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**Valley Leadership selects 50 students for Valley Teen Leadership Class 16**

**Phoenix, AZ- January 13, 2012** – Valley Leadership has selected 50 sophomore and junior high school students to make up Class 16 of this year's Valley Teen Leadership. This five month teen leadership program helps enable these teens to understand the importance of community engagement, heightens their awareness of diversity and teen issues, how to take action as well as determine who they are as a leader. Through this process teens will strengthen their leadership skills and also build a vast network of teens with similar aspirations and visions. Through Valley Teen Leadership students will be able to bring back to their community an increased and diverse awareness to community needs, demonstrate leadership competencies and skills and provide a continuum of volunteerism and service.

**The members of Class 16 are:**

Dana Alserjani- Cactus  
Kiyahna Araza- North Canyon  
Shelby Barrett- Cactus Shadows  
Frankie Bui- Corona Del Sol  
Marco Burgarello- Sandra Day O'Connor  
Edward Cepe- Desert Hills  
Charles Christian IV- Paradise Valley  
Samantha Clark- Basha  
Chandler Cole- Sunnyslope  
Karson Cook- Sandra Day O'Connor  
Rebecca Dendy- Pinnacle  
Emilie Dise- Camelback  
Riddhi Divanji- Westwood  
Charles Dominguez- Brophy  
Laura Garcia- North  
Soha Ghanian- Horizon Honors  
Greg Goulder- Brophy  
Seth Green- Estrella Foothills  
Maeher Grewal- Xavier  
Melissa Gromer- Campo Verde  
Halen Hulsebus- Sandra Day O'Connor  
Lauren Johnson- Xavier  
Louay Kalamchi- Brophy  
Ruchi Kirtikar- Desert Mountain  
Olivia Knecht- Cactus

Manu Kondapi- Horizon Honors  
Bryan Lai- Pinnacle  
Catrina Letterman- Westwood  
Korri Lewis- Bourgade  
Cheyenne Macias- Xavier  
Malhar Markandeya- Horizon Honors  
Brittney Martinez- Westwood  
Marli Mayon- Girls Leadership Academy  
Genesis Miranda- Betty H. Fairfax  
Mat Munsil- Scottsdale Preparatory Academy  
Amr Nasef- Cactus Shadows  
Ben Owens- Desert Mountain  
Sung Ho Park- Chaparral  
Olivia Pearson- Phoenix Country Day  
Alexa Penalosa- Xavier  
Saidy Perez- University  
Brittany Poserina- Mesa  
Marissa Puz- Chandler  
Nana Sarkodee-Adoo- Sandra Day O'Connor  
Chandler Simmons- Campo Verde  
Syed Umer- Arizona Cultural Academy  
Esteban Verdugo- Westview  
Maggie Walsh- Camelback  
Bryantee Williams-Bailey- Betty H. Fairfax  
Ethan Wright- Scottsdale Preparatory Academy  
Eryn Zuniga- Millennium

For more information on Valley Leadership or our Valley Teen Leadership program, contact Jake Teskey at [jake@valleyleadership.org](mailto:jake@valleyleadership.org), or visit the Valley Leadership website at [www.valleyleadership.org](http://www.valleyleadership.org).

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