



## Leadership North Carolina

Class XXVI  
Education Session  
December 4-6, 2018  
Greensboro

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**Base Hotel**

Greensboro Marriott Downtown  
304 North Greene Street  
Greensboro, NC  
(336) 379-8000  
<http://bit.ly/GreensboroMarriott>

**Session Goals**

1. Provide an overview of education in North Carolina—past, present, & future.
2. Explore the components and drivers of education at different levels, from birth to post-secondary.
3. Discuss key policy issues and challenges currently facing education in North Carolina.
4. Examine the critical intersections of community, family, and school and their effect on educational outcomes and experiences.
5. Illustrate how education connects to government, health & human services, economic development, and the environment in North Carolina.
6. Highlight opportunities for participants to make a positive contribution to education in North Carolina.

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Each planning committee for the Class XXVI program year is made up of members from LNC Class XXV.

## Tuesday, December 4, 2018

Optional Tour: International Civil Rights Center and Museum, 134 South Elm Street, Greensboro. Business casual attire.

Reception: HQ Greensboro, 111 West Lewis Street, Greensboro. Business casual attire.

1:00 – 4:00 pm	International Civil Rights Center and Museum Tour and Reflections (Optional) <i>Advance RSVP Required</i>	ICRCM <i>134 South Elm Street</i>
5:30 – 7:00 pm	Session Reception at HQ Greensboro (Optional) <i>Advance RSVP Required</i>	Chip Hagan <i>Partner</i> <i>Hagan Barrett PLLC</i> <i>LNC Class I Alumnus and LNC Founding and Lifetime Board Member</i>

## Wednesday, December 5, 2018

Breakfast and Meeting: Bennett College Global Learning Center, 521 Gorrell Street, Greensboro. Business casual attire.

Dinner: Undercurrent, 327 Battleground Avenue, Greensboro. Casual attire.

7:30 – 8:15 am	Breakfast (Optional) <i>Advance RSVP Required</i>	
7:45 – 8:15 am	William Garrett Fund Committee Meeting <i>Committee will meet over breakfast at Bennett College</i>	
8:15 – 8:30 am	Morning Reflections	
8:30 – 8:55 am	Setting the Stage	Mike Cole <i>Founder/President</i> <i>Amazing Studios</i> <i>LNC Class XXV Alumnus and Class XXVI Program Chair</i>
		Johanna Anderson <i>Executive Director</i> <i>The Belk Foundation</i> <i>LNC Class XXV Alumna and Education Session Co-Chair</i>
9:00 – 9:10 am	Bennett College Welcome	Dr. Phyllis Dawkins <i>President</i> <i>Bennett College</i>
9:15 – 10:15 am	Education in North Carolina 101	Brenda Berg <i>Chief Executive Officer</i> <i>BEST NC</i> <i>LNC Class XXII Alumna</i>
10:15 – 10:35 am	Morning Break <i>Snack and beverages will be provided</i>	
10:35 – 11:15 am	Early Childhood Education	Cindy Watkins <i>President</i> <i>North Carolina Partnership for Children</i>
11:20 – 11:40 am	Is the Deck Stacked? Educational Outcomes in NC	Nadja Young <i>Senior Manager, Government Practice</i> <i>SAS</i> <i>LNC Class XXV Alumna and Education Session Planning Committee Member</i>

11:45 am – 12:45 pm	A Conversation with the Guilford County Superintendent	Sharon L. Contreras, Ph.D. <i>Superintendent Guilford County Schools</i>
		Michael McNally <i>Director, North Carolina Center for Engineering Technologies Appalachian State University LNC Class XXV Alumnus and Education Session Co-Chair</i>
12:45 – 1:45 pm	Lunch and Conversation with Middle College at Bennett Guests	Thyais Maxwell <i>Principal The Middle College at Bennett</i>
		The Middle College at Bennett Teachers and Students
1:45 – 2:00 pm	Class Business	
2:00 – 3:30 pm	Higher Ed in a Changing Landscape	Peter Hans <i>President North Carolina Community College System</i>
		Margaret Spellings <i>President University of North Carolina System</i>
		Dr. A. Hope Williams <i>President North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities</i>
		Kristy Teskey, Moderator <i>Executive Director My Future NC LNC Class XXII Alumna and LNC Board Chair</i>
3:30 – 3:50 pm	Table Reflections	
3:50 – 4:00 pm	LNC Wrap-Up and Adjourn	The LNC Team
7:00 pm	Class Dinner <a href="#">Short walk from Marriott</a>	Undercurrent <i>327 Battleground Avenue</i>

## Thursday, December 6, 2018

Breakfast and Meeting: Revolution Mill, 1000 Revolution Mill Drive, Greensboro. Business casual attire.

7:30 – 8:15 am	Breakfast (Optional) <a href="#">Advance RSVP Required</a>	
8:15 – 8:30 am	Morning Reflections	
8:30 – 8:50 am	Setting the Stage	Mike Cole <i>Founder/President Amazing Studios LNC Class XXV Alumnus and Class XXVI Program Chair</i>

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8:50 – 9:10 am	Community Partner: EducationNC	Mebane Rash <i>Chief Executive Officer and Editor-in-Chief EducationNC</i>
9:15 – 9:45 am	Whole Child NC: North Carolina’s Approach to Student Health and Academic Success	Dr. Ellen Essick <i>Section Chief, NC Healthy Schools NC Department of Public Instruction</i>
9:45 – 10:00 am	Morning Break <i>Snack and beverages will be provided</i>	
10:00 – 10:20 am	Class Business	LNC Team
10:20 – 11:05 am	Key Issues in Education	Kris Nordstrom <i>Senior Policy Analyst, Education and Law Project North Carolina Justice Center</i>  Becki Gray <i>Senior Vice President John Locke Foundation</i>  Alison Harris Welcher, Moderator <i>Leader in Residence Education First Consulting</i>
11:05 – 11:35 am	Key Issues: Educators Respond	James Bell <i>Professional Learning Coordinator North Carolina Virtual Public School 2007 NC Teacher of the Year</i>  Melody Chalmers <i>Assistant Superintendent, District Transformation and Strategic Initiatives Cumberland County Schools 2016 NC Principal of the Year</i>  Alison Harris Welcher, Moderator <i>Leader in Residence Education First Consulting</i>
11:35 am – 12:00 pm	Key Issues: Q&A and Reflections	
12:00 – 12:45 pm	Lunch	
12:45 – 1:45 pm	Follow the Money: School Funding in NC	Jennifer Bennett <i>Assistant Superintendent Finance and Business Operations Vance County Schools</i>
1:50 – 2:45 pm	Leadership Profile	Dr. Dudley Flood <i>Retired School Administrator</i>
2:45 – 3:00 pm	LNC Wrap-Up and Adjourn	LNC Team