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**Valley Leadership Selects Members for Valley Leadership Institute Class 41**  
*Leadership organization also taps 35 leaders for  
Valley Leadership Accelerate 2019*

**August 5, 2019 (Phoenix, AZ)** – Today, Valley Leadership announced members of Valley Leadership Institute Class 41 and Valley Leadership Accelerate 2019. The two cohorts—a cross-sector mix of diverse leaders with multiple perspectives on issues—were chosen through a competitive selection process. Included in the cohorts are corporate and nonprofit executives, small business owners, public officials and servants. All are committed to working together under Valley Leadership's "Principles of Doing" to address the most pressing issues facing our state.

Institute, Valley Leadership's flagship nine-month program, goes deep into the issues facing Arizona, setting up the context and the connections to become meaningfully engaged. The program empowers leaders to have deeper impact on the issues via an expectation of "doing", both short-term and long-term. The curriculum fosters commitment to tackling Arizona's challenges and gives participants the know-how and network to get things done. Valley Leadership Institute is for leaders ready to take their impact to the next level.

"As Valley Leadership continues our drive toward impact, we are excited to welcome this diverse and well-rounded group of proven and future leaders into the Valley Leadership family," said Dave Brown, Valley Leadership CEO. "The selection process was incredibly competitive showcasing the desire of many Arizonans to dig into the issues facing our state. We look forward to empowering this cohort with the knowledge and solutions to impact our great state."

Accelerate, Valley Leadership's shorter program, provides the lay of the land on the hot issues facing Arizona and connects participants with others already working on solutions. Leaders get up-to-speed with short, burst-style programming, interacting with the people making a difference and connecting with opportunities to get involved. The program is for individuals who are beginning their community work, are still exploring their leadership style and are ready to build the networks they'll need to excel and thrive as a community leader.

"I am thrilled to welcome this year's members of Institute and Accelerate to the powerful Valley Leadership network," said Bridget Jones, new VP of Leadership Development. "As we continue to evolve programming to be focused on impact, our curriculum will be more experiential and strategic. Cohorts will be exposed, in real time, to the issues and opportunities facing our state, with the goal of helping them work together to outline solutions and create deeper impact."

Since VL's inception four decades ago, more than 3,000 leaders have come through the leadership development programming. As a part of the larger pivot toward impact, changes in the programming leverage the organization's rich programmatic history and reputation while advancing current curriculum to be more timely, innovative and intentional.

Valley Leadership's programs are supported by many community partners. The Institute's Presenting Sponsors are Intel and Salt River Project and our Program Sponsor is Wells Fargo. The Valley Leadership Accelerate Presenting Sponsor is also Well Fargo.

For more information on Valley Leadership programming, contact Bridget Jones at [vlprograms@valleyleadership.org](mailto:vlprograms@valleyleadership.org), or visit the Valley Leadership website at [www.valleyleadership.org](http://www.valleyleadership.org).

**The members of Valley Leadership Institute Class 41 are:**

Catherine Alonzo | CEO | Javelina  
Lauren Arndt | Director, Development | Teach For America  
Megan Benson | Dean of Admissions | University of Advancing Technology  
Justin M. Brandt | Attorney, Cannabis Practice Group | Rose Law Group pc  
Salvador Bretts-Jamison | Vice President - Relationship Manager | MidFirst Private Wealth Management  
Wyatt Buchanan | State Editor | The Arizona Republic / azcentral.com  
Regional Carrillo | Middle School Educator | Friendly House-Academia Del Pueblo  
Bradley Cosman | Partner | Perkins Coie LLP  
Ryan Delaney | Vice President, Emerging Business Group | US Bank  
Mai-Ly Duong | Dentist/Associate Director of Special Care Dentistry | A.T. Still University Arizona School of Dentistry & Oral Health  
Joyceline Elliot | Fiscal Manager | Department of Economic Security, State of Arizona  
Patricia Ewanski | Sr. Planning Analyst | SRP  
Art Fairbanks | Assistant Public Works Director | City of Phoenix  
Vicki Fiorelli | Sr. Director of Corporate Relations and Cause Marketing | Valley of the Sun United Way  
Stephen Flaen | Senior Business Analyst | CopperPoint Insurance Companies  
Kim Gathers | Program Manager | City of Phoenix Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management  
Molly Ho | Senior International Trade Specialist | U.S. Department of Commerce  
Clint Houston | Chief Operating Officer | Utility Smart  
Nico Howard | Developer | The Howard Group  
Darryn Jones | Senior Business Development Manager | Mortenson  
Dr. Angela Kenzslowe | Clinical Psychologist | Purple Heart Behavioral Health LLC  
Danelle King | Sr. Program Manager | Catholic Charities MANA House  
John Koch | Director of Community Engagement | Community Medical Services  
Charles Lucking | Chief Legal Officer | RRA Capital Management  
Marlee Mauvis | Client Partner | FranklinCovey  
Chris Mendoza | Enterprise Security Architect | Maricopa County  
Rogelio Monzon | Chief Financial Officer | Pain Stop Clinics  
Matt Morales | Chief Deputy Superintendent of Schools | Maricopa County  
Michelle 'Mo' Osife | Philanthropy Manager | Cancer Support Community Arizona  
Kelli O'Toole | CEO | The Opportunity Tree  
Jenna Panas | Program Director and Faculty Associate | Arizona State University Center for Child Well-Being  
Cassie Patris-Browne | Chief Philanthropy Officer | ICAN  
Kyle Pottfenger | Sr. Vice President, Ticket Sales & Service | Phoenix Suns  
Kat Proffitt | Sales Executive | Draeger Medical  
Gregory Puckett | Deployment Operations and Process Excellence Lead | Waymo  
Karina Ruiz De Diaz | Executive Director | Arizona Dream Act Coalition  
Freddy Saavedra | Founding Attorney | Saavedra Law Firm, PLC  
Kiana Maria Sears | Asst. Director Faith Based Outreach & Community Partnerships | Arizona State University  
Jared Shintaku | Vice President | Pinnacle Bank of Arizona  
Liz Shipley | Public Affairs Director, US SW & Latin America Region | Intel Corporation  
Meg Sneed | Director of Quality and Data Services | Fresh Start Women's Foundation  
Josh Stine | Director of External Affairs | Boys & Girls Clubs of Metro Phoenix  
Chiko Swiney | Attorney | CopperPoint Insurance Companies  
Torrie A. Taj, CFRE | CEO | Child Crisis Arizona  
Tari Thomas | Owner & Founder | There's Room, LLC  
Norio Tsuchiya | Associate Principal - Regional Design Director | HKS, Inc.  
Ian P. Turner, CCIM, MRED | Associate Broker | Sperry Commercial Global Affiliates  
Carolyn Vasos | Director of Business Development | Yelton & Associates/Perimeter83/UAT



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Christine Bracamonte Wiggs | Director, Community Health Interventions and Health Equity | Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arizona  
Roxanne Wingate | Sr. Community Relations Specialist | Cox Communications

**The members of Valley Leadership Accelerate 2019:**

Patrick J. Adams | Water Policy Analyst | Arizona Municipal Water Users Association  
Shaquin Albrow | Senior Coordinator, Community & Player Programs | Phoenix Suns  
Joe Atkielski | Senior Technical Analyst | Cox Communications  
Melinda Borucki | Communication & Events Manager | ASU Center for Child Well-Being  
Briana Clark | Match Program Manager | New Pathways for Youth  
Cherry Collins | Sr Systems Analyst | Salt River Project  
Wil Comer | Assistant General Counsel | U-Haul International, Inc.  
Jacqueline Cruz | Director of Community Development | Association for Supportive Child Care  
Melissa DiCesare | Development Officer | Maricopa Health Foundation  
Ryan Hollaender | Senior Development Manager, Distinguished Events | American Cancer Society, Inc  
Cierra Hughes | Volunteer Engagement Specialist & Resource Coordinator | Human Services Campus  
Johnny L. Jenkins Jr. | Associate Relationship Manager | PetSmart Charities  
Wendy Johnson | Project Manager | Wells Fargo  
Mickie Lara | Director of Agency Services & Strategy | Elevation Marketing  
Marcy Lukanob McMacken | Community Outreach Planner II | Maricopa Association of Governments  
Dr. Eric Luster | President & CEO | Movement Interactive, Inc.  
Emma Mark | Attorney | Mitchell Stein Carey Chapman, PC  
Leslie Marquez | Residential Marketing Specialist | KS StateBank  
Michael Marsh | Associate | Lee & Associates  
Jessica McCaffrey | Regional Executive Director | ALSAC/St. Jude Children's Research Hospital  
Sharon McKenna | City Council Aide | City of Tempe  
Lesley Forst Michalegko | Research Project Coordinator | Center for Science, Technology and Environmental Policy Studies, ASU  
Dusty Parsons | Director of Marketing & Communications | Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona  
Bobby Patrovic | Senior Manager, Strategic Partnerships | Carvana  
Suzanne Reed | Administrative Law Judge | ADOT - Executive Hearing Office  
David Reyes | AVP Quality Management Supervisor | MUFJ Union Bank  
Ariel Reyes | Paralegal Assistant | Stinson LLP  
Jael Rodriguez | Healthcare Analyst | Health Services Advisory Group  
Alie Schneider | Managing Director | Merriman Market Analyst  
Shannon Taylor | Director, Talent Acquisition | Republic Services  
Valerie Thorsen | Associate Engineer | Arizona Department of Environmental Quality  
Julie M. Trujillo | Director, External Relations | Eller College of Management - University of Arizona  
Stephanie Walsh | Director, Philanthropy | American Cancer Society  
Katie Wilton | Philanthropy Officer | Phoenix Children's Hospital  
Kevin Wilton | Technical Project/Program Manager | Applied Materials

**Links:**

Valley Leadership Institute: <http://www.valleyleadership.org/valleyleadershipinstitute/>  
Valley Leadership Accelerate: <https://www.valleyleadership.org/valleyleadershipaccelerate/>  
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**About Valley Leadership**

Valley Leadership empowers, leverages and mobilizes leaders to meaningfully impact the most pressing issues facing Arizona. Our vision is a broad spectrum of Arizonans working together to impact the issues that matter most, setting the example on leadership.



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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. 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.