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LEADERSHIP GWINNETT ANNOUNCES CLASS OF 2021

Duluth, Georgia (July 2, 2020) Leadership Gwinnett is proud to announce the selection of the 36th annual class, the Leadership Gwinnett Class of 2021. Forty-two applicants were chosen through a competitive application process to represent Gwinnett's public, private, non-profit, business, health, education, legal, and government entities.

The nine-month Leadership Gwinnett program provides a forum for candid discussions, a safe environment for differing perspectives, and the opportunity to explore complex issues and solutions. Beginning with orientation in August, these individuals will dive deep into the many facets of Gwinnett County, increase their circle of influence, build powerful relationships with leaders who are active connectors in Gwinnett, and ultimately drive civic engagement for the betterment of Gwinnett County.

The Class of 2021:

Buffy Alexzulian, Assistant Finance Director, Gwinnett County Government

Katie Armstrong, Judge, Records Court, Gwinnett County Government

Margie Asef, Director of Community Relations, Greater Atlanta Christian School

Phil Bonelli, Senior Vice President, Commercial Banking, Regions Bank

Brandon Branham, Assistant City Manager, City of Peachtree Corners

Lisamarie Bristol, Assistant District Attorney, Gwinnett County District Attorney's Office

Buzz Brockway, Vice President for Public Policy, Georgia Center for Opportunity

Markell Bryant, Financial Advisor, Edward Jones

Aysha Cooper, Center Owner, McKinley Community Care Center

Crystal Cooper, Principal, GCPS- Sycamore Elementary School

Allona Cross, Executive Director, The Georgia Commission on Equal Opportunity-Office of the Governor

Mike Daniels, Executive Pastor, Cross Pointe Church

Michael Davis, Associate Executive Director, GUIDE, Inc.

Robert Downs, Superintendent of Schools, Buford City Schools

Leigh Gant, Business Development Officer, Georgia United Credit Union

Tiana Garner, Chief Deputy Clerk, Gwinnett Judicial Circuit, Gwinnett County Government

Margie Gill, Executive Director, Tabitha's House, Inc.

Ken Halley, Managing Director, True North Holdings

Brandon Hartley, Regional Director, External Affairs, AT&T

Frank Hartley, Partner, Thompson, Sweeny, Kinsinger & Pereira

Justin Honaman, Vice President, Strategic Sourcing & Procurement, Georgia Pacific

Rodriguez Johnson, Principal, GCPS-North Metro Academy of Performing Arts

Lindsey Jorstad, Community Services Deputy Department Director, Gwinnett County

Jill Kersh, Certified Professional Life & Career Coach, Thrive Unlimited, LLC

John Khan, Facilities Director, PCOM Georgia

Christa Kirk, Owner/Attorney, The Kirk Law Firm, P.C.

Mona Lippitt, Administrator, Northside Joan Glancy Campus, Northside Gwinnett Hospital

Holly Lisle, Director of Alumni Engagement, Georgia Gwinnett College

Ryan McShane, AVP, Commercial Banking Group, Renasant Bank

Melissa Miller, Human Resources Business Partner, Heraeus

J.W. Mozley, Principal, GCPS - Coleman Middle School

Farooq Mughal, Managing Partner, MS Global Partners, LLC – Government Affairs

Sarah Park, Confidential Executive Assistant, Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners

Anna Pearce, Attorney, Law Office of Anna W. Pearce

Larry Pettiford, President, First Sight, Inc. (Councilmember, City of Suwanee)

Cole Porter, Vice President, Porter Steel

Jared Roe, Vice President, Behavioral Health Services, Eastside Medical Center

AnneMarie Scully, Partner, Rhodes, Young, Black & Duncan

Jaletta Smith, Associate, Andersen Tate & Carr

Trent Spake, Risk Advisor/Insurance Counselor, Chastain & Associates

Brandon Thomas, Vice President, Customer Experience, Russell Landscape Group

Lindsay Woon Ferreira, Managing Director, Mosaic Georgia

“I am super excited about welcoming this new class! Year after year, we strive to ensure each new cohort is knowledgeable about community issues, well networked and passionate about the success our region,” said Lisa Zaken, the Executive Director of Leadership Gwinnett.

If you know someone who would be a perfect fit for Leadership Gwinnett, [nominate them or nominate yourself](#) for the class of 2022. Applications open in January. Ready to get involved now? [Register](#) for our two-and-a-half-day program, Glance Gwinnett, offered September 23-25 & November 4-6, 2020.

About Leadership Gwinnett

[Leadership Gwinnett](#)'s vision is a thriving community sustained by an inclusive network of empowered leaders. Our mission is to educate, equip, and engage diverse leaders and inspire civic involvement. Over 1,200 have graduated from the flagship program, over 650 have graduated from the condensed program, [Glance Gwinnett](#), and hundreds continue their leadership enrichment every year through our alumni programming. Leadership Gwinnett is a proud recipient of the 2018 IMPACT Regional Business Award, Nonprofit Sector, by the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce.

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