

Valley Leadership Announces Members of Leadership Institute Class 37

July 27, 2015 (Phoenix, AZ) – Valley Leadership announced members of 2015 – 2016 Leadership Institute. Each year, approximately 50 proven leaders are selected during a competitive process for the nine-month program. This is the 37th year of the program.

By drawing from the expertise of the State's most respected and influential business, civic and community leaders, VL provides real-time realities surrounding the most important issues shaping our community today, and in the future.

"As the premier leadership organization in the Valley, this class represents some of our community's top proven-leaders," said Christy Moore, Valley Leadership President and CEO. "More than 150 alumni volunteers help curate each Leadership Institute cohort through a robust selection and matching process that builds a diverse group primed to advance their passions and accelerate their pursuits."

VL's Leadership Institute Class 37 Members:

Fred Amador, Phoenix College/Maricopa Community College District

Becky Bell Ballard, Rosie's House: A Music Academy for Children

John Barwell, Polsinelli

Bill Blair, Total Transit, Inc.

Cherie Bond, APS

Armando Carbajal, Phoenix Police Department

Andrew Carey, ASU President's Club

Ben Cilek, Apollo Education Group, Inc.

Victoria Coley, Humana

Chuck Coolidge, Lincoln Strategy Group

William Daly, Salt River Department of Corrections

Shana Ellis, The Centers for Habilitation

Amy Fitzgerald, Arizona State University

Lorraine Frias, Phoenix Zoo

Desiree Garcia, New Life Society

Jesse O. Garcia, Adelante Healthcare

Marco Garcia, Goodwill of Central Arizona

Eric Gere, Jennings, Strauss & Salmon, PLC

Tracy Guerra, Fiesta Bowl

Koran Hardimon, Intel Corporation

David Hedberg, Cox Communications

Michael Henderson, Rodel Foundation of Arizona

Isaac P. Hernandez, Hernandez Law Firm, PLC

Kim Ho, TeleVox Software

Matt Jewett, Mountain Park Health Center

Dana Jirauch, Phoenix Children's Hospital Foundation

Laura Kaiser, Valley of the Sun United Way

Bobbi Lancaster, Doctor (General Practice)

Diane Liberman, CopperPoint Mutual Insurance Company

Vince Lujan, Salt River Devco

Teresa Malcolm, Banner Health

Julia Meyerson, Vista College Prep

May Millies, Salt River Project

Michael Minnaugh, Ridenour Hienton, PLLC Law Firm

Suzie Moreno, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona, Inc.

Blair Moses, Stinson Leonard Street LLP

Lisa Olson, Practical Art

Dennis Orender, Phoenix Police Department
Dan Packard, Law Office of Daniel A. Packard, PC
Kevin Patterson, Banner Health
Shelby Pedersen, ICAN: Positive Programs for Youth
Alejandro Pérez, Jones, Skelton & Hochuli
Darin Proszek, Octane Raceway
Gabriel Ramirez, Sitewire
Katie Resendiz, United to Stop Trafficking
Abbey Ross, New Way Academy
Alex Sachs, Playworks Arizona
Chad Sampson, Arizona Board of Regents
Kristin Samson, Victory Packaging
Rebekah L. Sanders, The Arizona Republic
Liz Scott, Catalyst Media Design
Jennifer Scrivner, Goodmans Interior Structures
Travis Shumake, CityScape Residences I Alliance Residential I RED Development
Nicholas Stavros, Community Medical Services
Stacy Sullivan, Republic Media
Xanthia Walker, Rising Youth Theatre/Arizona School for the Arts
Rachel Winkler, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona
Tom Van Dorn, Phoenix Police Department

Valley Leadership will hold a reception for alumni to welcome the new class on Aug. 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at PAZ Cantina in Phoenix. The reception, sponsored by KEO Marketing and hosted by PAZ Cantina, will offer an evening of cocktails and connections, while Class 37 members kick off their experience. The event is open to the public, find additional information and register online here: <http://bit.ly/1KkZINv>.

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. For more information, please visit www.valleyleadership.org.