



## MEET THE COMMITTEE

### EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DAY

#### **Kim Blass, LC'20**

*Chief Impact Officer, Marietta City Schools*



**Favorite LC Memory:** Attempting to operate (and failing horribly) an ECMO machine simulator on Health Day

**Advice for LC'25:** Talk to someone new on the bus rides! Try to find your people--might not be obvious, but they are here.

#### **Chris Welchel, LC'17**

*Partner, Marietta Wrecker Service*



#### **Brian Wooten, LC'16**

*Assistant Professor, Public Administration, Kennesaw State University*



**Favorite LC Memory:** Final retreat and the bus rides. Great times informally connecting with my classmates.

**Advice for LC'25:** Take time and enjoy the experience. This is the only time you will have the opportunity to experience this program!



**Tricia Patterson, LC'22**

*Principal, Marietta City Schools*

**Favorite LC Memory:** Spring Retreat

**Advice for LC'25:** Soak it all in and do the afterhours get togethers.



**Rob Lewis, LC'17**

*Vice President, HNTB*

**Favorite LC Memory:** Getting to know LC 17 classmates over the course of the year and sharing life's experiences. And Fall retreat created some fun memories that are best shared with classmates who experienced them :).

**Advice for LC'25:** Be in the moment - minimize the distractions and immerse yourself in the LC experience. You will not regret it!



**Jason Meade, LC'19**

*Assistant Principal, Sequoyah High School, Cherokee County School District*

**Favorite LC Memory:** The Blackhawk ride during Armed Forces day.

**Advice for LC'25:** Unplug and lean in.



**Rachael Barron, LC'24**

*CEO, Effective Students*

**Favorite LC Memory:** Spending one day each month learning more about my community and the wonderful people who have a heart to make it better.

**Advice for LC'25:** Enjoy the ride, don't miss a minute!



**Jennifer Nelson, LC'12**

*Vice President of Advancement, Chattahoochee Tech*

**Favorite LC Memory:** Fall Retreat

**Advice for LC'25:** Make an effort to get to know everyone!



**William Birmingham, LC'24**

*Partner, Mauldin & Jenkins, LLC*

**Favorite LC Memory:** Spring Retreat!

**Advice for LC'25:** Lean in and fully engage. The time goes by so fast. Don't miss this opportunity!



### **Jason Waters, LC'06**

*President, Water's Financial Group; Vice Chair Board of Education Marietta City Schools*

**Favorite LC Memory:** Retreats: However, I can't go further due to the 285 rule

**Advice for LC'25:** Enjoy and be prepared to make lifelong friends



### **Brian Ingram, LC'24**

*Principal, Geo-Hydro Engineers, Inc*

**Favorite LC Memory:** Fall Retreat! Getting to know my class.

**Advice for LC'25:** Lean in! Get involved. Sit next to different people each time. Work will be there when you get done. This experience is once in a lifetime.



### **Leroy Tre Hutchins, LC'22**

*Cobb County School District Board of Education Member, Cobb County School District*

**Favorite LC Memory:** My favorite moments were the skits at Spring retreat

**Advice for LC'25:** Learn all you can and then stay connected via the Alumni



**Jonathan Fallin, LC'19**

*Architect/ Owner, CDH Architecture*

**Favorite LC Memory:** Armed Forces Day.

**Advice for LC'25:** Take time to get to know "everyone" in your class. The events LC events are great, but the friendships you make will be the greatest part of the experience.



**Natalie Rutledge, LC'20**

*Executive Director, Communities In Schools of Georgia in Marietta/Cobb County*



**Tiffany Barney, LC'23**

*Director, Cobb Innovation and Technology Academy*



**Mike Schroeder, LC'23**

*Owner, 1885 Grill*

## MEMORIES



### **Alexis Amaden, LC'98**

*EVP of Marketing and Communications, Cobb Chamber of Commerce*

**Favorite LC Memory:** Making lifelong friends and dancing the night away at fall retreat.

**Advice for LC'25:** Be present and write those thank you notes, they mean the world to those who give so much to the program. Always listen to Kai!!



### **Patti Schoettler, LC'15**

*Independent Associate Representative, AFLAC*

**Favorite LC Memory:** LC15 was privileged to visit the 4th Reconnaissance Battalion, BRAVO, US Marine Corp Reserve Training Center in Smyrna. We learned firsthand about the extensive, expert training they go through, and we experienced handling different weapons during virtual training exercises. Armed Forces Day left all of us with the utmost respect and gratitude for the men and women who serve and protect our country.

**Advice for LC'25:** Make it a priority to stay engaged after graduation. The best is yet to come!