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**Danielle N. Kaspar, IOM, of Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce
Graduates from Institute, Four-Year Intensive Leadership Training
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Receives IOM Graduate Recognition

DURHAM, NC — Danielle N. Kaspar, IOM, Director of Programming and Events, for the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce, has graduated from Institute for Organization Management (Institute), a four-year nonprofit leadership training program held June 22–26, 2008, at the University of Georgia in Athens, Ga. Kaspar has been with the Chamber since June 2004. She is the second person in the Chamber’s 100 year history to complete the program.

“We are extremely proud of Danielle,” said Casey Steinbacher, president & CEO of the Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce. “By completing this program, Danielle has not only better prepared herself, but she has helped raise the standard of excellence here at the Chamber; something we are committed to with all of our staff so we may better serve our members and the business community.”

The industry leader in nonprofit education, the U.S. Chamber’s Institute is a four-year program held at five sites each year—one in the winter and four in the summer. Most participants attend the one-week sessions at the same site each year, building valuable relationships with others in the industry and creating a network of idea sharing. Through a combination of required courses and electives, students not only enhance their own organizational management skills but add new fuel to their organizations, making them run more efficiently and effectively. Institute students also earn points toward the Certified Chamber Executive (CCE) or Certified Association Executive (CAE) designations.

Graduates of Institute receive the IOM recognition, signifying completion of 96 hours of course instruction in association, chamber, and nonprofit management. “IOM graduates are recognized across the country as leaders in their communities” said Raymond P. Towle, IOM, CAE, vice president, Institute, U.S. Chamber of Commerce. “These individuals have the knowledge, skills, and dedication to achieve professional and organizational success in the dynamic association and chamber industries.”

IOM graduates will reunite March 25–27, 2009, in Chicago, Ill., for the third annual Invested Leaders Institute. This executive-level program of the U.S. Chamber is geared for professionals with their IOM or their CAE or CCE nonprofit industry certifications.

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