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Leadership Akron Selects Class 34

AKRON, OH - Leadership Akron has selected a class of 36 leaders for its 2017/2018 Signature program. The class includes participants from greater Akron's business, government, and non-profit sectors. With 2-3 highly qualified applicants for every position in the class, the selection process was especially competitive for Class 34. Since 1984, Leadership Akron has inspired participants to advance their involvement and impact as community leaders.

Over the course of the year, Leadership Akron Class 34 will develop a well-rounded perspective on the Akron community, and set the stage for further involvement as community leaders. Beginning the year with a City Tour and two-day Opening Retreat, they will spend a full day each month focusing on a specific aspect of the community. Topics include Social Services, Health Care, Education, Justice, and others. Each day gives the class a hands-on look at the key organizations, decision-makers, and issues in that sector of the Akron community. Upon graduation, the class will be poised with new knowledge, connections, and commitments to empower their service to the Greater Akron community.

Members of the new class are:

Timothy M. Burke

President of Eastern Ohio
KeyBank

Andrea Conti

Clerk of Court Cuyahoga Falls Mayor's Court
City of Cuyahoga Falls

Tracy Dowe

Relationship Manager
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Shana Earle

Director of Finance & Business Systems
Akron Children's Hospital

Candice Eberhardt

Real Estate Broker
Eberhardt Realty & Mgmt.

Jacqueline K. Ricchiuti

CEO

Keep Akron Beautiful

Ronald J. Fowler
Executive Pastor
Arlington Church of God

Melanie R. Friedman
Principal
FMD Architects, Inc.

Amber R. Genet
Director of Marketing and Communications
Barberton Community Foundation

David Hamilton
Summit County Council District 5 Representative
Summit County Council

James J. Hardy
Deputy Mayor for Administration and Chief of Staff
City of Akron

Christina M. Hodgkinson
Director of Resident Services
Akron Metropolitan Housing Authority

Julie M. Johnson
President & CEO
Boys & Girls Clubs of the Western Reserve

Theresa Lash-Ritter
Associate Chief Experience Officer
Cleveland Clinic Akron General

Jeremy D. Lile
Executive Director
Heart to Heart Communications

Kirsten Lino
VP & Business Banking Team Leader
Huntington National Bank

John T. Margida
President & CEO
Margida & Associates, Inc.

Rodney Matthews
Executive Director

Urban Vision

Brian R. Miner

Principal Architect
Hasenstab Architects, Inc.

Donald C. Mullen

Executive Director
Stark State College Akron

Nicole L. Mullet

Executive Director
ArtsNow

Gerard M. Neugebauer

Mayor
City of Green

Nanette P. Pitt

Senior Minister
First Congregational Church of Akron

Antha Poleondakis

Investment Associate & Senior Portfolio Advisor
Merrill Lynch

Jim Putnam

Managing Director of Marketing
FedEx Custom Critical

Brett W. Reynolds

Vice President of Marketing & Product Development
FirstEnergy

Christopher James Richardson

CEO
AxessPointe Community Health Centers

Kathy S. Romito

Community Outreach Manager
Western Reserve Hospital

Marlo Schmidt

System Director of Community Benefit
Summa Health

Sarah R. Thomarios

Chief Operating Officer, SRT Sales and Service, LLC

VP Marketing Director, Thomarios

Lindsey Tomaszewski

Vice President, Organization Excellence
The J.M. Smucker Company

Clarence I. Tucker

Fire Chief
City of Akron

Michael Vinay

Director of Public Service
City of Barberton

Anoo D. Vyas

Co-Director of The EXL Center
The University of Akron & The EXL Center

Laura L. Wallerstein

Attorney
Roetzel & Andress, A Legal Professional Association

Patricia Wicks

CEO & Founder
Patricia Smoot Wicks Consulting LLC, PATHworks!

For over 30 years, Leadership Akron has equipped participants for more effective community involvement and leadership. The signature program offers intensive study of community issues and interaction with top decision-makers, enabling participants to expand their effectiveness as community leaders. In addition to the signature Program, Leadership Akron empowers leaders across generations through its other programs. For more information on Leadership Akron, visit the website at www.leadershipakron.org.

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