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## **Chamber announces Leadership Durham Class**

**Durham, NC** - The Greater Durham Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that 27 individuals have been selected to participate in its annual Leadership Durham program. Orientation for the 2010 class was Dec. 10. Since 1972, Leadership Durham has trained and inspired more than 900 area citizens to become more involved in the Chamber, the Durham community and government affairs. During the course of the program, the class will participate in 12 full-day sessions, focusing on different, critical issues affecting Durham. Class members will also participate in community service projects as a requirement for graduation. The 2010 class will graduate in May 2010.

Participants include:

Elizabeth (Beth) Angle  
BB&T

Jenna Boitano  
Junior League of Durham and Orange  
Counties

Maggie Ellis Chotas  
Mulberry Tree Consulting

Jeannette Cobb  
Durham County Social Services

Christopher Combs  
Merrill Lynch

Ossie (Prattsie) Cunningham  
Measurement Incorporated

James (Jim) Dymond  
Moore & Van Allen, PLLC

Josephe Featherstone  
YMCA Triangle

Lanea Foster  
Durham Affordable Housing Coalition

Donna Harnett  
CB/Ward & Misenheimer

Milton Hodges Jr.  
Durham County Budget Office

April M. Johnson  
Preservation Durham

Dwan Jones  
Anesnah Design and Marketing

Alison Miller  
C.T. Wilson Construction Co.

Stewart J. Norman  
SunTrust

Melissa (Mel) Norton  
Downtown Durham Inc.

Angelica Oberleithner  
Durham's Partnership for Children

Hanif Omar  
The Aya Center

Koray Ozgenc  
Skanska USA Building Inc.

Dawn L. Paffenroth  
Community Activist



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IBM

Cary Pickett  
American Institute of Certified Public  
Accountants

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Urban Durham Realty

Jasmine C. Smith  
Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina

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For more information about the Leadership Durham program, please contact Kelsey Moore at 328-8733 or [kmoore@durhamchamber.org](mailto:kmoore@durhamchamber.org).

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