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Leadership Wilmington Announces 2017 Class Members

Wilmington, NC — 42 Wilmington business and community leaders will compose the 2017 Leadership Wilmington class and will plan and conduct the area's largest single-day volunteer activity: Work On Wilmington.

Sponsored by the Wilmington Chamber Foundation, the objective of the ten-month long program is to educate, challenge and motivate leaders and future leaders to utilize their skills to work for the betterment of our community. The class project, Work on Wilmington, is a "hands-on" event that provides the class members an opportunity to put their leadership, decision-making and teamwork skills to work.

This year's diverse class brings a wealth of experience to share with the Wilmington community and their classmates. (A full list of class members follows.) An orientation will be held on August 4th at the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, where the class will be introduced to the scope and content of the Leadership Wilmington program and to their fellow program participants.

The Leadership Wilmington Retreat will take place at Fort Caswell Coastal Retreat and Conference Center in Oak Island on August 25-26th. There the class will be treated to a day-long session with international bestselling author and motivational speaker Tom Morris, whose work includes "If Aristotle Ran General Motors." On day two the new class will begin work on their class project - Work On Wilmington (WOW). The WOW event organized by the 2016 Leadership Wilmington class completed 27 community projects with 1,900 volunteers participating.

Following the Retreat, the 2017 Leadership Wilmington class will begin full-day sessions once a month, beginning in September and continuing through April. Each session will focus on a different topic: Arts & Culture; Environment; Education; Health & Human Services; Infrastructure; Diversity; Growth & Development; Crime & Punishment, and Politics & Government.

Leadership Wilmington is a program of the Wilmington Chamber Foundation. The objective of LW is to educate, challenge and motivate leaders and future leaders to utilize their leadership skills to work for the betterment of our community. The ten-

month program consists of eight all-day sessions, an orientation social, a two-day retreat to begin the program, Work On Wilmington, and a graduation ceremony.

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2017 Class of Leadership Wilmington

Roy Badillo - US Cellular
Elizabeth Barfield - New Hanover Regional Medical Center
Lisa Barry - GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy
Zane Bennett - Plantation Village
Richard Broadway, II - Rodgers Builders, Inc.
Kristen Brogdon - UNC Wilmington
Tolga Cankurtaran - North Carolina State Ports Authority
Matt Carvin - DREAMS of Wilmington
Audrey Christie - Sound Bank
Bradley Cotton - Keller Williams Realty/Ultimate Property Management
Evan Cumalander - IronGate Partners
Liz Dodson - North State Bank
Bob Dunn - GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy
Charles Emblar - The Home Depot
Harrison Freedland - Craige & Fox, PLLC
Clayton Greene - The Bridge Church ILM
Dan Hauser - General Electric
Wes Haynes - Servpro of New Hanover
Chris Hoenig - First Citizens Bank
Audrey Holsten - Cape Fear Academy
Jessica Humphries - Hamlet and Associates, PLLC
Shannon Lanier - Ward and Smith, P.A.
Richard Lytle - On Q Financial
Lauren McKenzie-Isaacson - Adam Shay CPA, PLLC
John McLean - Cape Fear Public Utility Authority
Rachel Nadeau - Cape Fear Community College
Robin Nalepa - North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher
Kathleen Nichols - GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy
Leslie Owens - UNC Wilmington
Claire Parker - New Hanover Regional Medical Center
Robert Parker, III - RSM US LLP

Brenda Riegel - PPD
Kandra Romeo - Alliance Credit Union
Lisa Sahlie - Lanier Property Group
Chris Smith - Duke Energy
Ruth Smith - New Hanover County
Joanna Stuckey - BB&T
J.D. Swart - Edward Jones
David Turner - Andrew Consulting Engineers
Julia Ware - RimGuard Extreme
Shannon Willingham - WECT TV-6
John Zachary - Pathfinder Wealth Consulting

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