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******MEDIA RELEASE******

Leadership Durham graduates 27 participants

DURHAM, NC - Members of the Chamber's 35th Annual Leadership Durham program culminated their program during a graduation ceremony Thursday, May 31 at the Washington Duke Inn & Golf Club. Bill Kalkhof, president of Downtown Durham, Inc., served as keynote speaker for the event.

During the six-month program, Leadership Durham 2007 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.

Since 1972, Leadership Durham has trained and inspired more than 800 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 2008 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.

LEADERSHIP DURHAM CLASS OF 2007

Patrick Anderson

The Streets at Southpoint

Keith Artin

Triangle Residential Options for Substance Abusers (TROSA)

Katéy Assem

North Carolina Central University

Eric Chetwood

Wachovia Securities, Inc.

Barbra Denison

Cranky Signs

Beth Deskus

News & Observer

Laura Dickerson

Junior League of Durham & Orange Counties

Alexandria Ferguson

North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Co.

James Forrest

Moore & Van Allen, PLLC

Sarah Gullie

BB&T

Stephen Gwaltney

BB&T

Patricia Hammond

Triangle United Way

Cynthia Harris

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina

Kelly Hurter

Girls on the Run of the Triangle Inc.



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