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34th CLASS OF LEADERSHIP GWINNETT GRADUATES



DULUTH, GA – May 4, 2019 – Thirty-nine community leaders graduated from Leadership Gwinnett this month and joined the other 1,158 alumni that make up the 35-year-old civic engagement organization. This group additionally raised \$10,000 for the Leadership Gwinnett Scholarship Fund. This fund is critical to create more balanced classes inclusive of race, gender, profession, organization type and diversity of thought. These new graduates will continue to build networks, work collaboratively, address challenges, and develop new and viable solutions for community issues.

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. 100 percent of alumni are more knowledgeable about the issues and challenges facing Gwinnett County and are 100 percent more connected to Gwinnett’s decision makers and leaders, according to a 2018 Deloitte alumni impact survey.

“I entered into the Leadership Gwinnett program already in a leadership position and feeling like I was doing the most I could. My growth felt capped,” said Phil Sadd, Peachtree Corners City Council Member, Leadership Gwinnett Class of 2019. “Leadership Gwinnett was the key to unlocking my growth. Because of the connections I’ve made and things I’ve learned, my potential has been expanded.”

The Class of 2019:

Courtney Spicer Adkins, Attorney, Courtney Adkins Law, P.C.

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, Senior 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 Doblal, 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
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, City Councilman, Post 4, City of Sugar Hill
Dana Pagan, Attorney, The Law Office of Dana Pagan, P.C.
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, Renasant 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’s vision is a thriving community sustained by an inclusive network of empowered leaders. Their mission is to educate, equip, and engage diverse leaders and inspire civic involvement.

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, nearly 1,200 have graduated from the flagship program and over 570 have graduated from the condensed program, Glance Gwinnett. Leadership Gwinnett is a proud recipient of the 2018 Impact Award, Nonprofit Sector, by the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce.

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