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Largest Ever Leadership Wilmington Class to Graduate Tuesday

Wilmington, NC—The graduation ceremony for the 2017 class of Leadership Wilmington will take place Tuesday, May 16, 2017, from 8:30 am-10:30 am at Events at Watermark (4114 River Road, Wilmington). This year's class boasts 37 graduates, the largest class ever. NC Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Secretary Susi Hamilton is scheduled to deliver the keynote address.

Leadership Wilmington is a program of the Wilmington Chamber Foundation that brings leaders from across the community together to educate, challenge and motivate participants to use their leadership skills for the betterment of the community. Leadership Wilmington organizes and implements the community service day, Work on Wilmington, each year as its class project. This year, Work on Wilmington attracted nearly 1,000 volunteers from across the community to complete 38 projects at area schools and non-profits. This represented the most projects ever taken on for a Work On Wilmington event.

The next Leadership Wilmington class will begin in August 2017. Applications to participate in the 2017-18 class will be accepted until June 30, 2017, and applications are available on the Wilmington Chamber website: www.wilmingtonchamber.org.

Media are invited to attend the graduation ceremonies. Please RSVP to Scott Czechlewski at czechlewski@wilmingtonchamber.org or 762-2611 ext. 216.

Leadership Wilmington 2017 Graduates:

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

Kristen Brogdon - UNC Wilmington
Tolga Cankurtaran - NC State Ports Authority
Matt Carvin - DREAMS of Wilmington
Bradley Cotton - Keller Williams Realty
Evan Cumalander - IronGate Partners
Liz Dodson - Titan Dental Management
Bob Dunn - GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy
Charles Embler - The Home Depot
Harrison Freedland - Craige & Fox, PLLC
Dan Hauser - General Electric
Wes Haynes - Servpro of New Hanover
Chris Hoenig - Box & Bow Welcome Co.
Audrey Holsten - Cape Fear Academy
Jessica Humphries - Hamlet and Associates, PLLC
Shannon Lanier - Ward and Smith, P.A.
Richard Lytle - On Q Financial
Lauren Isaacson - Adam Shay CPA
John McLean - Cape Fear Public Utility Authority
Rachel Nadeau - Cape Fear Community College
Robin Nalepa - NC Aquarium at Fort Fisher
Leslie Owens - UNC Wilmington
Claire Parker - NHRMC
Robert Parker, III - RSM US LLP
Brenda Riegel - PPD
Kandra Romeo - Alliance Credit Union
Lisa Sahlie - Lanier Property Group
Chris Smith - Duke Energy
Joanna Stuckey - BB&T
David Turner - Andrew Consulting Engineers
Julia Ware - RimGuard Extreme
Shannon Willingham - WECT TV-6
John Zachary - Pathfinder Wealth Consulting

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