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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### NC REALTORS® William C. Bass Leadership Academy announces the Class of 2020

**Greensboro, North Carolina** (November 14, 2019) — The NC REALTORS® William C. Bass Leadership Academy recently selected its Class of 2020, including members that geographically represent the majority of the state. The candidates are:

Olita Boone	Johnson County Association of REALTORS®
Sofia Crisp	Greensboro Regional REALTORS® Association
Magda Esola	Charlotte Regional REALTOR® Association
Stephanie Estrada	Land of the Sky Association of REALTORS®
Jim Logan	Winston-Salem Regional REALTORS® Association
Kim Perkins	Jacksonville Board of REALTORS®
DeJane Perry Kerr	Raleigh Regional Association of REALTORS®
Nikki Pratt-Nunley	Charlotte Regional REALTOR® Association
Cathy Robertson	Winston-Salem Regional REALTORS® Association
Kurt Rogerson	Carteret County Association of REALTORS®
Charles Umstead	Raleigh Regional Association of REALTORS®
David Zeitz	Longleaf Pine REALTORS®

Candidates were selected by an anonymous, Candidate Selection Committee of NC REALTORS® members and were chosen based on interest in elevating their personal and professional leadership skills, commitment to the industry, future potential as a REALTOR® and leader in the industry, and personal and professional characteristics to ensure a “diverse, non-discriminatory, geographically representative and forward-thinking” class.

The NC REALTORS® William C. Bass Leadership Academy is a 10-month training and development program exclusively for NC REALTORS® that identifies, inspires, and mentors emerging leaders in real estate. This leadership development program is designed to guide each participant through their own self-discovery process and teach the necessary skills to become a more positive influence within the community and the industry. The academy is open to all NC REALTORS® in good standing.

Courses for the Class of 2020 begin in December 2019 and include five retreats across North Carolina and one in Washington, DC, where participants visit the National Association of REALTORS® office. It concludes with the graduation ceremony during the Region 4 REALTORS® Convention & Expo in October.

“Embracing leadership and all of the qualities and characteristics that make a good leader great is the foundation for the NC REALTORS® William C. Bass Leadership Academy,” stated Stephanie Walker, ABR, CRS, GRI, RSPS, SFR, SRES, president of Stephanie Walker and Associates, and NC REALTORS® 2016 REALTOR® of the Year. “As one of the early academy graduates, I personally witnessed and experienced the value it creates for the association, industry, and REALTOR® graduates.”



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In 2016, the official name of the program was changed to honor William C. Bass – an NC REALTOR® with a legacy of leadership and dedication to REALTORS®, the association, and the industry. Bass was also an early champion of the academy and helped steward its success throughout the years.

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### **ABOUT NC REALTORS®**

NC REALTORS® is a non-profit trade association, representing more than 47,000 members and 47 local associations throughout the state of North Carolina. NC REALTORS® serves to promote the success of its members and enhance the quality of life in North Carolina by promoting housing affordability and the protection of private property rights. Founded in 1921, the association is headquartered in Greensboro, with an additional office in Raleigh. For more information on the association, visit [ncrealtors.org](http://ncrealtors.org).