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## **LEADERSHIP GWINNETT CLASS OF 2017 RAISES \$9,000 FOR SCHOLARSHIPS**



**DULUTH, GA** – Upon graduating on Saturday, the newest Leadership Gwinnett alumni collectively donated over \$9,000 towards the Leadership Gwinnett Scholarship Fund. The donation will make it possible for other leaders from under-resourced communities to participate in this invaluable nine-month experience. These 40 dedicated individuals know the benefits of the program and have already begun giving back to the community by paying it forward.

“Leadership Gwinnett aims to be transformative. It certainly has changed me. Even more than the exposure to and the understanding of the many issues affecting Gwinnett County, I found so valuable the connectedness it built between me and a community of dynamic, giving, ambitious leaders.” Tom Lilly, Director of Academic Assessment, Assoc. Professor of English, Georgia Gwinnett College.

Leadership Gwinnett produces a powerhouse of impactful community leaders and a thriving volunteer population that is more likely to serve on boards, volunteer, and give back to our community.

### **Class of 2017 members:**

**Jeanne Aulbach**, Lead Business Intelligence Developer, Acuity Brands Lighting, Peachtree Corners City Councilmember

**Anne Chen**, Sales Manager, Explore Gwinnett

**George Dobbins**, Distributed Generation Projects Supervisor, Georgia Power

**Angela D. Duncan**, Attorney/Judge, Gwinnett County Magistrate Court

**Matthew Holtkamp**, President, Holtkamp Heating & A/C, Inc.

**Michael Lee**, Assistant Dean for Professional and Student Affairs, PCOM School of Pharmacy

**Robert Thomas**, Associate, Anderson, Tate & Carr, P.C.

**Bedri Yusuf, MD**, Senior Vice President & Chief Physician Executive, Gwinnett Medical Group

Participants greatly understand civic and social issues, leverage their connections for Gwinnett's greater good, increase their circle of influence, engage in community service opportunities and develop a deep connection to the community. From its founding in 1985, over 1,000 individuals have graduated from Leadership Gwinnett. Now, these 40 leaders have joined the ranks, are equipped to begin making a difference in Gwinnett County.

"I had no idea about the issues surrounding our county, now I do because of Leadership Gwinnett. There are no excuses, It's not just about me, it's about the future of our community."  
Joelle Nazaire."

### **About Leadership Gwinnett**

Leadership Gwinnett's vision is to build and sustain a community of effective leaders that will address current and future challenges and opportunities. Their mission is to educate, equip and engage existing and emerging leaders through a diversity of people, thoughts and experiences that lead Gwinnett to a better future.

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