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Leadership Wilmington Announces 2019 Class Members

Wilmington, NC — 35 Wilmington business and community leaders will compose the 2019 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 Leadership Wilmington program is to educate, challenge and motivate leaders and future leaders to utilize their 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. The class project, Work on Wilmington, is a "hands-on" event that provides 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 Thursday, August 9th 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 23-24. There the class will be treated to a session with international bestselling author and motivational speaker Tom Morris, whose work includes "If Aristotle Ran General Motors." The new class will also begin work on their class project - Work On Wilmington (WOW). The WOW event organized by the 2017 Leadership Wilmington class completed 32 community projects with 1,000 volunteers participating.

Following the Retreat, the 2019 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.

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2019 Class of Leadership Wilmington

Aaron Martin - US Cellular
Brock Hall - Raymond James Financial Center
Brigitte Hagen-Peter - NC State Ports Authority
Brad Neigel - First National Bank
Carolyn Rennix - UNCW Career Center
Christina Greene - Cape Fear Community College
Chris Hillier - New Hanover Regional Medical Center
Chris Massey - Adam Shay CPA, PLLC
Corey Quinlan - General Electric Aviation
Chris Royal - Coldwell Banker Sea Coast Advantage
Don Mizelle Jr. - WithersRavenel
Deborah Summers - WECT TV-6
Erin Tremblay - Cape Fear Public Utility Authority
Jennifer Adams - Corning Incorporated
James Noble - Trask Land Company
Jen Merritt - Aquesta Bank
Jeremy Roberts - RSM US LP
Jennifer Smith - New Hanover County Fire Rescue
Jillian Summers - BB&T
James Todd - Ward and Smith, P.A.
Joy Wade - Going Beyond the Pink
Kristina Duerr - Utility Management Services, Inc.
Kristie Ford - New Beginning Christian Church
Kristin Hall - PPD
Krys Hobson - Premier Staffing Solutions, Inc.
Lynne Baldacci - BB&T Scott and Stringfellow
Lewis Stroud - Cape Fear Community College
Marissa Bryant - New Hanover Regional Medical Center
Polly Holly - Greater Wilmington Business Journal
Ryan Casey - Tilia Fiduciary Partners
Scott Deffinbaugh - RBC Wealth Management
Steve McCrossan- NourishNC
Stuart Nadeau - Creative Commercial Properties
Sarah Smith - Tribute Properties
Taylor Oldroyd - Cape Fear Realtors

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