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LEADERSHIP GWINNETT ANNOUNCES 34th CLASS

Duluth, Georgia (June 13, 2018) Forty leaders have been selected to Leadership Gwinnett, Gwinnett’s award-winning community leadership program for business, civic, and community leaders. The class of 2019 will take a deep dive into the many sectors of Gwinnett – infrastructure, economics, education, health and human services, justice, and regional relations. These leaders are committed to give their time, talent and resources to strengthen their personal and professional connection to the community.

“Selection of these top candidates requires balance of occupation, qualifications and a representation that reflects a cross section of the county. Over the coming year, this diverse group will gain a true understanding of the people and issues shaping our community's future - and more importantly, how they can impact those issues,” said Executive Director of Leadership Gwinnett, Lisa Zaken.

These 40 leaders have been selected because of their influence, commitment, and dedication in their field of expertise. Since 1985, Leadership Gwinnett has graduated nearly 1,200 alumni, a powerhouse of influence and networking, who continue to champion the betterment of Gwinnett County.

“We don’t have to look or think alike, we just have to have the passion to make a change,” said Kim Hartsock, Leadership Gwinnett Class of 2018 graduate and Partner at Warren Averett, LLC.

The 2019 Leadership Gwinnett program kicks off in August with an orientation, an opening retreat, seven learning days, monthly study groups, tours and hands-on experiences within the county and a closing retreat. Through these efforts, the Class of 2019 will explore critical community issues, evaluate themselves as leaders, and build lasting relationships.

The Class of 2019:

Audrey Arona, Medical Director, GNR Department

Mary Beth Bender, Assistant City Manager/Director of Public Works, Utilities & Parks

Gray Brantley, Attorney, Andersen, Tate & Carr, P.C.

Gene Byce, Jr., President, Jireh Supplies, Inc.

Andrew Carnes, Sr. Director of Economic Development, Partnership Gwinnett

Fred Cephas, Assistant Chief, Gwinnett County Department of Fire and Emergency Services

Meagan Cook, Key Account Manager, Scholastic Images/Balfour

Lisa D'Addieco, Director of Housing, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine – GA Campus

Shon Davis, Principal, Alford Elementary, Gwinnett County Public Schools

Cherish De la Cruz, Founding Partner, Cherish De la Cruz Law, LLC

Doug Doblar, Teacher of the Year, R.D. Head Elementary, Gwinnett County Public Schools

Jose Doyague, Senior Account Executive, Red Hat, Inc.

Kara Dutton, Principal, Jackson Elementary, Gwinnett County Public Schools

Erica Gwyn, President and CEO, The Nonprofit Guru, LLC

Victoria Hawkins, Marketing & Communications Director, Explore Gwinnett

Jim Hollandsworth, Executive Director, Path Project

Sloan Jones, Associate Vice President of Communications, Georgia Gwinnett College

Bryon Letourneau, Director of Transportation Design, Pond & Company

Jun Lin, CEO, Forest Development Group, Inc.

Renee Liverpool, Regional Trainer – East Georgia, Weight Watchers, International

Galen Martin, Vice President, Technology & Operations, Gwinnett Technical College

John Moss, President, Interactive Business Technologies

Curtis Northrup, Mayor Pro Tem, City of Sugar Hill

Dana Pagan, Deputy Chief Assistant Solicitor-General, Gwinnett County Solicitor's Office

Nish Patel, VP and Administrator, Gwinnett Medical Center – Duluth

Tyler Phillips, Senior Vice President, Quantum National Bank

Debra Potter, Director of Community Outreach, Perimeter Church

Bob Rodgers, CEO, Street Grace

Phil Sadd, Senior Account Executive, Finastra, Peachtree Corners City Council

Heather Sawyer, Deputy Communications Director, Gwinnett County Government

Jeff Smith, Police Captain, City of Lawrenceville

Courtney Spicer Adkins, Senior Assistant District Attorney, Gwinnett County District Attorney's Office

Shawn Still, President and CEO, Olympic Pool Plastering & Shotcrete

Linda Stratton, Mortgage Broker, Brand Mortgage

Nathan Umberg, AVP Commercial Relationship Manager

Belinda Walker, Property and Casualty Underwriter, State Farm Insurance Company

Wanda Weegar, Vice President/Branch Manager, Brand Bank

Amy Wheeler, Chief Financial Officer, Eastside Medical Center

Garrett Wiley, Commercial & Industrial Marketing Representative, Jackson EMC

Karen Winger, Transit Division Director, Gwinnett County Department of Transportation

About Leadership Gwinnett

Leadership Gwinnett, LLC is the home of two leadership programs. [Leadership Gwinnett](#), a nine-month educational, networking and community development experience and [Glance Gwinnett](#), a 2.5-day short program that gives a sneak peak of what the full program experience is all about. Both programs develop leaders that ultimately create a legacy of success by applying their talents to drive positive change for our community.

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