



David Bankert, Candidate for NC Senate District 15

Adopted from an orphanage at the age of two, David enjoyed a childhood filled with faith, family and lots of music. His early experiences laid the foundation for his passion to be a man of The People, valuing diligence, integrity and compassion.

He earned a BS in Electrical Engineering from Carnegie Mellon and an MBA (concentration in operations research) from the University of Pittsburgh. A high school and college long-distance swimmer, he labored in a brick mill to pay for his education. He was always one to seek out challenges.

Although now retired, his professional experience included engineering, manufacturing, construction, and computer programming. He also has several plant and business start-ups under his belt.

What sets Bankert apart is the very creative and comprehensive way he thinks about things, about problems that stem from his broad professional and life experience. Alongside his many achievements, life has thrown significant curveballs his way, including the devastating heartache of a son with mental illness.

Managing professional and personal challenges, the trials and tribulations of his journey, have made him wiser, stronger in faith and ready to serve.



Rebecca (Becky) Allen, Candidate for NC House District 36

Becki and her family love and enjoy living in their area of southern Wake County. Becki is a mother of three teenage children who attend public school in Wake County. She earned a bachelor's degree from North Park University and has served her community with her work in the non-profit sector, as well as serving with her church and in her children's schools.

Becki is running for NC House District 36 to support her community and their values in southern Wake County. She will help small/local businesses and grow the economy. She will preserve the best of our history, nature, and culture as we experience continued growth.

As the only Conservative running in this district, Becky is passionate and dedicated to listening to her constituents and will seek to represent them in the General Assembly, rather than her own special interests.

<https://beckiallen4nc.com/>



Scott Lassiter, Candidate for NC Senate District 13

Scott was born at WakeMed in Raleigh, raised in Apex, and attended Apex Elementary, Middle and High Schools. His parents were both Wake County natives.

Scott graduated from N.C. State with a bachelor's degree in political science with a concentration in secondary social studies education. While teaching social studies at East Wake Middle School, Scott attended night school at N.C.

Central University and earned a master's degree in school administration. He obtained his

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educational specialist license from N.C. State and successfully defended his dissertation, earning his doctorate in educational leadership from N.C. State.

Scott holds a N.C. superintendent's license, principal license, and a professional teaching license. He enjoyed his years in the classroom, but has moved on to a role where he can have more influence over the entire student body as an assistant principal in the Wake County Public School System.

He is the Vice-Chairman of the Wake County Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors and is also President of the Area IV Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts that includes Wake, Johnston, Durham, Granville, Vance, Franklin, Halifax, Nash, Wilson and Edgecombe counties.

Scott served as an Apex Town Councilman for 4 years from 2011-2015 where he chaired the budget and planning committees and was the liaison to the parks department. He was a parks, recreation, and cultural resources advisory commissioner from 2006-2011.

He serves as the WCPSS Division of Principals and Assistant Principals liaison to the NC General Assembly.

Scott serves on the board of directors for Kids Together park (for children of all abilities) in Cary, and is founder and president of the Lassiter Education Foundation, a registered non-profit that supports at-risk area students with extracurricular fee support/scholarships.

<https://votescottlassiter.com/about-scott>

**Dr. Wing Ng, Candidate for Wake Co. Board of Education**

At the age of eight, my family and I immigrated from Hong Kong to the United States and settled in Texas, to seek a better life for ourselves. We were very poor in the beginning, but we knew that education was our way out of poverty. I did not know much English at first, but I soon overcame the language barrier with the help of a few dedicated teachers. In middle school, my teachers saw the potential in me, and I was tapped to be a part of a pioneering gifted and talented program. High school was filled with tough classes that challenged me and prepared me well for college. I support

public education wholeheartedly because I owe all my success in life to the excellent education I received.

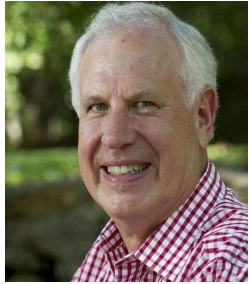
I have been a physician in Raleigh for over 19 years, and I have dedicated my career healing, restoring, and serving people with disabilities. I was appointed by the governor to serve on the North Carolina Council on Development Disabilities, helping to set policies that positively impact the disability community. I am active at my church and sit on the board of a missionary organization serving in El Salvador. However, my greatest joy and achievement is being a devoted husband and father to two wonderful girls, one of whom has Down Syndrome. Raising a child with a disability has taught me so much about putting another person's needs before my own. In fact, this has been the inspiration for my desire to serve the people of Wake County.

Education has always been a major emphasis in my life. During college, I worked as a math and science tutor for other university students. In my early medical career, I was a clinical professor,

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teaching the next generation of physicians. Even now, I am a regular lecturer to the hospital staff. I may not have a degree in education, but my passion for teaching and sharing what I know runs deep. It is wonderful to see students' eyes light up with excitement when they learn something new. The great motivating factor for serving on the School Board, and the reason I am running for re-election this year, is to help foster the best learning environment for both teachers and students.

<https://wingforwakeschools.com/>



Mark Boone, Candidate for Wake Co. Soil & Water Supervisor

Mark graduated from Sanderson High School in Raleigh and earned a BS degree in Education and an MS degree in Human Factors Engineering from NC State. He also holds a Diploma in Program Management from the Defense Systems Management College. Mark is proud to have served our country as a US Marine.

Growing up, Mark spent weekends and summers at his Grandmother's farm in *Seagrove*, NC. He and his dad plowed with a mule and Mark learned the value of hard work and what it means to grow what one eats. He is still thrilled by fresh local berry pies. The remaining 77,000 acres of farm land in Wake County are important. It takes wisdom to balance the needs of the county's growing urban population with the quality of life provided by our farmers. He wants his children and grandchildren to have the same opportunities he has had.

Mark is a strong believer individuals can make a difference in the local environment. He also fully appreciates the need to collectively work together to preserve farm land. He is an active gardener who believes improving the habitat for the wild creatures living in the County is important. He greatly enjoys seeing the bluebirds he hosts to fledge their young. Although he has had to reinforce his chicken house to keep the foxes out he enjoys watching the kits wrestle with each other.

Finding solutions for dealing with the tragedy of the commons is my passion. Every creature's life depends upon access to clean air, water, land, forests and oceans. Wake County is one of the top ten counties in the United States losing farmland to urban growth at the fastest rate. People are attracted to Wake County because of the quality of life here. Figuring out how we define our county's commons and how we can maintain them for future generations is one of the greatest challenges we face in public policy. Natural cycles provide us with insights we can follow – the water cycle, nitrogen cycle, carbon cycle, etc. How to apply these natural cycles created over eons to human endeavors takes wisdom and keen observation.

<https://marksoilandwater.com/>



James Bledsoe, Candidate for Raleigh City Council At Large

I came to Raleigh in early 2013 for the Army Reserve and fell in love with the city immediately. I decided to put down roots here by buying my first house in South East Raleigh. While I worked for the NC Dept. of Public Safety, I became President of my neighborhood's HOA. In addition I was elected in state roles with Veterans Party of NC since 2016.

In 2005, I enlisted to serve in the United States Army on active duty where I

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was stationed in Germany as an Armor Crewman with the 1st ID and then an Airborne Cavalry Scout with the 173rd Airborne Brigade. During my time on active duty I deployed to Afghanistan for 15 straight months from 2007-2008. In 2012, I joined the US Army Reserve and began to serve one weekend a month as a Combat Engineer while pursuing further education. I earned a B.S. in Criminal Justice while minoring in US History & Computer Programming. In 2019, I deployed again to Kuwait, Iraq, & Syria as an Engineer. In 2023, I joined Wake Tech to undertake a Cyber Security degree.

I am running for Raleigh City Council because I feel we need a council that listens to its residents and to city staff and is accepting of new technology that comes into the city. I want to see it put to good use. I want to see our first responders taken care of, our cost of living reduced; I want to see our city grow through better housing options and I want to support all sizes of business. And it is my goal to make being “a first time home buyer” a possibility again!

There isn't a single member of the city council who is a veteran, so I believe that I have a unique perspective to bring to local government. I wish to bring about the chance of prosperity to our wonderful city's residents, to business owners, and even to tech startups that enter the city.

Education is expensive right out of high school, which is why I will be donating 50-100% of my council pay, once elected, to create grants for students going into STEM or the trades. Each year, I will select students to receive these grants via lottery so these young minds can focus on their studies and less on the financial burden of education. This is my way of giving back to Raleigh if elected.

When emergencies strike, we rely on our dedicated first responders—the Police and Fire Department. They rush to our aid, but who's looking out for them? I pledge to be their advocate. Currently, our state's first responders face inadequate pay. My mission is to reform their compensation without burdening taxpayers. Raleigh boasts unallocated funds and budgetary excess. It's time to invest in our Bravest & Finest, elevating them to the gold standard of our state. Together, let's honor those who protect us and ensure they receive the recognition and support they deserve!

Raleigh is over \$1.4 Billion in debt & our City Manager makes \$358,000 a year! Did you know that Raleigh is racking up debt like crazy and our City Manager received a \$35,000 pay raise two years in a row!? For a city that has a massive revenue, council always seems to be looking to raise how much you have to pay! It is my goal upon being elected to help pay off Raleigh's debts without adding new ones. If the Raleigh government cannot afford a project or plan, we don't need it until we pay off prior debts and lower our financial burden on taxpayers.

<https://www.electjamesbledsoe.com/>

**Ashlee Adams, Candidate for NC Senate District 18**

Ashlee Adams possesses a deeply rooted connection to North Carolina. Having spent her entire life in the Wake Forest community with family ties spanning multiple generations, Ashlee has seen many changes to her hometown. From a young age, she learned what it meant to give back to her small town.

Ashlee studied and graduated from Meredith College with an undergraduate

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degree in Communications. Subsequently, she completed her nursing degree at Watts School of Nursing and began a career at Durham Regional Hospital and later at WakeMed Hospital.

Prior to embarking on her nursing career, Ashlee received her Captain's license from the United States Coast Guard and completed her Master Scuba Diver Trainer certification while living and working in Palm Beach, Florida.

While nursing remained a passion, in 2008, Ashlee, alongside her mother and best friend, ventured into entrepreneurship, starting a small business as an event planner in Wake Forest. The opportunity to purchase a historic home in Wake Forest could not be passed up and thus The Sutherland Estate was brought into existence. Ashlee oversees all operations at The Sutherland, while also managing a beverage catering company as well as running the Wake Forest Junior Cotillion program.

A devoted wife and mother of two, Ashlee's multifaceted contributions to the community reflect her dedication to preserving Wake Forest's rich history as a thriving small town. She's ready to bring these hardworking business skills and family values to Raleigh as she runs for North Carolina State Senate District 18, serving Granville and Wake County.

I am committed to empowering parents with the freedom to choose the educational path that best suits their children. By championing school choice, I believe in providing families the opportunity to access high-quality, tailored learning environments, fostering innovation, and ensuring that every child has the chance to reach their full potential. Education is not one-size-fits-all, and through school choice, we can create a landscape where parents are active participants in shaping their children's educational journey, leading to stronger communities and a brighter future for our youth. Parenting should not end at the carpool drop off line. I stand for conservative family values and am committed to preserving the principles that have been the bedrock of our community. By championing fiscal conservatism and the importance of strong familial bonds, I seek to uphold the values that have stood the test of time.

As a candidate committed to limited government principles, I believe in empowering individuals and businesses to thrive by reducing unnecessary bureaucratic intervention. By advocating for fiscal responsibility, reduced "red tape" regulations, and lower taxes, I aim to create an environment where personal freedoms flourish and economic opportunities abound. Let's work together to ensure that our government operates efficiently, allowing the ingenuity of our community to drive progress, prosperity, and individual success.

As a champion for my constituents I believe in putting more money back into the pockets of hardworking individuals and fostering economic growth in our community. By supporting policies that reduce the tax burden on families and businesses, we can stimulate job creation, encourage investment, and empower individuals to make the best financial choices for their households. It's time to create a tax-friendly environment that promotes prosperity, encourages innovation, and ensures a brighter economic future for everyone in our community.

<https://www.ashleefornc.com/bio>



Alan Swain, Candidate for U.S. Congress District 2

Alan Swain is a veteran who served his country around the world for 26 years in the U.S. Army. Alan now lives in North Carolina with his wife, Doris. Swain retired as an Army Colonel and his wife retired as an Army Lieutenant Colonel (also a retired Special Education/Spanish Teacher).

Alan joined the Army as a Combat Arms Field Artillery Officer. Following a tour in Germany he attended Army Flight training and later flew AH-1 Cobras and AH-64 Apache helicopters.

Swain served across the US Army including but not limited to leadership roles on the Army Staff and the Joint Chiefs of Staff, at the Pentagon, and oversaw the AH-64 Apache \$16B Fielding

Program, Desert Shield/Storm support, Bosnia Peacekeeping Operations and Kosovo Combat Air Campaign Operations providing updates as needed thru the U.S. InterAgency working with the CIA, Department of State, National Security Council, NATO Military Staff, and the White House Situation Room.

After service, Alan's work in helping to form a small business doing government contracting taught him how to hire good people, make payroll and win government contracts. In a 12 year period they grew the small business to annual revenues of \$35M.

Alan has been active in the community volunteering and providing support for many years to include Cystic Fibrosis (CFC) Fundraiser Walks, Special Olympics, St. Jude's Hospital, Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina and is the former President of his Homeowners Association.

Alan secured a Bachelors in Political Science from The Citadel in 1976, a Master of Science in Aeronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in 1988, and a Masters in Political Science from Auburn University in 1989. Swain is also a graduate of the Army War College and a Jennings Randolph Fellow at the U.S. Institute of Peace.

<https://swainforcongress.com/meet-alan/>