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LEADERSHIP GWINNETT CLASS OF 2019 CONVENES FOR THE FIRST TIME

Forty leaders are invested in the betterment of Gwinnett County



Duluth, Georgia (August 13, 2018) Forty selected area leaders met together for the first time on Tuesday, August 7, for Leadership Gwinnett's orientation and reception. The 34th class of the award-winning civic engagement program is comprised of leaders in business, education, government, and nonprofits. Over the next nine months, these individuals will dive deep into the many facets of Gwinnett county and build a network of leaders who will address current and future challenges and opportunities facing our community.

The current class is committed to engage, learn, and build partnerships to better serve their community in an impactful way. Thirty-eight percent of the class are graduates of Glance

Gwinnett, Leadership Gwinnett's newest two-and-a-half-day program designed to give participants a "glance" of their community and ways to plug in.

"Glance was great, but I needed to know more. I applied for Leadership Gwinnett because I wanted a greater scope on my community and deeper focus on servant leadership and what that means for our community," said Dr. Shon Davis, Principal, Alford Elementary, GCPS, and current class member.

Shon Davis graduated from Glance Gwinnett in March of 2018 where he learned of the greater needs and issues in Gwinnett.

"I was grateful to meet 39 other professionals with different backgrounds that have a passion for serving and want the best for Gwinnett. I look forward to getting to know these fellow leaders and making an impact with a group of people who love their community."

Next up for the class is an opening retreat at Lake Lanier Islands designed to prepare the class for the learning days to follow and to begin building lasting relationships.

The Class of 2019:

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

Audrey Arona, MD Medical Director, GNR Public Health Department

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

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

David Clark, Owner, Clark Brothers Realty & Representative, Georgia House District 98

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 Dobljar, 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
Jun Lin, CEO, Forest Development Group, Inc.
Renee Liverpool, Learning & Development Specialist, Georgia United Credit Union
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
Shawn Still, President and CEO, Olympic Pool Plastering & Shotcrete
Linda Stratton, Mortgage Broker, Brand Mortgage
Nathan Umberg, AVP Commercial Relationship Manager, United Community Bank
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. Registration for Glance Gwinnett is now open for the fall. Upcoming cohorts are

September 26-28 and November 7-9, 2018. Find our more and register at www.glancegwinnett.com. Both programs develop leaders that ultimately create a legacy of success by applying their talents to drive positive change for our community. www.leadershipgwinnett.com

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