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## **Leadership Durham graduates 26 participants**

**DURHAM, NC** - Members of the Chamber's 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Leadership Durham program culminated their program during a graduation ceremony Thursday, May 29 at the Millennium Hotel Durham. Bill Shore, Director of U.S. Community Partnerships for GlaxoSmithKline served as keynote speaker for the event.

During the six-month program, Leadership Durham 2008 participants engaged in 12 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.

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 2009 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. For more information, contact Danielle Kaspar at the 682-2133 ext. 233 or [dkaspar@durhamchamber.org](mailto:dkaspar@durhamchamber.org).

### **LEADERSHIP DURHAM CLASS OF 2008**

Clay Adams  
Duke University

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Teretha Bell  
Durham Technical Community College

Amy Blalock  
City of Durham

Rod Bono  
Fairway Outdoor Advertising

Marian Brame  
Measurement Incorporated

Bob Casey  
Work Smart

Matthew Coppedge  
Downtown Durham Inc.

Marcia Corprew  
Town Planner Community Calendar

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Durham County Government

Michael Morsberger  
Duke Medicine

Todd Parrott  
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American Institute of Certified Public  
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Carolina

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Phyllis Smith  
Durham VA Medical Center

David Stroud, III  
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Home Builders Association of Durham,  
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GlaxoSmithKline

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