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### **Leadership Wilmington Announces 2018 Class Members**

Wilmington, NC — 36 Wilmington business and community leaders will compose the 2018 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 was held on August 10th at the Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, where the class was 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 24-25<sup>th</sup>. 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 2017 Leadership Wilmington class completed 38 community projects with 1,000 volunteers participating.

Following the Retreat, the 2018 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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### **2018 Class of Leadership Wilmington**

Tanya Armour - UNC Wilmington  
Jonathan Barber - Intracoastal Realty  
Amanda Black - Wells Fargo Advisory  
Catherine Blankenship - NHRMC Home Care  
Joe Boyd - WithersRavenel  
Kathryn Bruner - Coast Guard (Ret.)  
Ryan Cunningham - CresCom Bank  
Natalie English - Wilmington Chamber of Commerce  
Alexandra Evans - Lowes Foods  
Nicholas Fernez - Dugan & Leger, PLLC  
Lindsey Hallock - Cape Fear Public Utility Authority  
Charrise Hart - YWCA Lower Cape Fear  
Amanda Holliday - Cape Fear Academy  
Julie Lamacchia - GE Aviation  
Chance Lambeth – Congressman Rouzer’s Office  
Traci Lanier - Corning  
Erin McNally - Wilmington International Airport  
Patricia McNamara - PPD Development  
Adam Merritt - Miller-Motte College  
Caroline Montgomery - Adam Shay CPA, PLLC  
Nicholas Montoya - Blockade Runner Beach Resort  
Cameron Moore - Wilmington-Cape Fear Home Builders Assoc.  
Jane Morrow - Smart Start of New Hanover County  
Nancy O’Dacre - New Hanover Regional Medical Center  
Cheryl Piner - NC State Ports Authority  
Annice Sevett - NHC Library  
Sheri Shaw - UNC Wilmington  
Josh Shieffer - Duke Energy  
Ruth Smith - New Hanover County  
Michael Snyder - SERVPRO of New Hanover  
Michael St. Jacques - GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy  
Erica Talbert - Cape Fear Community College

Brent VanGilder - US Cellular

Justin Whitley - W.M. Jordan Company

Robbin Williams - GE Hitachi

Tammy Wynn - New Beginning Christian Church

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