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Sheriff McFadden to Speak at Peace 4 Poverty's Next Great 50 Graduation That Gives Youth, Underserved Community and Incarcerated People a Second Chance

The Next Great 50 Graduation is scheduled to be held at 3 p.m. on Aug. 11 at the CPCC New Theater in Charlotte; Sheriff Garry L. McFadden among guest speakers

(Charlotte, N.C.) – Peace4Poverty, an organization committed to helping those in underserved communities thrive and become business owners, is hosting a Next Great 50 Graduation (NG50), an initiative aimed at empowering economic mobility growth through education and entrepreneurship. The organization helps anyone facing poverty, youth ages 13 to 19 and incarcerated people become effective business owners. Set for Sunday, Aug. 11 at 3 p.m. at the CPCC New Theater (1201 Elizabeth Avenue) in Charlotte, the graduation will honor more than 60 graduates, celebrate their achievements and include networking opportunities, live entertainment and NG50 testimonials.

Sheriff Garry McFadden is one of several professionals who will speak at the graduation to congratulate the graduates and inspire future graduates. Congresswoman Alma Adams will also be in attendance.

The students complete a 16-week, free program that's equivalent to an associate degree. They learn how to properly build and restore credit, market a business and develop relationship building skills. They also learn the importance of mental health and character building. Upon graduating, the students participate in an alumni mentorship program.

To date, NG50 staff say they have graduated more than 200 businesses.

"This is a program where in information meets application, and all leaders come out with a properly structured business," said Joshua Proby, Founder of Peace4Poverty. "That's a life changing experience."

"I've never seen anything like Next Great 50. When people talk about job readiness and literacy, I said we already have all of that in my detention center. We've moved onto entrepreneurship," said Mecklenburg County Sheriff, Garry L. McFadden. "I'd love for everyone to come out and see businesses in the city develop that you would never see develop anywhere else. I support it."

The speaker lineup features:

- **Sheriff Garry L. McFadden**, Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office
- **Major S. DeLeon**, Mecklenburg County Sheriff's Office
- **Christopher Dennis**, Real Estate Mogul
- **Tia Hamilton**, Prison Reform Advocate & CEO of State Vs. US Magazine
- **Raki McGregor**, Chair of the Board of Directors for Young Black Leadership Alliance
- **Samuel Blackmon**, Microsoft Senior Customer Success Leader
- **Kenny Robinson**, Freedom Fighting Missionaries

The guest speakers will be available for interviews following the event. To attend, RSVP is required. Admission is free for all MCSO staff. General admission costs \$35. Families of the graduates are also asked to RSVP but are free of charge, as well. Click [HERE](#) to RSVP.

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About Peace4Poverty

Peace4Poverty is an organization that educates and uplifts youth and adults in underserved communities, bringing together financial advisors, credit specialists, business consultants and educators in one room to birth the future of new business owners. The organization offers career training in various business fields that lead to successful entrepreneurship.