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APPLICATIONS OPEN FOR LEADERSHIP GWINNETT CLASS OF 2020

Duluth, Georgia (January 22, 2019) Applications are now being accepted for Leadership Gwinnett's class of 2020. Leadership Gwinnett invites high-potential professionals to apply for its signature 9-month community development program. Since 1985, over 1600 leaders have graduated from Leadership Gwinnett programs. Throughout their journey, they are connected with key influencers in business, arts, government, education and social services who understand critical issues at hand and have the capacity to impact the community.

The Impact on Our Alumni

A recent study by Deloitte reported that Leadership Gwinnett alumni feel more prepared for civic involvement and leadership roles after graduating. 98% of alumni consider themselves to be effective leaders, 100% say they are more knowledgeable about Gwinnett County, 100% say they are more knowledgeable about issues unique to Gwinnett, and 90% say they are more connected to Gwinnett's decision makers and leaders.

The Impact on Our Community

"It was through Leadership Gwinnett that I learned of the homeless crisis in Gwinnett and how recidivism contributes to the problem," said Patrick McDonough, Andersen, Tate & Carr, P.C. "Through Leadership Gwinnett, I connected with classmates, local leaders and government entities to address the issue. Collectively we created the Gwinnett Re-entry Intervention Program (GRIP) through the United Way." GRIP has since helped to permanently house more than 270 people exiting jail and reduced the recidivism rate for GRIP participants by more than 60 percent.

"Leadership Gwinnett connects leaders with issues," said Demetrius Jordan of Hoso Media, Leadership Gwinnett Foundation Board Member, and GRIP Co-Founder, "It's where innovation and inspiration meet resources."

Application Information

Applications are open now through March 26, 2019 for the August 2019 – May 2020 class year. <u>Click here</u> to apply. Leadership Gwinnett is hosting complimentary <u>Application Workshops</u> for potential applicants. The application will be explored in detail and participants will receive tips and techniques for the process.

About Leadership Gwinnett, LLC

Leadership Gwinnett, LLC is the home of two civic engagement programs. <u>Leadership Gwinnett</u>, a nine-month educational, networking and community development experience and <u>Glance</u> <u>Gwinnett</u>, a 2.5-day program that gives a sneak peek to the full program experience. Individuals complete an application for Leadership Gwinnett and registration for Glance Gwinnett is firstcome, first serve by registering online. Upcoming cohorts for Glance Gwinnett are February 6-8 and March 6-8. Find out more and register at <u>www.glancegwinnett.com</u>. Both programs educate, equip, and engage leaders that ultimately create a legacy of success by applying their talents to drive positive change in our community.

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