



Class of 2016 - 2017



2016 - 2017 VISION Henderson County



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Present Employer & Title:

Blue Ridge Community College, Work Based Learning Coordinator

Education:

Appalachian State University B.S. Political Science; Johnson & Wales University, A.A.S. Culinary Arts; Montreat College, M.S.M.L. in Management and Leadership

Community Involvement:

Rugby Middle and West Henderson High School Booster, Blue Ridge Community Health Services, David's Men



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Present Employer & Title:

Rainbow Community School, Equity Director & Social Media Specialists, Inclusion & Equity Trainer

Education:

University of South Florida

Community Involvement: Mocha Moms, Inc., Building Bridges of Asheville, Educators for Equity



Melissa Ailiff

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Present Employer & Title:

Henderson County Habitat for Humanity, Volunteer Coordinator

Education:

Ramapo College of NJ, BA
Centenary University MBA

Community Involvement:

Rotary Club



Katie Allison

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Present Employer & Title:

United Way of Henderson County,
Marketing & Communications Coordinator

Education:

Wingate University, BS Communications Magna Cum Laude, Phi Eta Sigma
National Honor Society



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Present Employer & Title:

Banking Professional

Education:

Blue Ridge Community College, Associate in Business Administration Banking and
Finance

Community Involvement: St. Gerard House, Henderson County Education
Foundation, Park Ridge Health



Heather Boyd

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Present Employer & Title:

United Community Bank,
Customer Service Representative

Education:

Blue Ridge Community College, Associate in Business Administration Marketing
and Retailing; AB Tech, Associate in Arts

Community Involvement: WCCA 2008 - 2015, Rising Leader with United Way



Patrick Bryan

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Present Employer & Title:

Children and Family Resource Center
Director of Development

Education:

University of Mississippi School of Law J.D.; Troy University, B.S. Journalism

Community Involvement: Big Brothers/Big Sisters of WNC, Vice-Chair and mentor



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Present Employer & Title:

Carolina Village

Education:

Western Carolina University ,B.A. in Business Administration

Community Involvement: Mountain Valley Baptist Church



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Present Employer & Title:

Henderson Oil Company
Logistics and Supply Coordinator

Education:

Haywood Tech, Associate in Forest Management Technology

Community Involvement: Past President and member Etowah Horse Shoe Fire and Rescue, Kedron Lodge #387 AF & AM member



Clara Cahill

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Present Employer & Title:

Four Seasons Compassion For Life,
Response Center Associate, CMA, CHPNA

Education:

Blue Ridge Community College, Certified Clinical Medical Assistant;
Hospice & Palliative Credentialing Center, Certified Hospice and Palliative Nursing Assistant, Certified Nursing Assistant

Community Involvement: United Way Day of Caring



Pauline Carpenter

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Present Employer & Title:

Resource Corporation of America, Director of Operations, SE Region

Education:

AB Tech, Certified Nurse Assistant, Certified Medication Tech, A.A.S. Human/Social Service Technology; Strayer University

Community Involvement: Spiritual Ambassador Park Ridge Health, HFMA National Chapter, AB Tech Alumni Association, American Red Cross, American Diabetes Association, National Kidney Foundation, Dialysis Patient Citizens-Ambassador, NC ACT Team Leader/Partners in Care, Community Mentor and Peer Mediator



Jessica Collins

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Present Employer & Title:

Pardee Hospital,
Physician Liaison

Education:

Appalachian State University, Bachelor of Science; High Point University, Master of Science

Community Involvement: Appalachian State University Wilson Scholars Selection Committee, Pardee Hospital Foundation volunteer, Rising Leaders Program Graduate, Junior Welfare Club



Octavia Dunbar

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Present Employer & Title:

North Carolina Department of Commerce-Division of Workforce Solutions at
Henderson County NCworks Career Center (Blue Ridge Community College)
Employment Consultant

Education:

South College, Associate in Paralegal; Mark Hill College, Bachelors in Social
Work; Montreat College, Master in Management



Victoria Dunkle

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Present Employer & Title:

Park Ridge Health,
Communications Director

Education:

Clarion University of Pennsylvania, B.S. in Communication

Community Involvement: Biltmore Church Women's Ministry Leadership Team,
author and teacher; Safelight, board member, Emcee and guest speaker for various
non-profit fundraising events including Hope Chest for Women, ABCCM and
Remarkable Women (Safelight).



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Present Employer & Title:

Henderson County EMS,
Paramedic

Education:

Forsyth Technical Community College, AAS Fire Science; Department of Defense
Fire Academy; National Registry Paramedic; Critical Care Paramedic; Pediatric and
Neonatal Critical Care Paramedic

Community Involvement: City of Hendersonville, part-time firefighter, President,
Hendersonville Professional Fire Fighters IAFF Local 2645, Henderson County EMS
Peer Review Committee Member, Boy Scouts of America, Scoutmaster, Church of
Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints



Lancelot Goller

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Present Employer & Title:

Blue Ridge Health,
Director of Outreach and Patient Navigation

Education:

City University of NY, B.A. in Culture and Communications, Summa Cum Laude;
Baruch College, Master in Public Administration with a specialization in Nonprofit Administration

Community Involvement: Health Care Access coalition (WNC Assisters, WNC Medicaid Expansion Workgroup, ACA Partners of WNC, NC Get Covered), VITA certified tax preparer, various positions on nonprofit boards



Richard Guthrie

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Present Employer & Title:

Friday Professional Services, Professional Recruiter

Education:

University of Georgia, B.S. Forest Resources

Community Involvement: Hendersonville Rescue Mission volunteer, All Saints Anglican Church



Daniel Harris

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Present Employer & Title:

North Carolina Department of Commerce-Division of Workforce Solutions at Henderson County NCworks Career Center (Blue Ridge Community College)
Customer Service Assistant

Education:

Florida Atlantic University, B.A. Social Psychology, GCDF (Global Career Development Facilitator)

Community Involvement: Blue Ridge Literacy Council (Previous Board Member), United Way of Henderson County-Volunteer, Member of Mountain True, Project Search Steering Committee-Mission Health, Economic Workforce Development Continuing Education, Mountain Area Workforce Development-Member



Christina Harwood

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Present Employer & Title:

Park Ridge Health,
Director of Home Health & Henderson County CAP/DA Program

Education:

Craven Community College, ADN; Mount Olive University, BSN, Summa Cum Laude;
University of Phoenix, MBA

Community Involvement: Association for Home and Hospice Care for North Carolina



Julie Hayes

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Present Employer & Title:

Henderson County Tourism Development Authority,
Tourism Outreach Coordinator

Education:

University of Florida, B.S.; Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist

Community Involvement: Past member of Fletcher Parks & Recreation Park Advisory committee



Erika Hendrix

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Present Employer & Title:

Thrive,
Mental Health Professional

Education:

Cape Fear Community College, Communications/Theater; UNC-Pembroke, Communications/Theater; NCI Interventions, Preventions and Alternatives Living Healthy with a Chronic Condition Lay Leader; CPR and First Aid

Community Involvement: Thrive, Community Theater, Living Healthy with a Chronic Condition workshops



Russ Henson

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Present Employer & Title:

Coldwell Banker King,
Realtor/Broker

Education:

Western Carolina University, B.S. Business Administration; Western Carolina University, M.E. Entrepreneurship

Community Involvement: Blue Ridge Community College Foundation board member, First Baptist Church, Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce, small business committee



Trina Hill

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Present Employer & Title:

Henderson County Department of Social Services,
Social Work Program Manager

Education:

UNC-Asheville, Bachelor in Sociology; Western Carolina University, Master in Community Counseling; NC Licensed Professional Counselor and NC Licensed Clinical Addictions Specialist

Community Involvement: Co-chair of the Henderson County Homeless Coalition, Emergency Food and Shelter Program-board member, Biltmore Baptist Church



Burton Hodges

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Present Employer & Title:

Henderson County Partnership for Economic Development,
Industry Relations Coordinator

Education:

Brevard College, B.A. Political Science, Communications

Community Involvement: Henderson County Young Professionals leader/organizer, Asheville Downtown Association volunteer



Dalleen Jackson-McClasky

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Present Employer & Title:

City of Hendersonville, Economic Development,
Promotions Coordinator

Education:

Art Institute of Pittsburgh, Visual Communication Associates in Technology;
Ashford University, Organizational Management, BA, Summa Cum Laude;
FEMA Animals in Disaster training; Illinois State Humane Investigator

Community Involvement: Brother Wolf Animal Shelter, Adoption Ambassador and foster home; Charlie's Angels Animal Shelter foster home



Keith Johnson

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Present Employer & Title:

Edward Jones,
Financial Advisor

Education:

Kansas State University, B.S. Industrial Engineering; University of Kansas, M.S.
Engineering Management

Community Involvement: Triad of Henderson County, United Way of Henderson County, Trinity of Fairview Baptist Church, Henderson County Chamber of Commerce



Cheryl Justus

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Present Employer & Title:

Carolina Village, Inc.,
Director of Marketing

Education:

Blue Ridge Community College, Associate in Arts; Mars Hill College, Bachelor of Science; LeadingAge Leadership Academy Fellow; Certified Marketing Professional

Community Involvement: Blue Ridge Community College ambassador, Abraham Kuykendall Chapter, NCSDAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) member, Environmental cleanup volunteer



Betsy Kelsey

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Present Employer & Title:

Council on Aging,
Finance Manager

Education:

Duke University, B.A. Biology; Duke University, MBA



Steven Kidd

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Present Employer & Title:

National Park Service, Carl Sandburg Home,
Chief, Resources and Facilities Management

Education:

University of Southern Mississippi, BS Anthropology; Florida State University, MS Anthropology



Thomas Kleppe

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Present Employer & Title:

City of Hendersonville,
Fire Lieutenant

Education:

Blue Ridge Community College, AAS Fire Protection Technology, Fire Rescue Instructor, NC EMT-B, NC Fire Officer II

Community Involvement: International Association of Firefighters, representative for Local 2645, North Carolina State Firefighters Association, Biltmore Baptist Church



Sarah Leatham

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Present Employer & Title:

Brookdale Hendersonville East,
Sales and Marketing Manager

Education:

Florida State University, BS Political Communications; Duke Nonprofit Management Certification

Community Involvement: Rotarian of the Year for Hendersonville Rotary Club, Leadership Asheville, ECCO Team volunteer, President of the Hendersonville Rotary Club 2013/2014, Alzheimer Memory Walk for Henderson County-chairperson, Chairperson for Stop Hunger Now



Nancie Liles

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Present Employer & Title:

Shuler and Forest Lawn Funeral Homes,
Community Outreach Liaison and Director of Pet Funeral Services

Education:

Fletcher Hospital School of Nursing, ICCFA School for Funeral Celebrants, UNC-Asheville

Community Involvement: Four Seasons Compassion for Life Hospice and Palliative Care volunteer, Life Enhancement for Seniors and Others volunteer, Treasured Memories member, Hendersonville Community Theatre, GutBusters Comedy Club, Founder of the Asheville Humane Society and Humane Alliance Non-Profit Spay/Neuter Clinic



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Present Employer & Title:

Pardee Hospital,
Administrative Director, Marketing and Strategic Communications

Education:

Clemson University, BA Psychology; University of Georgia, MMC (Masters Mass Communication)

Community Involvement: United Way of Henderson County volunteer



Brittany Marshall

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Present Employer & Title:

Bank of North Carolina,
Branch Manager, Licensed Branch Employee

Education:

North Greenville University, BA Christian Studies (Series 6 & 63); North Carolina Banker's School

Community Involvement: Rotary Club of Hendersonville, Safelight board member, Henderson County Chamber of Commerce, First Baptist Church of Hendersonville



Michelle Maupin

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Present Employer & Title:

The Storehouse,
Office Manager

Education:

Tennessee Tech, Associate Degree; Memphis Urban League Business School

Community Involvement: Mud Creek Baptist Church volunteer, Bruce Drysdale Elementary School volunteer, Open Arms, The Storehouse



Dan Mays

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Present Employer & Title:

Morrow Insurance Agency,
Director of Risk Management

Education:

James Madison University, BS Marketing and Management, CPCU, SCLA, CRM, ARM, CIC

Community Involvement: Active in the Charlotte, NC area where my main residence is currently.



Josh Miller

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Present Employer & Title:

Four Seasons Hospice,
Accounting Manager

Education:

Brevard College, BS Mathematics; Liberty University, BS Accounting

Community Involvement: Basketball coach, baptism class teacher at church



Jennifer Miranda

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Present Employer & Title:

Office of the Henderson County Tax Collector,
Tax Collection Specialist

Education:

Florida International University, Bachelors in Elementary Education; NOVA
Southeastern University, Master in Educational Leadership; NC Justice Academy,
Detention Officer Certification, Field Training Officer Certification

Community Involvement: Biltmore Church volunteer



Bob Murray

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Present Employer & Title:

Retired - Mission Road Ministries (San Antonio, TX)

Education:

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, BA Sociology; Texas State University,
M.Ed. Public School Administration

Community Involvement: University Health Systems Board of Trustees Finance
Chair, National Bureau of Standards peer review consultant, Governor's Continuing
Advisory Committee for Special Education, San Antonio Urban Ministries Board
Chair, Hendersonville Kiwanis, Past President & District Lt. Governor, Vocational
Solutions board of directors secretary, Ordained Elder in Presbyterian Church,
University Club of Hendersonville President-Elect, vice-chair, member of state and
national boards for persons with developmental and intellectual disabilities



Cindy Novak

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Present Employer & Title:

Horizon Heating and Air Conditioning,
Commercial Account Manager

Education:

Southern Maryland Community Dental College,
Southern Maryland Community Business College

Community Involvement: Hendersonville Chamber of Commerce ambassador
and Leads Group South, Brevard Chamber of Commerce and Chamber Leads
Group



Jennifer Parrack-Rogers

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Present Employer & Title:

Blue Ridge Community College,
English Instructor, Developmental Coordinator

Education:

University of North Carolina-Wilmington, Master in English,
Appalachian State University, post graduate work as Developmental Specialist
Registered Yoga instructor

Community Involvement: Fernleaf Elementary school volunteer, yoga instructor
at Carolina Village and Blue Ridge Community College



Jennie Plumley

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Present Employer & Title:

Sutherland Insurance,
Account Executive

Education:

USCS School of Business, Property and Casualty Insurance License,
Mary Brewer Insurance School, P&C Adjusters License,
CIC, Certified Insurance Counselor

Community Involvement: Local Chapter of ASPCA, Carolina Great Pyrenees
Rescue, The Journey at Spartanburg, Come Closer Spartanburg, Meals on Wheels
in Landrum, Henderson County Chamber of Commerce, National Alliance for
Insurance Education and Research



Laura Rice

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Present Employer & Title:

Henderson County Parks and Recreation,
Recreation Program Supervisor

Education: Blue Ridge Community College AA; Mars Hill College BS Recreation & Sport Management, Summa Cum Laude; North Carolina State University MS Parks, Recreation, Tourism Management; Certified Parks & Recreation Professional; National Recreation & Park Association; Certified Youth Sport Administer

Community Involvement: Henderson County Youth Soccer Association board member, Trips for Kids WNC board member, City of Hendersonville Comprehensive Bike Plan



Linda Richards

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Present Employer & Title:

Park Ridge Health,
Administrative Director, Cancer Services

Education:

Iowa State University, Bachelor of Science,
University of Missouri at Columbia, Master in Healthcare Administration with Superior Graduate Achievement Award and Thomas P. Weil Outstanding Student Award

Community Involvement: American Cancer Society-Relay for Life



David Riddell

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Present Employer & Title:

Big Frog Custom T-Shirts,
Owner, President

Education:

Western Carolina University, BA Communications

Community Involvement: Member at Hendersonville, Asheville and Brevard Chambers of Commerce, Henderson County Chamber Ambassador, Fletcher Area Business Association Events Committee Co-Chairman



Patrick Rogers

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Present Employer & Title:

Sierra Nevada Brewing Company,
Environmental Health Safety and Security Manager

Education:

Frederick Community College AA in Criminal Justice,
University of North Carolina at Wilmington BA Environmental Science with a
specialization in marine geology,
Georgia Tech University, certificate in Environmental and Safety General

Community Involvement: Hands On! Children's Museum past board member



Alan Rosenthal

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Present Employer & Title:

Weichert Realtors-Unlimited
Rosenthal Mountain Properties
Realtor, Broker

Education:

Michigan State University
Rutgers University
Montreat College

Community Involvement: Vibrant Asheville Business founder, Christ Community Church of Montreat, Land of Sky Association of Realtors, Commercial Investment Realty Association of WNC, WNC Green Building Council, Henderson & Asheville Chambers of Commerce



Doug Rostick

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Present Employer & Title:

Edward Jones,
Financial Advisor

Education:

Clemson University, BA, Cum Laude
College for Financial Planning, A.A.M.S. (Accredited Asset Management Specialist)

Community Involvement: Lions Club of Mills River



Michele Sparks

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Present Employer & Title:

Art MoB Studio & Marketplace,
Owner/Operator

Education:

NVCC Virginia, Associate Degree in Correctional Service

Community Involvement: Hendersonville Downtown advisory board, Liaison 7th Ave. advisory board, Downtown Hendersonville events committee, Community Character committee, Art on Main board, Downtown Art Scape committee, Henderson County Relay for Life ACS past Henderson County chairman



Justin Staebell

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Present Employer & Title

World Vision International
Director, Investment and Performance Metrics

Education:

University of Tulsa, BSFA Finance and Economics,
Eastern University, MBA Economic Development

Community Involvement: Fair Trade Sustainability Alliance, Hendersonville Elementary volunteer, Grace Blue Ridge, Bread for the World



Lynn Staggs

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Present Employer & Title

The Storehouse,
Executive Director

Education:

Duke University Certificate in Nonprofit Management

Community Involvement: Bruce Drysdale PTO president and vice-president, Mercy House volunteer, The Storehouse founder, Blessings in Boxes founder, helped bring Charity Tracker to Henderson County, coordinated "Service Works" groups to do projects for elderly clients in Henderson County



Forrest Tate

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Present Employer & Title:

Henderson County Public Library,
Library Technology Specialist

Education:

Appalachian State University, Bachelor of Music in Music Education,
University of Arizona, Master of Library and Information Science



Michael Thompson

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Present Employer & Title:

Van Winkle Law Firm,
Attorney/Partner

Education:

University of North Carolina-Asheville, BS Business Management
Campbell University, Juris Doctorate

Community Involvement: First United Methodist Church, Village of Flat Rock planning board, Historic Flat Rock board of trustees, Henderson County Chamber of Commerce board of directors



Meredith Tidwell

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Present Employer & Title:

Morrow Insurance Agency,
Producer, Account Executive

Education:

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, BS BA Business Administration
Certified Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act Professional through the National Association of Health Underwriters, Life, Health, Medicare Supplement and Long Term Care Licensed

Community Involvement: South Mecklenburg High School volunteer, National Association of Health Underwriters member, Society for Human Resource Management member



Michelle Tracz

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Present Employer & Title:

Michelle Tracz, CPA, CFE, CGMA, PLLC, Owner

Education:

Clark University, BA Economics, Accounting Concentration,
Certified Public Accountant (CPA),
Certified Fraud Examiner (DFE),
Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA)

Community Involvement: Member: American Institute of CPAs (AICPA),
Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE), NC Association of CPAs (NCACPA);
NCACPA Members in Business & Industry Committee Chair; NCACPA Fraud
Conference Committee member; Finance Committee for Jewish Family Services of
WNC; Treasurer of the Fletcher Area Business Association (FABA); Jewish
Community Center of Asheville board member; Henderson County Chamber of
Commerce Leads South Group Chair



Myra Watkins

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Present Employer & Title:

Entegra Bank,
City Executive

Education:

American Bankers Classes

Community Involvement: Hendersonville Lions Club, Mountain Community
School board member, Hendersonville Rotary Club, Blue Ridge Community College
Foundation board member, Women Helping Women volunteer, Blue Ridge
Community College Ambassador



Autumn Weil

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Present Employer & Title:

Blue Ridge Literacy Council,
Executive Director

Education:

Indiana University, BS Education,
Indiana University Lilly School of Philanthropy, Certificate of Annual Sustainability

Community Involvement: Association of Fundraising Professionals of WNC
member, Blue Ridge Community College ambassador, AFP-WNC board member,
NC Literacy Association volunteer, Mountain Area Workforce Development Board
Member, Hendersonville Rotary Club



