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Valley Leadership selects Class 36 of its Leadership Institute

Phoenix, AZ – July 21, 2014 – Valley Leadership is pleased to announce Leadership Institute Class of 36. The group was selected from a competitive group of applicants and includes a wide representation of business sectors, including corporate and nonprofit executives, small business owners, public officials and servants, and leaders in healthcare, education, law, and technology.

The Leadership Institute is known as the Valley's oldest and most prestigious leadership development program. The curriculum is designed to inspire a new generation of local leaders to understand and appreciate community service and diversity, work for the common good, and inspire and empower others.

"We are pleased to welcome this group into Valley Leadership as we celebrate our 36th year of educating and empowering community leaders," said Christy Moore, Valley Leadership Executive Director. "These individuals were selected from a highly impressive and competitive pool of applicants, and we are confident that they will contribute to Valley Leadership's legacy of inspiring community engagement."

The nine-month institute begins in August 2014 and offers increased awareness and understanding of our community, leadership skills development, opportunities for engagement, and a broader network of personal and professional relationships. Through Valley Leadership's continued partnership with Thunderbird School of Global Management, the program also offers an increased leadership skills curriculum designed specifically for the Leadership Institute.

The members of Class 36 are:

Nicole Almond Anderson, ASU Lodestar Center for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Innovation
Michelle Arndt, Arizona Community Foundation
Kendrick Bates, University of Phoenix
Julia Bogen, Cox Communications
Ken Brooks, Valley of the Sun United Way
Vicky Campo, Central Arizona Project
Jose Delgado, Osborn Maledon PA
Kristen DelGuzzi, The Arizona Republic
Mark Garcia, The Kroger Co.
D. Thomas Goderre, Gilbane Building Company
Judi Goldfader, Arizona Science Center
Kathryn Gunsten, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona
Kimberly Hall, Goodwill of Central Arizona
Mary Foote Hebert, Greater Phoenix Economic Council
Jennifer Herrema, BMO Harris Bank
Larry Herrera, City of Tempe
Maj. Sean Holahan, U.S. Air Force
Jon Howard, Quarles & Brady LLP
Kathy Hu, JPMorgan Chase
Brett W. Johnson, Snell & Wilmer LLP
Sheila Kloefkorn, KEO Marketing Inc
Kristie Leshinskie, Girl Scouts – Arizona Cactus-Pine Council
David Loaney, Strand Urban Italian Restaurant
Melissa Lopez, CBRE
Nicole Maas, Kitchell
Brad Martin, Union Bank
Adam McAnally, Governor's Office of Energy Policy
Denise McManus, NBC Universal / Telemundo

Toni M. Morales, AT&T
RJ Muller, Cox Communications
Stephanie Parra, Teach For America
Julia C. Patrick, Patrick Media Group
Martin Perez, Jr., Alhambra Elementary School District
Tanya Perry, Goodwill of Central Arizona
Jolinda (Jo) Pullen, Phoenix Business Journal
Nick Reed, Wells Fargo Bank
Katie Resendiz, Training and Resources United to Stop Trafficking (TRUST)
Richard S. Ressel, Glendale Elementary School District
Kristin Romaine, CO+HOOTS Foundation
Robert Rynders, City Square Church
Khonnie Silivongxay, ACEL
André St. Pierre, Toshiba Business Solutions
Derek Stapinski, Salt River Fields at Talking Stick
Jeff Stapleton, City of Phoenix – Sky Harbor Airport
Lorianne Guizar Taitano, Salt River Project
Nina R. Targovnik, Community Legal Services
Benjamin Taylor, The Law Office of Benjamin Taylor
Kristen Torres, Pima Medical Institute
Gary L. Trujillo, Be A Leader Foundation
Katee Van Horn, GoDaddy
Charlene T. Vasquez, Arizona State University
Ted Vogt, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services
Amy Vynalek, Community Volunteer / Stay-at-home mom
Cheyenne C. Walsh, Squire Patton Boggs
Matthew C. Whitaker, ASU Center for the Study of Race and Democracy
Dan Witt, CopperPoint Mutual Insurance Company

Valley Leadership is holding a reception for alumni to welcome the new Class on Wednesday, August 27, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. at The Pressroom. The reception, sponsored by Slalom Consulting and hosted by The Pressroom, will offer an evening of fun, food, and drinks while Class 36 members meet the Valley Leadership community.

For more information about the reception or Valley Leadership, contact Christy Moore at christy@valleyleadership.org, or visit the Valley Leadership website at www.valleyleadership.org.

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About Valley Leadership

For 36 years, Valley Leadership has been dedicated to engaging, educating and challenging current and emerging leaders to take an active role in strengthening and transforming communities. To date, more than 1,800 men and women have participated in Valley Leadership. Today, these alumni comprise a broad leadership network that spans the public, private and non-profit sectors into the highest levels of Arizona government, community, non-profit and business leadership.