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Leadership Durham graduates 27 participants

DURHAM, NC - Members of the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce's 38th Annual Leadership Durham program culminated its program during a graduation ceremony Thursday, May 27 at the Hilton near Duke University. Bill Shore, director of U.S. partnerships for GlaxoSmithKline served as keynote speaker for the event.

During the six-month program, Leadership Durham 2010 participants engaged in 13 day-long sessions to explore major issues and unique challenges facing the Durham community. Meetings with influential area leaders and visits to local institutions offered insight to community issues such as public education, human needs, local government, law enforcement, economic development and health care. In addition to the regular day sessions, this class also worked on community projects outside of class time with local non-profits.

Since 1972, Leadership Durham has trained and inspired more than 900 area citizens to become more involved in Chamber, community and government affairs. Running from late November through early June, the six-month course raises awareness about key issues impacting Durham today. Applications for Leadership Durham 2010 will be available later this summer. Selection for the program is based upon demonstrated leadership ability, evidence of community involvement, willingness to assume greater community responsibilities and recommendations.

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LEADERSHIP DURHAM CLASS OF 2010

Adina Moon	Durham Public Schools
Alison Miller	C.T. Wilson Construction Co.
Angelica Oberleithner	Durham's Partnership for Children
April M. Johnson	Preservation Durham
Benjamin(Ben) A. Swain	American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Cary Pickett	American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
Christopher Combs	Merrill Lynch
Dawn L. Paffenroth	Member, Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce
Dwan Jones	Anesnah Design and Marketing
Elizabeth (Beth) Angle	BB&T



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Hanif Omar	The Aya Center
James (Jim) Dymond	Moore & Van Allen, PLLC
Jasmine C Smith	Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina
Jeannette Cobb	Durham County Social Services
Jenna Boitano	Junior League of Durham and Orange Counties
Jessica Sadler	Urban Durham Realty
Josephe Featherstone	YMCA Triangle
Koray Ozgenc	Skanska USA Building, Inc.
Lanea Foster	Durham Affordable Housing Coalition
Maggie Ellis Chotas	Mulberry Tree Consulting
Melissa (Mel) Norton	Downtown Durham Inc
Gene (Milton) Hodges Jr.	Durham County Budget Office
Ossie (Prattsie) Cunningham	Measurement Incorporated
Robert Turner	Durham Technical Community College
Sheridan P. Townsend	The Caring House
Steven Pearson	IBM
Stewart J. Norman	SunTrust