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Boise Metro Chamber Announces Leadership Boise Class of 2019

BOISE, ID – Leadership Boise (LB), a program of the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce, today announced the LB Class of 2019. As one of the longest-running, Chamber-sponsored leadership programs in the United States, LB has graduated more than 1,500 business and civic leaders since its inception in 1975.

Through monthly day-long sessions, participants develop and enhance their knowledge and understanding of their community, including its complexities and potential. The program strives to foster new perspectives for creative leadership with the goal of providing participants with the foundation needed to expand their leadership roles in the community.

Each year, the Leadership Boise Interview & Selection Committee is tasked with choosing 54 classmates out of an incredible field of applicants. “This year’s applications demonstrated an especially impressive pool of candidates,” said Molly Lentz of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. and Chair Elect of the Leadership Boise Alumni Association. “The array of professions includes doctors, attorneys, accountants, nonprofit leaders, CEOs, and civil workers, as well as a diverse cadre of cultural and personal experiences and backgrounds. The level of professionalism, demonstrated leadership, personal character, and range of personalities is sure to create an incredible experience for this year’s class, and continue in the Leadership Boise tradition to graduate informed, connected, and passionate community leaders.”

This year’s theme is “Engaging the Past to Shape Future”. The Opening Retreat, their first session, took place on August 18-19, 2017 at the YMCA Horsethief Camp outside of Cascade, ID. Participants heard from David Duro, President & CEO, Treasure Valley YMCA; Jim Everett, Head Swim Coach, College of Idaho; and Kristin Armstrong, three-time Olympic Gold Medalist.

“I’m excited to see the class of 2019 thrive as a group and as individuals in the Leadership Boise program,” said Jacqueline Hickman, 2017-2018 Leadership Boise Vice President, Zions Bank. “They immediately bonded and showed tremendous compassion and team work at the Opening Retreat. We are fortunate to have them as leaders in the community and I am honored to get to work with them in the coming year.”

The Leadership Boise Class of 2019 includes the following 54 participants:

Erin Anderson, *Idaho Botanical Garden*
Mary Arnold, *Optum*
Patrick Bageant, *Andersen Schwartzman Woodard Brailsford*
Elizabeth Baggerly, *HP, Inc.*
Nina Banducci, *Pure Barre Boise*

Dr. Kathryn Beattie, *St. Luke's Health System / Children Hospital*
Kyle Bellnap, *Northwest Bank*
Lindsay Biedel, *Family Advocates*
Chad Blackburn, *KeyBank, N.A.*
Jacob Blanchard, *Healthwise*

Megan Blanchard, *Title Resource Group*
Lori Blattner, *Intermountain Gas Company*
Elli Brown, *Idaho National Laboratory*
Richard Buxton, *MotivePower Inc.*
Suzy Cavanagh, *Tetra Tech*
Beth Cegnar, *Washington Trust Bank*
Shuyi Joey Chen, *Capital City Development Corporation*
Nick Cofod, *Foothills School of Arts and Sciences*
Keri Davidson, *Idaho Nonprofit Center*
Micaela de Loyola-Carkin, *Ronald McDonald House Charities of Idaho*
Finia Dinh, *Idaho STEM Action Center*
Kelly Duncan, *First Interstate Bank*
Chase Ediger, *Idaho Central Credit Union*
Steve Frinsko, *Hawley Troxell*
Mark Gier, *CSHQA*
Gabriel Hamilton, *Holland & Hart LLP*
Maureen Hamilton, *Regence BlueShield of Idaho*
Angela Hansen, *CTA Architects Engineers*
Lance Hatzenbeller, *Idaho Central Credit Union*
Heidi Hecox, *Idaho Army National Guard*
Heather Hill, *J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation*
Lisa Holland, *Boise Valley Economic Partnership*
Cody Homan, *Ada County Highway District*

Jolie Lambert, *Northwest Bank*
Brent Lulloff, *Idaho Power Company*
Bryan Madden, *J.A. and Kathryn Albertson Family Foundation*
Jamal Nelson, *St. Luke's Health System*
Karissa Niece, *Mountain America Credit Union*
Kris Provencio, *HP Inc.*
Kristi Saucerman, *Auction Frogs*
Brandi Schmidt, *Living Independence Network Corporation*
Melissa Schug, *Idaho Independent Bank*
Erica Shiflet, *Department of Environmental Quality*
Meredith Stead, *Ballet Idaho*
Marwan Sweedan, *Saint Alphonsus Health System*
Angela Taylor, *Indulge Boise Food Tours*
Jill Thompson, *Micron Technology, Inc.*
Tayler Tibbitts, *NexTitle*
Ryan Tolley, *Deloitte*
Julie Triepke, *PacificSource Health Plans*
Mike Trueba, *Northwest Bank*
Melissa Warwick, *Rathbone Warwick Investment Management*
James Watson, *St. Luke's Health System*
Diane Whipple, *Eide Bailly LLP*

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About the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce: Established in 1883, the Boise Metro Chamber of Commerce strives to be the leading business advocacy organization in the Boise Valley. The Boise Metro Chamber is a private, nonprofit, membership-driven organization comprised of nearly 1,900 business enterprises, civic organizations, education institutions and individuals. Its mission is to provide leadership that will help create regional economic prosperity and success for its members.

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