

Valley Leadership selects participants for Valley Leadership Advance 2016

September 9, 2016 (Phoenix, AZ) – Valley Leadership is pleased to announce the Valley Leadership Advance 2016. The 45 participants represent a wide range of business sectors, including corporate and nonprofit professionals, emerging leaders in healthcare, education, law, and technology.

Valley Leadership, which has been fostering local leaders since 1978, is known as the Valley's oldest and most prestigious leadership development program. By drawing from the expertise of the State's most respected and influential business, civic and community leaders, we provide real-time realities surrounding the most important issues shaping our community today, and in the future.

"We are excited to welcome this new group of emerging community leaders into Valley Leadership Advance. We are thrilled for the second iteration of our newest program," said Christy Moore, Valley Leadership President & CEO.

Beginning this month, the three-month leadership program will offer tactical leadership skills development, community orientation, civic engagement opportunities, and a broader network of personal and professional relationships.

The members of the 2016 Class are:

Katie Arrington, Fry's Food Stores
Richard Berg, New Pathways for Youth
Chavon Boston, Maricopa County
Kristy Cartee, Stonegate Capital Advisors
Phillip Cassaw, Cox Communications
Michael Cavaiola, Redflex Traffic Systems, Inc.
Serena Christianson, Taylor RyMar Corporation
Caitlin Collins, PetSmart
Joseph Curbelo, HomeSmart
Anita Daghestani, Wells Fargo
Patrick Dostal, American Express
Rachel Egboro, First Things First
Brian Ellexson, The Slepian Law Office
Solio Felix, Be A Leader Foundation
Mikayla Fields, Silicon Valley Bank
Casey Francis, EdPlus @ Arizona State University
Carl Hamilton, CopperPoint Insurance Companies
Michelle Harrison, SmithGroupJJR
Jennifer Ho, Girl Scouts Arizona Cactus - Pine Council
Lindsay Jewell, Perkins Coie LLP
Tyler Kinnie, GoDaddy
Meaghan Kramer, Engelman Berger, P.C.
Dawn Klecka, Maricopa Community Colleges

Robert Liccardo, RL Software Consulting
Amy Lopez, Tuft & Needle
LaCheris Luster, Wells Fargo
Donna Micetic, Central Arizona Project (retired)
Jessica Mitchell, Southwest College of Naturopathic Medicine
Stephanie Moe, AAA Arizona
Brianna Nessler, Small Giants, LLC
Lauren Newell, New Way Academy
Dimple Patel, Dilworth Paxson LLP
Lauren Patheal Valencia, City of Goodyear
Drew Peneton, Uber Technologies
Pam Rochford, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona
Anna Sepic, AMS Renatus Investing LLC & POTER Inc.
Kyle Smith, Bank of Arizona
Terri Straabe, Cox Business
Courtney Taylor, ICAN
Colleen Tighe, Boys Hope Girls Hope of Arizona
Jacqueline Wasik, Corp. for National & Community Service
Debbie Williams, ASU Foundation
Brian Yunt, Canyon State Bus Sales
Sharyn Zlotnick, City of Phoenix
Julia Zolondz, Goodmans Interior Structures

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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 3,000 alumni from our multigenerational programming. Through high quality education, unprecedented access and an innovative network, Valley Leadership goes beyond traditional leadership programs by empowering youth, high-potential and proven leaders to advance their passions and accelerate their pursuits.