



**Community
Leaders' Retreat**
by alamance chamber™

2026 Agenda - Everything Matters Right Now

Wednesday, November 18

5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception | Ponysaurus Brewing Co., 214 Market St., Downtown Wilmington
Sponsored by Pinnacle Financial Partners

Thursday, November 19

7:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Made-to-order breakfast (*provided for guests of the hotel, ticketed for additional attendees*) | Steam Restaurant & Bar Floor 2
Coffee, Tea, & Beverage Station (*beginning at 8 am*) | Prefunction Corridor

8:30 - 9:15 a.m.

Retreat Registration Open | Prefunction Corridor

9:15 a.m.

Welcome & Introductions | Riverfront Grand Ballroom
Brian Denisar, Bobbitt Construction, Board Chair-Elect and 2026 Retreat Chair

9:30 a.m.

Opening Keynote and Call to Action
K.D. Wilson, Leadership and Organizational Development Strategist

11:00 a.m.

Sneak Peek - Alamance County Strategic Plan
Penny Whiteheart, Senior Consultant, Creative Economic Development Consulting, LLC

11:30 a.m.

Lunch Buffet | Prefunction Corridor
Sponsored by Stonewall Construction Services

12:00 p.m.

Lunch Keynote: The Economic Impact of Innovation | Riverfront Grand Ballroom
Dr. Haya Ajjan, Dean of the Martha and Spencer Love School of Business & Professor of Management Information Systems, Elon University

12:45 p.m.

Break

1:00 p.m.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce Update
Moore Hallmark, Vice President and Managing Director, Regional Government Affairs, U.S. Chamber of Commerce

1:15 p.m.

Exploring the Economic Impact of...

Moderated by Trip Durham, Founder and Decision Maker, 2D Consulting, LLC

Education (1:30 p.m.) - Dr. Aaron Fleming, Superintendent, Alamance-Burlington School System and Dr. Ken Ingle, President, Alamance Community College

Childcare (2:00 p.m.) - Samantha Cole, Childcare Business Liaison, North Carolina Department of Commerce

Healthcare (2:30 p.m.) - Chad Boore, Senior Vice President and Regional President of North & East Markets, Cone Health

Break (3:00 p.m.)

Housing (3:15 p.m.) - Jim Murray, President of Tiny Homes/Cottages, VennTerra

Sports (3:45 p.m.) - Wes Cosgriff, Founder and CEO, Ground Rule

Q & A (4:15 p.m.)

4:30 p.m.

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VIP Reception for Premier Sponsors | Quanto Basta: Italian Eatery & Wine Bar, 107 N 2nd Street, Downtown Wilmington
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6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Reception & Dinner for All Attendees | Quanto Basta: Italian Eatery & Wine Bar, 107 N 2nd Street, Downtown Wilmington
Sponsored by Elon University

Friday, November 20

7:00 - 8:45 a.m.

Made-to-order breakfast (*provided for guests of the hotel, ticketed for additional attendees*) | Steam Restaurant & Bar Floor 2
Coffee, Tea, & Beverage Station (*beginning at 8 am*) | Prefunction Corridor

8:45 a.m.

Turning Intentions Into Movement | Riverfront Grand Ballroom
Brian Denisar, Bobbitt Construction, Board Chair-Elect and 2026 Retreat Chair

9:00 a.m.

North Carolina: No. 1 for Business
Luke Farley, North Carolina Commissioner of Labor

9:30 a.m.

Closing Keynote: Planting the Seeds for the Next 50 Years of Alamance County
Allen Gant, Chairman, Glen Raven, Inc.

10:30 a.m.

Call to Action & Advocacy: What's Next
Brian Denisar

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