Sit-In Participant</i> |
| 4:30 – 5:00 pm | Break Grab your favorite beverage to enjoy during the social. | |
| 4:55 – 5:00 pm | Log into Zoom Waiting Room for Virtual Class Social | |
| 5:00 – 6:00 pm | Class Social (Optional) | |

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

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| 8:25 – 8:30 am | Log into Zoom Waiting Room for Wednesday Program | |
| 8:30 – 9:00 am | Setting the Stage | Naomi Irvin <i>Chief of Staff - Government Markets</i> <i>Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina</i> <i>LNC Class XXVIII Alumna and Class XXIX Program Chair</i> Kevin Byers, Co-Chair <i>Assistant Dean for Budget and Administration</i> <i>Winston Salem State University</i> Heather Miller, Co-Chair <i>Senior Vice President & Chief of Staff</i> <i>Wingate University</i> |
| 9:00 – 9:50 am | The State of Education in NC | Dr. Trip Stallings <i>Education and Policy Consultant</i> |
| 9:50 – 10:20 am | Morning Break Stay logged in, mute mic and camera. Return at 10:15 am for bonus content. | |
| 10:20 – 11:00 am | Let the Data Show Us the Way to Attainment | Cecilia Holden <i>President and Chief Executive Officer</i> <i>myFutureNC</i> <i>LNC Class XXIII Alumna</i> MC Belk Pilon <i>President and Board Chair</i> <i>John M. Belk Endowment</i> |
| 11:00 – 11:45 am | Exploring County Data Profiles | LNC Class XXIX |

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| 11:45 am – 12:45 pm | Lunch Stay logged in, mute mic and camera. Return at 12:40 pm for bonus content. | |
| 12:45 – 1:45 pm | Early Childhood Education: Building the Foundation | Rebecca Feinglos Planchard <i>Senior Early Childhood Policy Advisor NC Department of Health and Human Services LNC Class XXVII Alumna</i> |
| | | Banu Valladares <i>Executive Director Charlotte Bilingual Preschool, Inc.</i> |
| 1:45 – 2:15 pm | Building Connections | Class XXIX Learning Teams |
| 2:15 – 2:40 pm | Break | |
| 2:40 – 3:50 pm | Voices of Educators | Eugenia Floyd <i>4th Grade Teacher, Chapel Hill-Carrboro Schools 2021 North Carolina Teacher of the Year</i> |
| | | Freebird McKinney <i>Director of Government and Community Affairs NC State Board of Education/NC Department of Public Instruction 2018 North Carolina Teacher of the Year</i> |
| | | Maureen Stover <i>AP Physics 1 Online Instructor North Carolina Virtual Public School 2020 North Carolina Teacher of the Year and 2021 National Teacher of the Year Finalist</i> |
| | | Julie Paige Pittman (Moderator) <i>Special Advisor to the Superintendent: Teacher Engagement NC Department of Public Instruction 2018 Western Region Teacher of the Year</i> |
| 3:50 – 4:00 pm | Wrap-Up and Adjourn | |
| 4:00 pm | Office Hours (Optional) | |

Thursday, December 9, 2021

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| 8:25 – 8:30 am | Log into Zoom Waiting Room for Thursday Program | |
| 8:30 – 8:55 am | Welcome and Class Business | |
| 8:55 – 9:20 am | Morning Reflections | Naomi Irvin <i>Chief of Staff - Government Markets Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina LNC Class XXVIII Alumna and Class XXIX Program Chair</i> |
| 9:20 – 10:00 am | LNC “Book Club”—Current Issues in Education | LNC Class XXIX |
| 10:00 – 10:10 am | Break Stay logged in, mute mic and camera. | |

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| 10:10 – 11:10 am | Higher Education in NC: A Conversation with System Leadership | <p>Dr. Kimberly Gold <i>Chief of Staff</i> <i>North Carolina Community College System</i> <i>LNC Class XXII Alumna</i></p> <p>Dr. A. Hope Williams <i>President</i> <i>North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities</i></p> <p>Dr. Andrew Kelly <i>Senior Vice President for Strategy and Policy</i> <i>University of North Carolina System</i></p> |
| 11:10 – 11:30 am | <p>Break Stay logged in, mute mic and camera.</p> | |
| 11:30 am – 12:30 pm | Pathways to Student Success | <p>Dr. T. Rhett Brown <i>President</i> <i>Wingate University</i></p> <p>Dr. Elwood L. Robinson <i>Chancellor</i> <i>Winston-Salem State University</i> <i>LNC Class II Alumnus</i></p> <p>Garrett Elder <i>Student</i> <i>Wingate University</i></p> <p>Brandy Fuentes <i>Student</i> <i>Wingate University</i></p> <p>Angel Maynor <i>Student</i> <i>Winston-Salem State University</i></p> <p>Jevon McKiver <i>Student</i> <i>Winston-Salem State University</i></p> |
| 12:30 – 1:20 pm | <p>Lunch Stay logged in, mute mic and camera. Return at 1:15 pm for bonus content.</p> | |
| 1:20 – 2:20 pm | Leadership Profile | <p>Minnie Forte-Brown <i>Engagement Advisor, NC10</i> <i>Former President, NC School Boards Association</i> <i>Former Chair, Durham Public Schools Board of Education</i></p> |
| 2:20 – 2:30 pm | LNC Wrap-Up and Adjourn | |
| 2:30 pm | Office Hours (Optional) | |