

MEET CANOPY'S NEWEST CLASS OF RISING STARS

The Leadership Academy is back in session



Canopy Realtor® Association's Leadership Academy Selection Committee, chaired by Brenda Hayden, is excited to announce the Leadership Academy's Class of 2023. Canopy's Leadership Academy, which has been growing and going strong for the last 24 years, has successfully recruited 256 graduates, many of whom have gone on to serve in leadership roles for the Association, Canopy MLS and Canopy Housing Foundation.

The program features nine full-day sessions facilitated over nine months (March-November) and prepares Realtors® for leadership positions in the Association and the community. Through the program, participants are able to:

- Expand confidence and teambuilding skills
- Develop vital public speaking skills
- Discover and interpret diverse leadership and personality styles
- Strengthen organization, communication and decision-making abilities
- Understand local, state and national legislative issues impacting the industry and homeownership
- Network with regional and local Association leadership; as well as develop business and community connections
- Become more aware of the region's past, present and future and be involved in conversations that lead to change

More importantly, the class learns that their Association, MLS and Foundation are dependent on strong Realtor® leadership in order to continue to grow, protect the rights of homeowners, the real estate industry, and advocate for the dream of homeownership.



Leadership Academy Graduates At-A-Glance

Since the program started in 1999 through 2022, the Leadership Academy has had 256 graduates.

- 117 (or 48.7%) have served on committees or as committee chairs of various Association/MLS Advisory or Foundation committees.
- 50 (or 19.5%) have served (elected or appointed) on either the Association, MLS or Foundation Board of Directors.
- Nine (or 3.7%) have served on the Executive Committee (in the capacity of president, secretary or treasurer).
- One has served a term as president of NC REALTORS® (after serving two consecutive years as president). Learn more about the Leadership Academy!

Take a look back at [2022 Leadership Academy Graduation and Teambuilding with the Class of 2022](#).

MEET THE CLASS →

MEET THE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY'S NEWEST CLASS OF RISING STARS AND PHILOSOPHIES THEY LIVE BY



GABRIELLE BEAVER
REALTOR®/BROKER-IN-CHARGE QUEEN B&B PROPERTIES

“You are never too small to make a difference.”
– Greta Thunberg



RACHEL CHEN
REALTOR®/BROKER NORTHGROUP REAL ESTATE

“You do not find a happy life. You make it.”



KEN CORONET
REALTOR®/BROKER REALTYONE GROUP SELECT

“It is what it is!” | “Don’t sweat the small stuff!”
“I shine bright like a diamond.” | “When life gives you lemons, grab salt and tequila!”



DANIELLE EDWARDS
REALTOR®/BROKER RE/MAX EXECUTIVE

“Giving back to our community helps build a better home”
“The world is yours if you seek it.”



SYLVIA GAUSE
REALTOR®/BROKER VILLAGE PREMIER

“What You Focus on Expands.”



TAMMRA GRANGER
REALTOR®/BROKER PREMIER SOTHEBY'S

“Happiness comes when your work and your words are of benefit to yourself and others.”



SHAUNA GRAVES
REALTOR®/BROKER-IN-CHARGE NEXT HOME ALLEGIANCE

“People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” - Dr. Maya Angelou



ELSIE HARRIS
REALTOR®/BROKER ENGEL & VOLKERS

“Knowledge itself is power.”



FINESSE LYONS
REALTOR®/BROKER FLYY REALTY- BETTER HOMES & GARDENS

“This above all- to thine own self be true, and it must follow, as night follows day, thou canst not then be false to any man.”
-William Shakespeare



MAGGIE MINICK
REALTOR®/BROKER DICKENS MITCHENER

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”
-Eleanor Roosevelt.



SHANNON PETERS
REALTOR®/BROKER LAKE NORMAN REALTY

“Be the change you want to see.” - Ghandi



NICKI PRATT-NUNLEY
REALTOR®/BROKER EXP REALTY

“Imperfect action beats perfect inaction every time.” – Pres. Harry S. Truman



PERRY SILVER
REALTOR®/BROKER DICKENS MITCHENER

“Once in a while you can get shown the light, in the strangest of places if you look at it right.”



DEON SMITH
REALTOR®/BROKER KELLER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY

“Leadership is about making others better as a result of your presence and making sure that impact lasts in your absence.”



ASHLEY WHEELER
SENIOR VP ASSOCIATION OPERATIONS, CANOPY REALTOR® ASSOCIATION

“Live each day with intent and infuse joy in the lives of others.”

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MORE ABOUT THE
CANOPY'S LEADERSHIP ACADEMY?**

