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Greater Raleigh Chamber Announces 2011/12 Leadership Raleigh Participants

Leadership Raleigh, the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce's oldest leadership development program, announces the 2011/12 participants.

Allison Anthony, Meredith College, School of Business

Owen Asplundh, Womble Carlyle Sandridge & Rice, PLLC

Austin Barnhill, Barnhill Contracting Co., Inc.

Ginger Baxley, Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce

Jim Beck, Vann & Sheridan Attorneys at Law

Peyton Black, Cree, Inc.

Vicki Block, WakeMed Health & Hospitals

Randy Brodd, Dixon Hughes Goodman LLP

Michael Byrne, Moore & Van Allen, PLLC

Wes Camden, Brooks, Pierce, McLendon, Humphrey & Leonard LLP

Melanie Chernoff, Red Hat, Inc.

Anne Croteau, K&L Gates LLP

John DePolt, CHEP

Lisa Draper, Triangle Family Services, Inc.

Chad Essick, Poyner Spruill LLP

Eva Feucht, NC State University

Leslie Flood, Girl Scouts - North Carolina Coastal Pines

Tonya Forbes, Wake Technical Community College

Reed Fountain, Young Moore and Henderson, PA

Elizabeth Frock, Nelson Mullins Riley & Scarborough LLP

Akila Ganapathy, Elster Solutions

Jennings Glenn, Kane Realty Corporation

Jim Green, United Way of the Greater Triangle

Manay Gunter, Club Horizon, Inc.

Rachel Hardin, Progress Energy

Horatio Jones, Wachovia, A Wells Fargo Company

Randy Katz, Brady Energy Services

Andrea Layton, Duke Raleigh Hospital

Frank Lemanski, AICPA

Amy McClary, WRDC/WLFL

Mike McElvaney, Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority

Heather McNamara, Guardian Life Insurance Company

Dave Mester, Grubb & Ellis | Thomas Linderman Graham

Gareth Montague-Smith, KPMG LLP

Patrick O'Neil, Railinc Corporation

Amish Patel, Branch Banking & Trust Co.

Gray Pendleton, Pendleton Financial Consulting, Inc.

Sterling Perkinson, Kilpatrick Townsend & Stockton LLP

Regina Petteway, Wake County Human Services

Ben Pysch, Bank of America

Ashley Roberts, The Alice Aycock Poe Center for Health Education

Max Rodden, Smith Debnam Narron Drake Saintsing & Myers, LLP

Tim Spence, BBH Design, PA

Crystal Suazo, VACO Raleigh, LLC

Adam Svolto, F-O-R-T-U-N-E Personnel Consultants of Raleigh

Kim Swintosky, Smith, Anderson, Blount, Dorsett, Mitchell & Jernigan, LLP

Missie Thompson, RBC Bank

Amy Watkins, York Properties, Inc.

Julia Wicker Lee, Williams Mullen

Bill Young, Edward Jones- Bill Young

Leadership Raleigh is a nine-month program consisting of eight one-day sessions held in the greater Raleigh area with an opening weekend retreat. The program emphasizes three overall components: team projects, community orientation, and enhancing leadership skills/styles. Class sessions are designed to showcase areas of strength while also helping the class members understand challenges here in our local community.

"The Leadership Raleigh program is an incredible opportunity for participants to learn more about what makes Raleigh a top rated community. Throughout the year class members will hear from local leaders, take behind the scenes tours of some incredible organizations, all while hearing about what makes our community tick", said Mike Hartel with Curtis Media Group, 2011/12 program chair. "I am sure they will live up to the reputation of past participants as some of the brightest talent in our community."

For more information about the Leadership Raleigh program or to apply, contact Greg McNamara at gmcnamara@raleighchamber.org or 919.664.7082. Additional information is available online at www.leadershipraleigh.org or www.raleighchamber.org.

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About the Greater Raleigh Chamber

The Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce is the Triangle's largest nonprofit business membership organization made up of more than 2,400 member firms representing two-thirds of the private sector employment in Wake County. The Chamber has represented the interests of the local business community since 1888.