Duke Energy Sustainability Director Tapped for MBA Lecture

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ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA - Winthrop University's spring 2015 M.B.A. lecture will feature Hilary Davidson, the sustainability director for Duke Energy.

The lecture will be held on Wednesday, April 1, at 7 p.m. in Whitton Auditorium located in Vivian M. Carroll Hall. A reception will be held before the lecture, from 6-6:45 p.m., in the Macfeat House adjacent to Carroll Hall.

Davidson has served as sustainability director for Duke Energy since March 2008 and is responsible for directing the company's sustainability outreach strategies. She has held a variety of positions since joining the company in 1985, including director of corporate community relations, director of environmental health and safety integration, and manager of environmental excellence. Before joining the company, Davidson was an information specialist for Geo-Resource Consultants, an environmental regulatory consulting firm in Washington, D.C., from 1984-85.

The Hanover, New Hampshire, native earned a Bachelor of Science degree in geology from Emory University in 1984 and a Master of Science degree in civil engineering, with a focus on environmental engineering, from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1991.

Davidson currently serves on the Duke University Energy Development and Global Environment Center Advisory Board as well as the University of North Carolina at Charlotte's (UNCC) Civil and Environmental Engineering Advisory Board, the UNCC Center for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) Education and the UNCC IDEAS (Infrastructure, Design, Environment and Sustainability) Center. She is a member of Discovery Place's Energy Advisory Council as well as the Learning Experiences Committee. She is president emeritus of the Charlotte Area Science Network where she currently serves on the Senior Advisory Committee.

Davidson served as an advisor for the Clinton Global Initiative from 2013-14, chair of the Balfour Beatty Expert Stakeholder Panel from 2012-14 and stakeholder panel member from 2009-14. Additionally, she served as a Discovery Place board member and chair of the Learning Experiences Committee from 2008-14, and is past president of the Charlotte Chapter of Sigma Xi, the international honor society of research scientists and engineers.

This event is free and open to the regional business community.

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