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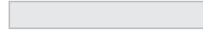
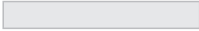
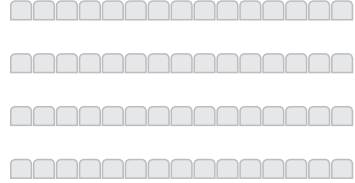
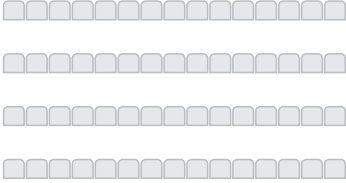
Agenda

- 8 - 8:30 a.m. Networking and light breakfast
- 8:30 - 8:35 a.m. Welcome remarks & instructions for mentoring session from publisher
- 8:35 - 9:55 a.m. Speed coaching mentoring program
- 9:55 - 10 a.m. Mentor panel introductions
- 10 - 10:45 a.m. "Successful Charlotte Business Women" panel discussion hosted by Northeastern University-Charlotte

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- 1. ELIZABETH AUSTIN**, EVP/CIO, Systems Maintenance Services
- 2. KELLY BARNHARDT**, Executive Director, Matthews Chamber of Commerce
- 3. WENDI BODDY**, Tax Partner, Principal, CliftonLarsonAllen LLP
- 4. DR. LATANYA BOWMAN**, Owner, Discovery Chiropractic and Wellness Center
- 5. NANCY BROWN**, Managing Partner, CliftonLarsonAllen CAST
- 6. ANNIE BURTON**, Charlotte Region Executive Director, WINGS for Kids Inc.
- 7. SARAH CHERNE**, President & CEO, Junior Achievement of Central Carolinas
- 8. ASTRID CHIRINOS**, Chief Development Executive, Latin American Economic Development Corporation
- 9. TARA COFFEY**, Senior Vice President, Region Head, Wells Fargo & Company Commercial Banking
- 10. MICHELLE COFFINO**, Owner, Queen City Metal Recycling & Salvage LLC
- 11. STEPHANIE COUNTS**, Co-Founder & CEO Emeritus, Women's Inter-Cultural Exchange
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- 13. JESSICA DONAN**, Partner, EY
- 14. LEIGH DYER**, Director of Public Relations & Publications, The Mint Museum
- 15. DR. TRACY ESPY**, Provost & Vice President of Academic Affairs, Pfeiffer University
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- 21. PEARLYNN HOUCK**, Partner, Robinson Bradshaw
- 22. DENADA JACKSON**, Owner, Bella Boca PR
- 23. TRACY JAMES**, Partner, Hamilton Stephens Steele + Martin PLLC
- 24. DONNA JULIAN**, Senior Vice President/General Manager, Hornets Sports & Entertainment
- 25. SHIKHA KASHYAP**, CTO, Syntelli Solutions Inc.
- 26. KIRSTEN KHIRE**, Executive Director, External Relations, UNC Charlotte, Belk College of Business
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- 30. AMANDA LORDY**, Senior Director of Social Media Partner Engagement, NASCAR
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- 32. RENEE MAILLET**, Director, PwC
- 33. JENN MCGUIGAN**, CMO, American City Business Journals
- 34. MELISSA MCGUIRE**, Founder, Sherpa LLC
- 35. MARIE MCLUCAS**, Chief Financial Officer, Primax Properties LLC
- 36. NANCY B. MCNELIS**, Associate Vice President for Advancement & Managing Director for External Relations, Queens University of Charlotte
- 37. KATHRYN NUSBAUM**, Vice President, Private Wealth Management, Robert W. Baird & Co.
- 38. KERRY BARR O'CONNOR**, Executive Director, Dress for Success Charlotte
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- 40. FABI PRESLAR**, President, SPARK Publications
- 41. KAREN RICE**, Senior Director, Human Resources Business Partner, Lash Group, a part of AmerisourceBergen
- 42. DR. CHERYL RICHARDS**, CEO & Regional Dean, Northeastern University-Charlotte
- 43. STEPHANIE SADOWSKI**, Managing Director, Accenture
- 44. BLAIR STANFORD**, Chief Operating Officer, Executive, Charlotte Chamber
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The mentors will sit around the tables and the mentees will move tables every 7 minutes when the bell rings to end the coaching sessions. The mentees may stand in line to wait for a specific mentor. This will give mentees/guests a chance to talk among themselves and network while waiting. It's fast, fun and fulfilling as everyone gets a chance to meet new people and gain new insights.

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Meet the Mentors



1. ELIZABETH AUSTIN | EVP/CIO, Systems Maintenance Services Inc.
Austin is responsible for leading the global Information Technology team as it develops infrastructure, applications and scalable tools within Systems Maintenance Services Inc.'s rapidly growing base of global operations. Her team charged with implementation and ongoing management of all client-driven and mission critical information systems. Prior to joining SMS, Austin was Vice President, IT Application Services at Family Dollar where she was responsible for applications support, technology deployments, and customer care support throughout 11 distribution centers and 8,100 stores.



2. KELLY BARNHARDT | Executive Director, Matthews Chamber of Commerce
Barnhardt started this position in April 2016 after leaving her role as Director of Community and Economic Development for the Town of Indian Trail. Prior to her time in Indian Trail, she worked in commercial real estate for about 10 years covering the Carolinas and mid-Atlantic region. Kelly is tasked with oversight of the day-to-day operations of the Chamber and to also recruit and retain members. She also leads all planning of major events. She feels her career experience is unique compared to most, because she has worked in the private sector, the public sector and the non-profit sector.



3. WENDI BODDY | Tax Partner in Charge, CliftonLarsonAllen
Boddy focuses on the management and growth of the region's tax practice coupled with her passion of serving the owners of privately held businesses balance their personal and business tax structuring, planning and compliance needs. In addition, Boddy serves on CLA's national tax technology team and is a key team member of CLA's recent geographic expansion into Atlanta and Raleigh. Boddy has been with CLA in the Orlando and Charlotte markets for 12 years. Prior to coming to public accounting, Boddy worked in residential lending with SunTrust Mortgage in Orlando.



4. DR. LATANYA BOWMAN | Owner, Discovery Chiropractic and Wellness Center
Bowman attended North Carolina Central University in Durham and received her Bachelor of Science Degree for Athletic Training in December 2000. She was exposed to different branches of sports medicine during her tenure with both the Duke University Athletic/Physical Therapy Department and the Wake Forest Athletic Football Department. Throughout her training with athletes, she discovered the benefits of chiropractic treatment. Discovery Chiropractic and Wellness Center was listed, in its first year of business, as one of the top 20 Chiropractic offices in Charlotte.



5. NANCY BROWN | Managing Partner, Custom Accounting Solutions Team (CAST), CliftonLarsonAllen
Brown has more than 25 years of finance and accounting experience. She was previously an audit manager with PricewaterhouseCoopers. She served as manager of finance at Cogentrix, manager of financial planning at Computer Power and controller of Strategic Outsourcing Inc. She has experience in financial analysis of products and business lines, month-end closing, financial reporting, corporate budgeting and management reporting. Her years in roles similar to the clients she serves, allow her to assess client needs.



6. ANNIE BURTON | Charlotte Region Executive Director, WINGS for Kids Inc.
Burton has spent the majority her career in higher education spearheading efforts to promote college and career readiness for middle and high school students, most recently as executive director for School and Community Engagement at UNC Asheville. In that role, Burton enhanced and forged new relationships with the local and regional school districts on issues such as teacher professional development, college readiness and access including broadening the pipeline of academic supports in anticipation of an evolving demographic of students entering college in our new knowledge-based economy.



7. SARAH CHERNE | President & CEO, Junior Achievement of Central Carolina
Cherne is committed to casting positive organizational change in the non-profit arena and has served in various leadership roles for nationally recognized organizations for the past 20 years. Utilizing her entrepreneurial spirit and business background, she has been successful in achieving increased revenue, branding, and overall program performance for the American Red Cross, Big Brothers Big Sisters and currently with Junior Achievement. Sarah excels at "turn around" operations and considered a "change agent" by the boards and staff she has worked with across the eastern seaboard.

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8. ASTRID CHIRINOS | Chief Development Executive, Latin American Economic Development Corporation

After her tenure as President of the Latin American Chamber of Commerce of Charlotte which she helped establish 18 years ago, Chirinos has led efforts to repurpose the LACC Foundation into an economic development entity which provides channels to support the sustainable growth and prosperity of the Latino business community. Her focus is to create new Economic Development Projects and Latin American Chambers of Commerce with robust platforms of leadership and talent development programs.



9. TARA COFFEY | Senior Vice President/Region Head, Wells Fargo & Company Commercial Banking

Coffey leads a team of commercial banking professionals who provide diversified financial services and banking products to middle-market businesses. Coffey began her banking career with First Union in 1994 as a commercial associate for the Southeast Commercial division. Coffey served in various credit roles including portfolio manager in Virginia and credit underwriter for the Carolinas. Coffey joined the Greater Charlotte Commercial Banking team as a relationship manager in 1999 and later led the group as its sales director.



10. MICHELLE K. COFFINO | Owner, Queen City Metal Recycling & Salvage LLC
Coffino was recently named 2017 North Carolina State Small Business Person of the Year by the US SBA. Queen City Metal Recycling & Salvage's first year of sales was over \$1 million with a projected \$2 million dollar growth for 2017. Coffino also created QC Auto Sales LLC which offers the opportunity for a means of transportation to the economically disadvantaged. Her nonprofit foundation supports mental illness and her Second Chance Program. Coffino demonstrates leadership, supports and economic development of the minority business community and is an outstanding individual and employer.



11. STEPHANIE COUNTS | Co-founder and CEO Emeritus, Women's Inter-Cultural Exchange

Counts was featured in *SouthPark Magazine* for her leadership as one of 10 Women to Watch in 2017. As a national and local educational leader and consultant, she developed and directed the "World Class" magnet school programs for CMS, served as White House Consultant and author on Public School Choice and led many U.S. school districts in their re-engineering efforts. She has also served as CEO YWCA Central Carolinas. Counts received a BS State University of New York and MBA, UNC-Charlotte.



12. DENISE DEXTER | Chief Operating Officer, Carolinas Market, JLL

Dexter is responsible for providing day-to-day leadership of operations for the Carolinas market as well guiding the strategic direction of the business. She works closely with the market director to implement growth strategies, support recruitment pursuits and transitions, and works to cultivate a business development mindset among all business support teams. She also serves on the Carolinas Executive Leadership Committee. Prior to joining JLL, Dexter spent 13 years with Lincoln Harris, most recently as Senior Vice President and Director of Operations.



13. JESSICA DONAN | Partner, EY

With more than 17 years of experience in public accounting, Donan has serviced an impressive list of public and private manufacturing companies. She has played a prominent role in supporting EY's Vision 2020 ambition and helping the firm work towards its growth goal of \$50 billion in revenue. Her efforts over the past year have generated approximately \$1.3 million of new revenue, while continuing to support recurring revenues of \$3.2 million. Donan serves as executive sponsor of the Southeast Region EY Entrepreneur of the Year and Winning Women programs for the Carolinas.



14. LEIGH DYER | Director of Public Relations & Publications, The Mint Museum
Dyer joined The Mint Museum after a 20-year career in journalism, including experience as a reporter, columnist, television commentator and editor. She served as editor of *SouthPark* and *Lake Norman* magazines. She won many journalism awards from her work at *The Winston-Salem Journal* and her 15 years at *The Charlotte Observer*, including a Green Eyeshade Award from the Society of Professional Journalists for blogging. She has edited and overseen hundreds of Mint publications including keepsake printed annual reports; semiannual printed magazines; art books, catalogs and exhibition brochures.

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15. DR. TRACY Y. ESPY | Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs, Pfeiffer University (Charlotte, Raleigh and Misenheimer, N.C. campuses)
Dr. Espy has degrees from Syracuse University, Miami University of Ohio and Berea College. Her teaching and research expertise include ethnic identity and self-esteem, servant leadership, service-learning and student engagement. Community and professional activities include Founding Editor of *Partnerships, A Journal of Service-Learning and Civic Engagement* (2008-2012) and service to several local and regional nonprofit organizations and currently serves on the board of Montford Park Partners in Charlotte.



16. NICOLE M. FLACK | Assistant Branch Manager, Fidelity Investments
Flack has the privilege of coaching and inspiring Charlotte Investor Center associates to provide industry leading financial guidance and investment planning to area investors. Flack's team offers Fidelity clients one-on-one investment guidance, wealth management, retirement planning, income strategies and college planning services. Flack joined Fidelity in 2005 in Fidelity's Merrimack, NH corporate regional office. She has held a number of leadership and management roles in both the firm's retail and workplace guidance businesses. She is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts.



17. LETICIA FOSTER | North American Marketing Manager, Sealed Air
Foster is responsible for developing NAM regional marketing strategy, managing the inflatable void fill product line and promoting products with sales tool kits for territory business managers. Her previous roles were in brand management at Lowe's and commercial lines underwriter at Travelers Insurance. She received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree from The George Washington University in Finance & Marketing with a minor in Art History. She received her MBA in Marketing at UNC Charlotte. At both institutions, she was a member of the honors community.



18. ROCIO GONZALEZ | Executive Director, Latin American Chamber of Commerce of Charlotte
Gonzalez led the LACCC's membership growth, achieving a 300% increase, and received the 2014 Hispanic Chamber of the Year Award presented by the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. She built a successful real estate career and received the "Hispanic Real Estate Agent Pioneer Award" from the National Association of Hispanic Real Estate Professionals. She also received the Excelente Awards Community Service Person of the Year 2016 presented by the *La Noticia Spanish Newspaper*.



19. STACY S. GRAY | General Counsel and Vice President, Belk Inc.
Gray is a mentor in Belk's formal Mentorship Program. Gray was the 2014 Board Chair of Belk's Women's Leadership Network and the 2014 Chair of Belk's Corporate United Way Campaign. Prior to joining Belk, Gray practiced in the Atlanta and Charlotte offices of Alston & Bird LLP and was a judicial clerk for The Honorable Joseph R. Goodwin, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of West Virginia. Gray is the Vice Chair of the Board of Managers of the Harris YMCA, and she is the Chair of the Harris YMCA Board Development Committee.



20. BETSY GRIDER | Managing Director, Strategic Development, NASCAR
Grider currently leads NASCAR's Technology Development and Software Development teams, managing critical industry-wide strategic technology projects, counseling senior leadership on strategic issues and managing cross-functional project teams for Board-level projects. She is currently focused on the rapid evolution of data and analytics in the NASCAR ecosystem, Virtual and Augmented Reality, and the Race Management platform. Grider serves on the Charlotte Smart Cities Council and the Board of Directors for the Charlotte Humane Society.



21. PEARLYNN HOUCK | Partner, Robinson Bradshaw
Houck is a successful litigator, representing clients in complex business disputes involving corporate governance, financial products, employment and labor law, and collegiate sports. She also conducts internal investigations and represents clients involved in government investigations. Houck co-chairs the firm's Business Development Committee and is currently participating in Leadership Charlotte. She is active in various community and professional initiatives, including Women's Impact Fund, Care Ring's Nurse Family Partnership and the North Carolina Bar Association's Judicial Performance Evaluation Committee.

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22. DENADA JACKSON | Owner, Bella Boca PR

Jackson oversees and manages a boutique public relations firm that offers a variety of services, such as branding, media relations, and professional writing. Clients include Freeman Capital, Carolina Panthers' player Thomas Davis and Sow Much Good. Jackson secured media placements with *People Magazine*, *Ebony Magazine*, CNN, *Forbes*, PBS, as well as ABC, NBC, FOX and CBS affiliates across the nation. She also has planned and executed high-profile signature events for organizations such as the American Heart Association, Salvation Army's Center of Hope and the Multiple Sclerosis Society.



23. TRACY JAMES | Partner, Hamilton Stephen's Steele + Martin PLLC

James is a graduate of Furman (B.A.) and Wake Forest University (J.D.). James practices in the firm's Construction Group, representing owners, contractors and design professionals on a wide variety of construction matters throughout the Southeast. James has developed a million-dollar book of business with an emphasis on representing minority and women owned construction and design companies. James received the 2015 Women in Business Award, is listed among the Legal Elite in Construction Litigation from 2015-2017, and has been honored as a Super Lawyer in Construction Litigation every year since 2013.



24. DONNA JULIAN | Senior Vice President of Arena and Event Operations/General Manager, Hornets Sports & Entertainment

Julian serves as the lead executive for all aspects of the day-to-day operations of the arena, including oversight of the arena's master calendar, booking, budgeting and administration. She directs and oversees the preparation, production and execution of all arena events as well as the booking of ancillary spaces within the venue. Julian is the team lead for HSE arena operations, guest services and event staffing, public safety, event booking and marketing. During her 30+ career, she has hosted multitude of events.



25. SHIKHA KASHYAP | CTO, Syntelli Solutions Inc.

Kashyap focuses on data transformation warehousing. From proofs of concept to full deployment of Hadoop and visualizations platforms, Kashyap helps lead the industry by creating reference designs that consistently deliver successful results. She has also helped her company provide managed analytics services and end-to-end, big data infrastructure solutions. Kashyap completed her Management Development Program degree from the Harvard Business School. She earned a Bachelor of Engineering degree from the Delhi Institute of Technology. Kashyap is TIBCO™ Spotfire® and MapR certified.



26. KIRSTEN KHIRES | Executive Director of External Relations, Belk College of Business, UNC Charlotte

Prior to joining the Belk College of Business, Khire was Head of Communications for Bioversity International. She also worked for 10 years at Michigan State University as Director of Communications for the College of Communication Arts & Sciences and as Director of Communications for the National Food Safety & Toxicology Center. She holds bachelor's degrees in Journalism and Spanish from University of Wisconsin-Madison and is accredited in Public Relations by the Public Relations Society of America.



27. VANJA LANE | Associate Counsel, Britax Child Safety Inc.

Lane was born in Bosnia, fled to Italy during the civil war in 1994, lived in Mexico and then moved to the U.S. She studied Mass Communications at the University of West Georgia and went to the Charlotte School of Law to earn a J.D. During her second year at CSL, Lane was hired by Britax Child Safety Inc. as a paralegal. After she graduated and passed the N.C. bar, Lane became Associate Counsel. Within the next few months, she was promoted to a global role. She is an active member in the ACC and chairs their communications committee.



28. JENNIFER LEARY | Managing Partner, Carolinas, CliftonLarsonAllen

Leary is also Lead Partner in Charge of the Global Concierge Services Group of CLA. In this role, Jen leads global teams helping companies expand into the United States by means of setting up new operations, or acquiring an existing company. Leary has nearly 20 years of experience in global expansions, assurance, advisory, and mergers and acquisitions. She spent nine years with an international public accounting firm serving a global client base from locations in Washington, DC, Baltimore and Amsterdam. Leary received a Bachelor of Science, Accounting at the University of Delaware.

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29. LAUREN V. LEWIS | Attorney at Law, Essex Richards P.A.

After graduating from the University of South Carolina Honors College with honors, Lewis worked in N.C. state government for a year before joining the University of North Carolina School of Law's class of 2007. Much of Lewis' family law practice is focused on collaborative resolution, whether by out-of-court settlements in mediation or through the collaborative family law model in which both spouses make a contractual commitment to one another to resolve their legal issues without the court's involvement. Lewis is well-equipped to handle all aspects of her family law practice through litigation.



30. AMANDA LORDY | Senior Director of Social Media Partner Engagement, NASCAR

Lordy works with NASCAR Partnership Marketing to deliver social media strategy, counsel and support to NASCAR Official Partners. She developed the strategy and managed the launch of NASCAR's presence on Snapchat, and she recently discussed innovative Snapchat strategies at SXSW Interactive. Prior to joining NASCAR, she was Vice President of Digital Strategy for marketing communications agency, Taylor, where she developed and executed digital and social media campaigns for client partners including NASCAR, 3M, Diageo, Allstate, Capital One and PVH.



31. JANELLE LYONS | Partner, Cranfill Sumner & Hartzog LLP

Lyons practices law in the areas of litigation, employment and family law. She enjoys solving complex problems for employers, municipalities, private entities and homeowners associations, as well as those going through divorce and custody issues. Lyons has obtained favorable results for clients in arbitrations, mediations and in federal and state court, and she has been retained to provide ongoing advice to ensure compliance with state and federal law in regard to various personnel matters. Lyons is Chair of Cranfill, Sumner & Hartzog's Diversity Committee and the firm's community service initiatives.



32. RENEE MAILLET | Director, Carolinas Risk Assurance, PwC

Maillet began her career in PwC's Boston practice after graduating from Northeastern University in 2002 with a double major in Accounting and Management Information Systems. She transferred to the PwC Charlotte office in 2004. She provides clients within the Banking and Capital Markets industry a broad range of risk, compliance, IT and operational control related services. Maillet has served in several lead audit oversight roles at key market clients, most notably being the lead Risk Assurance Director on two of the Carolinas' largest audit accounts.



33. JENN MCGUIGAN | CMO, American City Business Journals

McGuigan leads a fantastic team who manage audience development and circulation, ad sales marketing, demand generation and research. Prior to that, she ran her own marketing consultancy in New York City, specializing in demand generation. She was executive marketing director, demand generation, for The Economist Intelligence Unit for several years. McGuigan also held senior-level marketing positions with National Geographic Channels, Hallmark Channel and HGTV. She has taken up with the Charlotte Table Tennis Club and challenges anyone to a game.



34. MELISSA MCGUIRE | Founder, Sherpa LLC

McGuire founded Sherpa, a recruiting, staffing and consulting firm headquartered in Charlotte. Sherpa specializes in accounting, finance, human resources, executive administration, information technology and project management. McGuire is a CPA with previous experience in public accounting and has a BBA from the University of Iowa with honors. McGuire is actively involved as treasurer of Center City Partners; chair of the Foundation for the Carolinas, Charlotte Mecklenburg Community Foundation and co-chair of the Epicurean Society of Johnson & Wales.



35. MARIER MCLUCAS | CFO, Primax Properties LLC and Primax Construction Inc.

McLucas is responsible for oversight of policies and procedures for all financial functions including financial reporting, budgeting, credit/loan administration and cash management, insurance and risk management, tax reporting and planning, document retention, human resources and internal controls. McLucas has been instrumental in the successful completion of over a thousand projects in 34 different states, as well as 40 projects that are currently under development and/or construction. During the last 12 months, she has negotiated and closed over \$ 100 million in capital or debt transactions.

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36. NANCY MCNELIS | Associate Vice President for Advancement and Managing Director of External Relations, Queens University of Charlotte
McNelis is responsible for cultivating relationships with local Charlotte businesses to advance Queens University's internship and career programs, as well as its adult and graduate programs, and to provide connectivity between the university's academic programs and the city. She serves as the point person to better use Queens' location in Charlotte to promote all academic programs. McNelis joined Queens in 2011 as Director of the Executive MBA Program.



37. KATHRYN NUSBAUM | Vice President, Private Wealth Management, Robert W. Baird & Co.
Nusbaum has over 20 years of experience advising institutions and individuals on financial stewardship matters. She has been featured in national publications including *Money Magazine*, *Real Simple* and *Morningstar Advisor*. She is a Women United Cabinet Member for the United Way of Central Carolinas, a board member for the United Way of Central Carolinas Lake Norman/Mooresville, a founding board member and Vice President of the Charlotte Chapter of the Ellevest Professional Women's Network.



38. KERRY BARR O'CONNOR | Executive Director, Dress for Success Charlotte
A former newscaster, O'Connor changed career directions after becoming involved with the AmeriCorp VISTA program and has since been involved in non-profit management for more than 25 years. She has worked, volunteered and consulted for organizations in New York, Ohio and North Carolina, developing nationally recognized initiatives and raising millions of dollars. With a philosophy that everyone has something to give, O'Connor is most passionate about organizations that provide the tools and support needed to help people realize their potential and work towards self-sufficiency.



39. JULIE PARIKH | Director, Global Services Centre - Charlotte Tax Group, KPMG
Parikh helps execute the firm's tax strategy. She also helps identify, prioritize, develop and deploy tax services and tax talent initiatives. Previously, Parikh led the project management office for one of the firm's top 10 global accounts and worked in KPMG's International Corporate Tax Services group. In 2015, Parikh was honored as one of the *Charlotte Business Journal's* 40 Under 40 Awards recipients. Parikh is active in the KPMG Network of Women organization and KPMG Family for Literacy. She helps lead KPMG's Charlotte Asian Pacific Islander network.



40. FABI PRESLAR | President, SPARK Publications
SPARK Publications is a 19-year-old Charlotte-based design firm that specializes in custom design and content development for magazines, catalogs, books, annual reports and marketing materials. Preslar was named the 2015 B2B Marketer of the Year by the Business Marketing Association of the Carolinas and one of three Trailblazer's at the GWBC Ladies Achieving Continued Excellence (LACE) Awards in Atlanta.



41. KAREN RICE | Group Human Resources Business Partner (HRBP), Lash Group
Rice leads AmerisourceBergen's Human Capital function for Lash Group. She is responsible for building the capacity of human capital to meet challenges and capture opportunities for sustainable corporate growth and financial success. This includes talent management, competency management, knowledge management, human resources organization and development management and other human resource management activities which are necessary to uphold a strong leadership succession plan and high-performance human capital for corporate growth and long-term prosperity.



42. DR. CHERYL RICHARDS | CEO & Founding Regional Dean, Northeastern University-Charlotte
Dr. Richards was the first regional executive for Northeastern University's Global Network. Dr. Richards is a recognized community leader serving three terms on the Charlotte Chamber's Executive Committee where she is currently Chair of Talent Development. She also is currently on the boards of Apparo, Charlotte Regional Partnership, Charlotte Chamber, Smart Start of Mecklenburg County, United Way's Women United Cabinet and serves as a mentor to a WINGS scholar.

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43. STEPHANIE SADOWSKI | Managing Director, Accenture
Sadowski leads Accenture's Financial Services Marketing and Distribution practice for North America. Her role focuses on shaping and delivering the Accenture front office strategy and technology solutions for marketing, sales, services and customer analytics functions. Sadowski also serves as Accenture Charlotte's Office Managing Director, and in this role, she leads Accenture's vision in Charlotte, local operations, employee engagement and corporate citizenship. She also serves on Accenture's North America Financial Services Leadership Team.



44. BLAIR MAULDIN STANFORD | Chief Operating Officer, Charlotte Chamber
Stanford leads the organization's strategic planning efforts including the Charlotte Regional Economic Strategic Plan and its fund. Stanford is also responsible for Board of Director engagement and serves as Director of the Advantage Carolina Foundation. Stanford's role affords her the opportunity to lead/co-lead special projects, which have included business engagement in the Democratic National Convention, development of a National PR Council, the renovation of the chamber space and the transition of the organization to a new model of operation.



45. ANGIE VINCENT-HAMACHER | Partner, Robinson Bradshaw
Vincent-Hamacher is an employment lawyer and mediator at Robinson Bradshaw. She advises business clients on implementing effective strategies to minimize litigation risk and optimize overall business and employee productivity. The first African-American to serve on Robinson Bradshaw's board of directors, Vincent-Hamacher also chairs the firm's Employment and Labor Practice Group and serves on the Diversity & Inclusion and Recruiting committees. Angie is a Women in Business award winner, and she attended Duke University and Harvard Law School.



46. CINDY WOLFE | Deputy Director Community Banking, Bank of the Ozarks
Wolfe was born and raised in the Carolinas and attended Queens University of Charlotte. She has been in banking for 29 years and has been with Bank of the Ozarks for 17 years. She leads the company's 26 offices in the Carolinas and serves as a Deputy Director of Community Banking for the corporation. She and her husband Gary have two boys in college and are trying to figure out how to be empty nesters.



47. LAUREN A. WOODRUFF | SVP Charlotte Market Manager, Enterprise Business and Community Engagement, Bank of America
Woodruff is responsible for delivering the company at a local level for customers, clients and the community. She connects internally with employees across all lines of business and externally through economic development and public policy activities, corporate social responsibility and sponsorships. She began her career as a Regional Marketing Manager in Global Sponsorship Marketing, managing relationships with the United States Olympic Committee, the National Football League and various local teams.



48. ANGELA H. WOODS | CEO, Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Council
Woods brings over 17 years of combined not-for-profit and for-profit leadership experience to Girl Scouts. She provides leadership, strategic direction and vision for staff and adult volunteers to position Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Council. Woods works to ensure the council's relevance in communities throughout the eight-county coverage area, promoting Girl Scout visibility and strengthening the public perception of the Girl Scout image through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. Prior to leading Girl Scouts, Hornets' Nest Council, she served as the CEO for Girl Scouts Heart of the South in Memphis.

Panel Discussion

10 - 10:45 a.m.

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