



## Leadership Asheville

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### ***Leadership Asheville 29, Class of 2011, Meets at the Biltmore Estate*** ***[Click Here for Photos From the Day](#)***

Leadership Asheville's Class of 2011 (LA 29) met on Wednesday, December 15 at Cedric's Banquet Room at The Biltmore Estate's Antler Village. The class heard from Health Panel participants Jana Kellam of Buncombe County Medical Society, J. Nelson Weaver of HealthPartners, and Elaine Robinson of Asheville Buncombe Institute of Parity Achievement (ABIPA). Judy Futch, of Judy Futch Consulting, led the class in an Appreciative Inquiry training session, and later in the day, Bill Cecil, Jr. of The Biltmore Company discussed the company's history and current approaches to business with the class.

Members of Leadership Asheville 29 include: Derek J. Allen of Ward and Smith, P.A.; Stacy Anderson of Leslie Anderson Consulting, Inc.; Garrett C. Artz of Pisgah Legal Services; Jeffrey R. Bridgman of The Grove Park Inn Resort and Spa; Scott T. Burnette of City of Asheville, Fire Department; Katherine A. Button of Heirloom Hospitality Group, LLC; Richard K. Capps of Kudzu Consultants, LLC; Samuel Dosumu of A-B Technical Community College; E. Dale Elliott of BB&T Bank; Albert J. Fishleigh of WLOS-TV; Donita A. Fleming of Mission Health System; Murphy Funkhouser of Asheville Radio Group; Sandra M. Garcia Boyer of Irene Wortham Center; Carey L. Gibson of Community Action Opportunities; JeWana L. Grier-McEachin of Asheville Buncombe Institute of Parity Achievement; Ingrid A. Hansen of Mission Healthcare Foundation; Ann-Patton Hornthal of Roberts & Stevens, P.A.; Cynthia K. Ireland of DoctorDirectory; Kathy M. Jackson of BetterWorld Organizing, LLC; Richard J. Kowal of WCQS Public Radio; Colin S. Larsen of Colton, Groome & Company; Alan J. Larson of Eaton Corporation; Stephanie C. McCall of Volvo Construction Equipment North America, Inc.; Franklin J. McGowan of City of Asheville, Parks Department; Roger N. Merrill of Progress Energy; Robert W. Obee of Businessolutions, LLC; Robert J. O'Connor of Conflict Resolution Specialists; Catherine L. Peck of YWCA of Asheville; James S. Peterson, Community Volunteer; Janet H. Price-Ferrell of F.I.R.S.T.; Brian Ponder of Asheville Citizen-Times; Kelly P. Sheehan of Congressman Heath Shuler; Rhonda G. Sizemore of Asheville City Schools, Isaac Dickson Elementary; Gail E. Stashick of Eaton Corporation; Holly A. Stiles of Disability Rights NC; Lindsay P. Thompson of The Van Winkle Law Firm; Gregory W. Townsend of Asheville City Schools, School of Inquiry & Life Science; Michael B. Verble of North American Roofing Services, Inc.; and Jack F. Wheeler, Jr. of Mills Manufacturing Corporation.

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