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
Destree Garcia, New Life Society
Jesse O. Garcia, Adelante Healthcare
Marco Garcia, Goodwill of Central Arizona
Eric Gere, Jennings, Strouss & 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
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/1KkZlNv](http://bit.ly/1KkZlNv).

**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](http://www.valleyleadership.org).