

Valley Leadership selects 2017 Class of Valley Leadership Advance 35 of the Valley's top emerging leaders to participate in three-month leadership program

July 24, 2017 (Phoenix, AZ) – Valley Leadership is pleased to announce the selection of its newest class of leaders for Valley Leadership Advance 2017. The 35 participants in the class were selected during a competitive process from a wide range of business sectors, including corporate and nonprofit professionals, education, technology, and healthcare.

Known as the Valley's oldest and most prestigious leadership organization, Valley Leadership goes beyond traditional leadership programs by offering a suite of multigenerational program offerings designed to produce educated change agents. Utilizing the expertise of Arizona's most respected leaders, the organization provides insight into the critical issues shaping the community. Since Valley Leadership's founding in 1978, Valley Leadership has been dedicated to cultivating local leaders to create the best future for the Valley.

"We are excited to welcome the members of our new class of Valley Leadership Advance. We can't wait to introduce these emerging leaders to Valley Leadership with our newest program," said Sarah Krahenbuhl, Valley Leadership Board Chair and Executive Director of Phoenix Suns Charities.

Beginning August 2017, Valley leadership Advance will offer content focused on tactical leadership skills development, community orientation, civic engagement opportunities, and creating a network of Arizona's business, civic, and community leaders. 2017 marks the third iteration of the three-month leadership program.

The members of the 2017 Class are:

Alexandra Anderson, Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP
Anna Bettis, Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust
Shawn Bryant, American Express
Michael Chang, A.T. Still University of Health Sciences
Emily Chung, New Pathways for Youth
Stephanie Clark, SC Media
Allison Clary, The Capital Grille
Samantha Donaldson, Galvanize
Rowdy Duncan, Paradise Valley Community College
Stacey Flores, North High School-Phoenix Union High School District
Sophie Faust, PetSmart Charities
Catherine Garfinkel, CopperPoint Mutual Insurance Company
Ginger Hamp, Hungry for Change Therapies, LLC
Chase Hunt, KEO Marketing, Inc
Serena Jacovo, Cox Communications
Kirsten Keane, Architekton

Christina Kehoe, Bevy
Retta Kekic, Uber Technologies
Tim Kelley, Grand Canyon University
Steven Krenzel, Bankers Trust Company
Lisa Mascaro, Lincoln Strategy Group
America Nazar, AzDA
John Owens, Arizona State University
Maurice Passley, Business Banking Group
Karin Pastell, CopperPoint Insurance Companies
Derek Petersen, Perkins Coie LLP
Matthew Pierce, Northern Trust
Kristen Pierson, Hospice of the Valley
Nathan Quezada, Wells Fargo
Taylor Rihl, Deloitte
Elizabeth Salazar, Expect More Arizona
Steve Shillingburg, Levy Restaurants
Stephanie Walaszek, OH Partners
Rachel Webster, Local Initiatives Support Corporation
Lauren Witte, Arizona Technology Council
Phillip Young, University of Phoenix

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About Valley Leadership Advance (VLA):

The newest addition to VL's multigenerational program offerings, Valley Leadership Advance is designed for the Valley's emerging, high potential leaders. With a curriculum that focuses on community orientation, tactical leadership skills development, and connecting with Arizona's top talent, high potential leaders learn about Arizona's past, and how they can become involved in its future.

About Valley Leadership Institute (VLI):

Each year, approximately 50 members are selected for this nine-month program, which is in its 39th year. Through program days, tours, and group projects, participants can expect a life-changing experience that will advance passions and accelerate pursuits for the individual, in turn elevating our community. By drawing from the expertise of the State's most respected and influential business, civic and community leaders, Valley Leadership Institute provides real-time insight surrounding the most important issues shaping our community today, and in the future.

About Valley Leadership Youth (VLY):

Designed to empower youth to lead, Valley Leadership's innovative and experiential workshop series tasks high school students with designing and awarding grant funds to local nonprofits and community organizations. The students work together to gain a deep understanding of the significance of philanthropy. Through the practice of giving time, talent, and treasure, Valley Leadership Youth cultivates change agents early in their leadership careers.

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. The organization's 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 3,000 alumni. Through high quality education, unprecedented access and an innovative network, Valley Leadership goes beyond traditional leadership programs by empowering leaders to advance their passions and accelerate their pursuits.

LINKS:

Valley Leadership Advance: <http://www.valleyleadership.org/valley-leadership-advance/>

Valley Leadership Institute: <http://www.valleyleadership.org/valleyleadershipinstitute/>

Valley Leadership Youth: <http://www.valleyleadership.org/valleyleadershiptyouth/>

Valley Leadership: <http://www.valleyleadership.org/>

Valley Leadership Programs overview: <http://www.valleyleadership.org/lead-2/>