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Leadership Institute of Acadiana Announces the 37th Class of Leadership Lafayette Join LIA for its Annual Meeting as it celebrates 2023 and the new cohort

LAFAYETTE, LA – January 15, 2024 – The Leadership Institute of Acadiana (LIA) is thrilled to introduce the 36 accomplished and emerging leaders selected for the prestigious Leadership Lafayette Class XXXVII. Chosen from diverse backgrounds in the business, civic, education and non-profit sectors, these individuals will embark on a transformative leadership journey under the guidance of two Program Co-Chairs.

The 2024 class of Leadership Lafayette, Class XXXVII, is composed of a remarkable group of individuals committed to the betterment of the greater Lafayette community.

This year's cohort includes:

Christopher Amos, II - Parc De Oaks

Dr. Brittney Antoine - Shift Acupuncture and Wellness

Prof. Philip Auter - University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Christi Carter - Halliburton

Lindsey Q. Champagne, DPT - Louisiana Orthopedic Specialists

Ellen Hopper Clements - University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Shantell Dugas, MSN, APRN, FNP-C - Ochsner Lafayette General Medical Center

Lindsey Faulk - One Acadiana

Alena Fields - Lafayette Consolidated Government

Cecilia Fruge - Cecilia Marie Events

Jennifer Glass Gaines - LHC Group, Inc.

Amanda Gary - Big Brothers Big Sisters of Acadiana

Blair Werner Green - Catalyst Bank

Dr. Madeleine Groth - Madeleine Groth, DDS, LLC

Tray Guillory, MBA - Our Lady of Lourdes Health

Billy Hobbs - BWPR

Mitch Karam - Emergent Method

Jacelynn Lafleur - Tides Medical

Gus Laggner - Liskow & Lewis

Patricia Lanier - University of Louisiana at Lafayette

Steven Lavergne - Legacy Cooling and Heating

Lance LeBlanc - Lafayette Convention and Visitors Commission

Adam Lopez - Awardmaster

Dr. Ariel Moore - Safe Havynn Education Center

Dianne Mouton-Allen - NCBI Lafayette

Micah C. Nicholas, MSNPA - United Way of Acadiana

James Proctor - LaPlace Coterie

Dr. Elizabeth Romar-Chavis, DC - Connect Chiropractic

Jena M. Roussel - Atmos Energy Corporation

Nancy Roy - South Louisiana Community College

Abby Stutes, MBA - SCP Health

Chiara M. Theard - Southwest Louisiana Area Health Education Center

Valerie Thompson, MS, RD, LDN - Second Harvest Food Bank

Sean VanCourt - Rudick Construction Group

Torilyn Williams - Home Bank

Raven A. Woods, MAT, M.Ed. - LPSS-Carencro Middle School

LIA also invites you to attend its [Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 27th at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel](#), where the new class will be recognized, and 2023 accomplishments of the organization will be highlighted and celebrated.

Leadership Lafayette, established in 1987, is dedicated to equipping a dynamic cadre of professionals with the skills and knowledge required to excel in leadership roles in the community. The program serves as a platform for developing a comprehensive understanding of the region, nurturing civic engagement, and providing exposure to diverse leadership styles, opportunities, and techniques.

"In 2024, Class XXXVII embodies a diverse tapestry of leadership experiences, each member contributing a unique perspective and commitment to the greater Lafayette area," remarked Katrena King, Executive Director of LIA. "As our community continues to evolve, cultivating a new generation of leaders is pivotal in shaping a thriving and impactful community. These individuals will explore their potential, learn from one another, and collectively prepare for the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead."

The program curriculum of Leadership Lafayette addresses vital topics including education, city and state government, economic development, arts and culture, and social services. Graduates emerge from the program equipped with firsthand insights into the region's challenges and the potential for meaningful civic involvement.

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LIA is a non-profit dedicated to the mission of convening, building, and activating leaders. Founded as an executive leadership program to provide civic and professional leaders with an in-depth view of their community, LIA is continuously evaluating new opportunities to improve the leadership capacity throughout Acadiana.

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