



Class of 2016





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2015-2016 VISION Henderson County



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Present Employer & Title:
BWG CPA, LLC, Senior Manager

Education:
Mercer University BA; Certified Public Accountant

Community Involvement: Habitat for Humanity treasurer, Hands On! Children's Museum treasurer, Kiwanis Club



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Present Employer & Title:
Park Ridge Health, Vice President Finance, CFO

Education:
Southern Adventist University, BAA Accounting, University of Hawaii at Manoa, MBA
Certified Public Accountant
FHRMA Fellow Healthcare Management Association

Community Involvement: Fletcher Academy board member



Jared M. Bellmund

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Present Employer & Title:

Carolina Living Insurance, Independent Insurance Agent

Education:

Appalachian State University, BS Political Science, American College Industry Designation

Community Involvement: National Association of Insurance & Financial Advisory member, Fletcher Area Business Association board member, Mills River Elementary School PTO past president, Rugby Middle School PTSO, WNC for Public Education, Bethany Baptist Church Brevard, member.



Ruth Birge

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Present Employer & Title:

Consultant

Education:

Indiana University Kelly School of Business Marketing and Advertising

Community Involvement: Four Seasons Hospice board member, Interfaith Chaplaincy Pardee Hospital board member, Carolina Village board member, Manna Food Bank board member. Previous board member of Community Foundation of Henderson County, United Way of Henderson County, Western Carolina Community Action, Pardee Foundation, Rotary Club of Hendersonville, Henderson County Chamber of Commerce.



Jessica Chipriano

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Present Employer & Title:

United Way of Henderson County, Administrative Assistant

Education:

Penn State, BS Human Development & Family Studies Community Services Focus

Community Involvement: Downtown Hendersonville volunteer, United Way of Henderson County chamber member, WNC Penn State Alumni society, Hendersonville Elks Club, Emergency Food & Shelter program board member



Karen Corn

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Present Employer & Title:

Boyd Chevrolet Cadillac Buick, Inc., Title Administrator/Office Assistant

Education:

North Greenville University BA Mass communication

Community Involvement: Art Events volunteer planner, Two Dollar Piston band singer, avid supporter of local music.



Maria D. Cruz

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Present Employer & Title:

Henderson County Public Schools, ESL Family Liaison

Education:

Western Carolina University Bachelor's in Science, International Business/
Spanish, MAHEC Interpretation/Translation Training,

Community Involvement: Constant collaboration with El Centro during community events and outreach activities.



Marisela Cruz-Rios

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Present Employer & Title:

Western Carolina Community Action, Bilingual HR Assistant

Education:

Blue Ridge Community College Associate in Arts
University of North Carolina Asheville BA (Spanish) BS (Health and Wellness Promotion)

Community Involvement: Henderson County Public Schools mentor



Gretchen Schott Cummins

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Present Employer & Title:

Hendersonville Community Co-op, Community Outreach Coordinator

Education:

New York University, Mount Holyoke College BA English and Literature

Community Involvement: Henderson County Public Schools volunteer, Flat Rock Playhouse volunteer, YouTheatre (Studio 52) volunteer, Village of Flat Rock Park Foundation volunteer, The Mountain Community School board member.



Kristin Dunn

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Present Employer & Title:

Henderson County Young Leaders Program, Executive Director

Education:

Appalachian State University, BA English, BA Global Studies
University of North Carolina Wilmington Master's coursework in Conflict Management and Resolution.

Community Involvement: Rotary Club of Hendersonville, North Carolina Association of Volunteer Administrators, Volunteer Hendersonville, Henderson County DSS foster parenting classes.



Beatriz Estape

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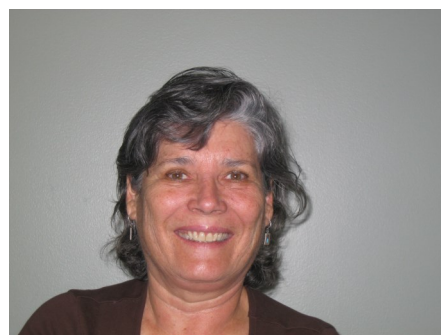
Present Employer & Title:

Massage for Health, Pain and Relaxation, owner

Education:

Universidad Iberoamericana Mexico City BA Business Administration
Can speak four languages; Spanish, English, Italian and French

Community Involvement: Interfaith Assistance Ministry volunteer



Nadine Fidelman

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Present Employer & Title:

Jewelry by Nadine, Owner

Education: Pennsylvania State University BS Education,
Cal State University Masters Elementary Education

Community Involvement: Asheville Jewish Community Center board member, Habitat for Humanity, Humane Society (Animal Compassion Network)



Matt Gaglione

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Present Employer & Title:

Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, Private Mortgage Banker

Education:

Kent State University BA Finance

Community Involvement: Kiwanis Club of Hendersonville



Stephanie Gilliam

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Present Employer & Title:

Thrive Clubhouse, Clubhouse Generalist

Education:

Cape Fear Community College Associate of Arts,
University of North Carolina Wilmington Bachelor of Social Work,
NC Interventions Prevention & Alternatives Certificate,
Person Centered Thinking Certificate,
CPR & AED Certificate,
Stewards of Children Certificate,, Effective Teacher Training
Certificate, Non-Profit Management Certificate (currently enrolled)

Community Involvement: Housing Assistance Corporation, Henderson County Young Leaders Program, Mainstay, El Centro, 4-H/Cooperative Extension, Thrive, Blue Ridge Community College GED program



Candi Maybin Guffey

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Present Employer & Title:

Scarlet Boutique, owner
Hulsey Media, media executive assistant

Education:

AB Tech Community College

Community Involvement: Downtown Hendersonville Advisory Committee,
Henderson County Chamber of Commerce, American Red Cross



Connie Nuckolls Holliday

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Present Employer & Title:

Kanuga Conferences, Director of Sales

Education:

Clemson University BA Administrative Management & Economics
Certified Meeting Professional (CMP)
Association Executives of NC member of the year,
SC Society of Association Executives member of the Year

Community Involvement: Asheville convention & Visitors Bureau committee chair, School and PTO volunteer, United Way Day of Caring, American Red Cross blood donor, Goodwill Industries donor, The Healing Place donor.



Ann Hudgins

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Present Employer & Title:

Pardee Hospital, Mission Pardee Health Campus Administrator

Education:

East Carolina University BA Business Administration and Finance
Durham Technical Community College AAS Paralegal
Pfeiffer University MBA/MHA

Community Involvement: Rotary of Arden, Fletcher Area Business Association, Henderson County Youth Softball



Brett Hulsey

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Present Employer & Title:

Hulsey Media, Inc., President and Publisher

Education:

University of Alabama BA American Studies

Community Involvement: Hands On! Children's Museum board member,
Hendersonville Rotary Club



Angie Hunter

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Present Employer & Title:

Henderson County Habitat for Humanity, Director of Development

Education:

University of Tennessee Bachelor of Science Business Administration and Finance

Community Involvement: Hendersonville Kiwanis Club, Make-A-Wish Foundation, Big Brother Big Sisters, Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation, American Cancer Society



Lee King

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Present Employer & Title:

Henderson County Register of Deeds, Register of Deeds

Education:

Appalachian State University BSBA
Western Carolina University, MPA

Community Involvement: Hendersonville Lions Club, Tail Twister Hendersonville Lions Club, North Carolina Association of Registers of Deeds member, Palmetto Curling Club member, Upward Community Club member, Zion Hill Baptist Church, Upward United Methodist Church



Rachel Hodge Kipar

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Present Employer & Title:

Henderson County, Environmental Programs Coordinator

Education:

Georgia College & State University BS Environmental Science
Florida State University MSP Environmental Planning and Natural Resources Management

Community Involvement: Asheville Environmental Quality Institute board secretary



Darla Lindeman

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Present Employer & Title:

Western Carolina Community Action (WCCA), Human Resources Director

Education:

Western Michigan University Bachelor of Science
Grand Rapids Junior College Associate of Arts, Professional Human Resources

Community Involvement: Kiwanis, Henderson County Education Foundation, Feed the Kids, Immaculate Conception Church



Denise Cumbee Long

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Present Employer & Title:

United Way of Henderson County, Executive Director

Education:

Wake Forest University BA Phi Beta Kappa Magna Cum Laude
University of North Carolina School of Law J.D.
Southeastern Theological Seminary M.Div.

Community Involvement: Hendersonville Country Club member.



Shane Lunsford

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Present Employer & Title:

AFLEC, Coordinator

Education:

Cornell Graduate Certificate Marketing Strategy
SNHU, Bachelor's Organizational Leadership
Excelsior College BSN
University of Toledo Diploma Paramedic Emergency Medicine

Community Involvement: Town of Fletcher Parks and Recreation board chair,
Daniel Boone Council Cub Scout Pack 602 committee chair, Henderson
County Chamber of Commerce ambassador



David Maupin

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Present Employer & Title:

Edward Jones Investments, Financial Advisor

Education:

University of North Alabama BBA Accounting
University of North Alabama MBA
Securities License Series 7 and Series 66 along with Life and Health licenses

Community Involvement: The Storehouse volunteer, Henderson County
Chamber of Commerce member, Fletcher Area Business Association
member, Hendersonville Lions Club member



Walker McSwain

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Present Employer & Title:

Pardee Hospital, Associate Vice President System Integration

Education:

Clemson University BS Finance
North Carolina State University MBA

Community Involvement: NC State MBA Alumni Group, Triangle Off-Road
Cyclists member and volunteer, All Saints Church Durham NC past treasurer



Alison Melnikova

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Present Employer & Title:

Town of Laurel Park, Town Manager

Education:

Western Carolina University BA English Literature

MPA Master of Public Affairs

Community Involvement: Rotary Club of Hendersonville, WCU Association of Local Government Catamounts vice president, WCU MPA Advisory Committee



Kristen Morgan

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Present Employer & Title:

Henderson County Chamber of Commerce, Project Manager,
Dance Instructor

Education:

East Carolina University Bachelor of Arts English and Communication

Community Involvement: Miss Teen Miss Blue Ridge 2005 winner, Miss Hendersonville 2010 winner, Junior Leadership Program for High School Seniors coordinator, Apple Festival volunteer, Miss Asheville/Miss WNC production coordinator, Jessie's Honor volunteer



Allison Nock

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Present Employer & Title:

Henderson County Sheriff's Office, Community Relations Media Specialist

Education:

Elon University BFA Music Theatre, Spanish and Dance

Community Involvement: Hands On! Children's Museum board member, Camp GLOW (formerly DARE Camp) volunteer, LHIT (Local Health Information Team) member



Sandra Ann Odom

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Present Employer & Title:

United Community Bank, Deposit Floater

Education:

Blue Ridge Community College Associate Degree in Business Administration



Stephanie Hutcherson Orr

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Present Employer & Title:

America's OB/GYN Board Review Course, Inc., Director of Development,
Residency Liaison

Education:

University of North Carolina Chapel Hill Dramatic Arts

Community Involvement: Atkinson Elementary School volunteer, First
United Methodist Church of Hendersonville, Flat Rock Playhouse Supporting
Players volunteer, YMCA Splash! volunteer



Lorin G. Page

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Present Employer & Title:

Strauss and Associates, PA, Associate Attorney

Education:

Florida Atlantic University Honors College BA English & Philosophy
University of Alabama School of Law Magna Cum Laude
University of Florida Levin College of Law coursework on Master of Law,
Taxation

Community Involvement: Pisgah Legal Services volunteer lawyer, Youth Rights
and Justice Juvenile Public Defense



Lisa Parham

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Present Employer & Title:

Tapestry Eating Disorder Program, Director of Community Outreach and Development

Education:

Isothermal College
Blue Ridge Community College

Community Involvement: Bridge of Hope, Atkinson Elementary PTO president, Project WEcare, Blue Ridge Humane Society, Clear Work Counseling Center advisory board chair, American Cancer Society, United Way, Alzheimer's Association



Robin Paulison

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Present Employer & Title:

Blue Ridge Community College, Dean for Adult Education and Literacy

Education:

East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania BA English Literature Magna Cum Laude, Master of Education Summa Cum Laude, Instructional Teaching Certificate in English,
Sigma Tau Delta International Honor Society
Dauphin County Commissioners Service Appreciation Award
Pennsylvania House of Representatives Hometown Hero Award

Community Involvement: Habitat for Humanity, Humane Society, United Way Women's Leadership Network, Pennsylvania Association for Adult Continuing Education vice-president, Central Pennsylvania Food Bank.



Ashley Pirsig

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Present Employer & Title:

Flat Rock Playhouse, Director of Development

Education:

Emerson College BFA Musical Theatre
Southern Methodist University MBA, MA Arts Management

Community Involvement: Pardee Hospital Spirit of Women Advisory Council, Association of Fundraising Professionals Western North Carolina Chapter member



Jesse Shepherd

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Present Employer & Title:

YMCA of Western North Carolina, Executive Community Director

Education:

Florida State University BS Communication
George Washington University MBA Economic Development

Community Involvement: Future Rotarian, Transylvania County Medication Assistance Program board member



Phyllis Smith

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Present Employer & Title:

Carolina Village, Public Relations Specialist

Education:

Asheville Buncombe Technical College studied Social Work and Marketing
Certified Trainer customer service "Personal Connections" business development, Certified Trainer

Community Involvement: Henderson County Council on Aging board member, St. Gerard House volunteer, Henderson County Hunger Coalition volunteer, Alzheimer's Walk volunteer, Regional Council on Aging Buncombe Baptist Senior Adult Committee chair



Christy Sneller

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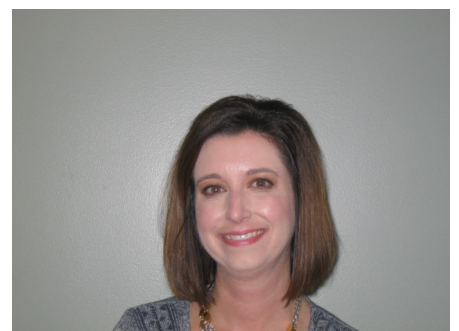
Present Employer & Title:

Park Ridge Health, Administrative Director of Operations Physician Enterprise

Education:

St. Gregory's University BS Business and MBA
State Fair Community College AAA Medical Assisting

Community Involvement: Hope Chest volunteer



Judy Stroud

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Present Employer & Title:
State Farm Insurance, Agent

Education:
Western Carolina University BS and MA
Isothermal Community College
Property, Casualty, Life and Health Insurance Licenses

Community Involvement: Western Carolina University Board of Visitors board, Four Seasons Hospice board, Community Foundation board, Salvation Army board, YMCA board, Park Ridge Health Foundation board, Kiwanis member



Ed Sullivan

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Present Employer & Title:
Signarama of Asheville, Owner

Education:
State University of New York at Oswego BS Industrial Arts Education
Asheville Chamber of Commerce business person of the year 2013

Community Involvement: Downtown Asheville Rotary member, CIBO member, Asheville Civic Center & University of North Carolina Asheville Athletic Department sign sponsor



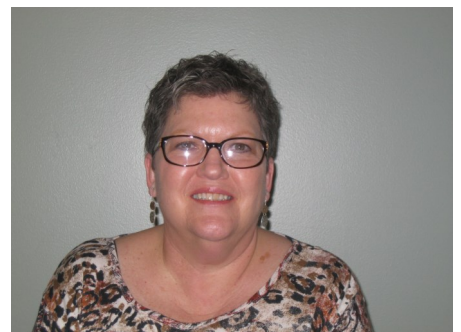
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Present Employer & Title:
National Technical Honor Society, Order Processing Specialist & Accounting Services

Education:
Lynn View High School Honor Diploma

Community Involvement: Relay for Life Transylvania County volunteer for planning, publicity and sponsorship, Sharing House volunteer



Joseph Matthew Vindigni

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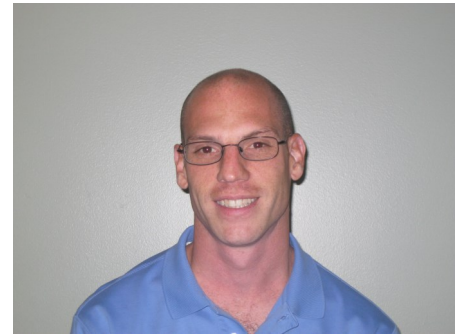
Present Employer & Title:

City of Hendersonville Fire Department, Deputy Fire Chief

Education:

Nash Community College AAS Emergency Preparedness Technology
Grand Canyon University BS Public Safety Administration
National Fire Academy Executive Fire Officer

Community Involvement: United Way, Fire Safety Presentations volunteer



Dane Whitlock

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Present Employer & Title:

Flat Rock Playhouse, Director of Marketing and Communications

Education:

Shenandoah University FBA Musical Theatre
Awarded the Gordon Gooch Award for Excellence in Theatre

