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Valley Leadership Announces 2016 CEO Advisory Circle

Nine Valley luminaries will guide the organization on the future of leadership

Phoenix, AZ – July 20, 2016 – Valley Leadership, Arizona’s premier leadership organization, announces its 2016 CEO Advisory Circle members. The CEO Advisory Circle helps Valley Leadership hone its focus on meeting future leadership needs in a fast-paced, ever-changing landscape.

The nine 2016 CEO Advisory Circle leaders were selected from diverse industries based on their expert perspective on leadership and long-standing commitment to and understanding of the Valley.

“The CEO Advisory Circle goes beyond a traditional advisory board format,” said Christy Moore, Valley Leadership President & CEO. “These leaders are not only committed to the success of Valley Leadership, they are dedicated to leading the way in fostering and promoting strong leadership for our region’s future.”

Leaders meet bi-annually to discuss Valley Leadership’s programming and goals, and offer advice on how to meet the needs associated with changes in leadership. The meetings are facilitated by Don Henninger, DH Advisors, and sponsored by Quarles & Brady, LLP and Wells Fargo.

“The opportunity to tap this level of experience and diverse perspective is important as Valley Leadership continues to lead the way in leadership development programming,” says Katie Campana, Assistant Vice President for Wells Fargo, Valley Leadership board director and alum. “Their advice will be invaluable to Valley Leadership and the greater community.”

As a result of last year’s inaugural Circle, Valley Leadership is introducing Design Thinking into its flagship program’s curriculum through a new partnership with Arizona State University. “We are looking forward to receiving high-level advice from the members, which will be applied to the strategic work of the board,” said Moore. “This is a key leadership project important to the future of the Valley.”

The 2016 Valley Leadership CEO Advisory Circle Members include:

Rich Boals, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona

Don Brandt, APS

DeDe Devine, Native American Connections

Rufus Glasper, The League for Innovation in the Community College

Heidi Jannenga, WebPT

Gonzalo de la Melena Jr., Arizona Hispanic Chamber of Commerce

Jason Rowley, Phoenix Suns

Lisa Urias, Urias Communications

Ellie Ziegler, Retired, Community Volunteer



They are joining the rank of past CEO Advisory Circle members including:

Hon. Rebecca Berch, Arizona Supreme Court
Supervisor Steve Chucri, Arizona Restaurant Association
Dr. Michael Crow, Arizona State University
Derrick Hall, Arizona Diamondbacks
Sharon Harper, Plaza Companies
Edmundo Hidalgo, Arizona State University
Eileen Klein, Arizona Board of Regents
Paul Luna, Helios Education Foundation
Ed Zuercher, City of Phoenix

ABOUT VALLEY LEADERSHIP

As the Valley's premier leadership organization, Valley Leadership boasts a proven and long-standing track record of making deep impacts on the community.

Our roots date back to the late 1970s when a group of Valley visionaries recognized the need to identify and develop the next generation of leadership. Our founders imagined an annual succession of educated change agents dedicated to the best possible future for our region.

Almost 40 years later, this vision has produced nearly 2,000 alumni. Through high-quality education, unprecedented access, and an innovative network, Valley Leadership goes beyond traditional leadership programs by empowering already proven leaders to advance their passions and accelerate their pursuits.