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LEADERSHIP PLANO SELECTS CLASS "40 for 40"

Plano, TX – August 15, 2023 – The Plano Chamber of Commerce and the Leadership Plano Board of Directors are pleased to announce the 40 members of Leadership Plano Class 40. The roster of community leaders includes civic and community-focused, forward-thinking individuals who are committed to the continued growth and improvement of Plano. Leadership Plano has helped to develop the leadership skills of many civic leaders who have served our community through more than three decades of growth and change.

“Leadership Plano has made a tremendously positive impact on the Plano community and beyond,” said Program Director Carole Greisdorf. “Its graduates serve in numerous elected positions and on non-profit boards throughout North Texas. This program provides a solid foundation for service and significantly affects the lives and careers of the participants.”

Spanning nine months from September through May, the program is designed to increase community awareness and leadership skills. The opening retreat, a two-day orientation begins September 9, 2023, at 7 AM at the Plano Chamber. It focuses on individual leadership styles and techniques. From October through May, the class spends one day a month examining specific aspects of the community such as education, government, local business and economic development, health and human services, criminal justice system, the arts, and more.

Gaining a broad perspective of the Plano community equips participants to become well-rounded leaders ready to apply their skills in a variety of ways. Leadership Plano provides a foundation for long-term involvement in Plano and assists in launching a supportive community network of colleagues and friends.

Leadership Plano Class 40 List with Affiliations

Thomas Adair, Adair Law PLLC
Andrea Ansley, Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital
Deborah Arango, United Way of Metropolitan Dallas
John Bourgeois, Edward Jones
Lorie Burch, Burch Law
Jennifer Burggraf, Kimley-Horn
Angela Burns, City Lifestyle
Catherine Casavant, Realpage, Inc.
Crystal Clayton, Southern Methodist University
Brett Cooper, UT Southwestern Medical Center
Russel Dubree, Performance Faction
Al Ely, Volunteer
Julissa Estrada, Local Good Center, Chase Oaks Church
Gina Fawcett, Einstein School
Gloriane Fernandez, Plano ISD
Jose Flores, Cooper General Contractor
Bhasker Garlapati, AT&T
Mollie Hancock, Elephant Trunk Moving Supplies
Wendy Hanna, The Turning Point
Dawna Hubert, Life Association
Meagan Johnson, American Cancer Society
Xavier Jones, University of Texas at Dallas
Gopi Keertinagar, City of Plano
Hang Le, First United Bank
Candice Lott, Realtor
Cynthia Michel, Prudential Advisors
Tamara Monroe, Hope Restored Missions
Krishna Murthy, WSI Digital Marketing
Charli Pels, Frost Bank
Kelsey Plichta, Community Volunteer from Sage Care Therapy
Daniel Prendergast, City of Plano
Vidal Quintanilla, Access Healthcare
Catherine Riggle, Children's Health
Zach Ritter, Realtor
Anthony Samuel, AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals
Simone Simerton, Medical City Plano
John Skelton, Ellen Fan MD PA
Clair Song, Plano ISD
Heather Wagemann, Plano Chamber of Commerce
Sumbel Zeb, Design Build Institute of America SW
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About Leadership Plano: Leadership Plano began in 1983 and is dedicated to educating, developing and empowering current and future leaders for the community and motivating them to serve civic, charitable and business organizations. For more information, contact the Plano Chamber of Commerce at 972-424-7547 or visit www.leadershipplano.org.

About the Plano Chamber of Commerce: Established in 1946, the Plano Chamber represents over 800 businesses and community organizations in Plano and the surrounding area. Accredited as a 5-Star Chamber by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and awarded 2018 Chamber of the Year, the Plano Chamber of Commerce is committed to maximizing business development and economic growth of the community through advocacy, education, innovation, and collaboration.