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LEADERSHIP WEST VIRGINIA ANNOUNCES 2023 CLASS

(Charleston, W.Va.) – Leadership West Virginia (LWV) announces the 2023 class, comprising 58 leaders from across the state, making this the largest and most diverse class in the program’s 32 years.

Participants were chosen from more than 100 qualified applicants from across the state – the most in the program’s history.

As interest in LWV grows, so does the competition, said Pam Farris, executive director. “These candidates were chosen because of their outstanding leadership skills, advancements and successes in their professional careers, and civic and community involvement,” she said.

“They not only effectively articulated their interest in the program and ways to address some of the issues facing West Virginia, they expressed their commitment to participating in their communities and careers to advance West Virginia in the future,” Farris continued.

The 2023 class will visit various communities in West Virginia to learn about issues affecting our state’s healthcare, education, tourism and energy industries. They’ll learn more about our economy and judicial system. They’ll have leadership and business etiquette training opportunities and can cultivate relationships in the class and among the program’s 1,500 alumni.

LWV proudly announces the 2023 class:

- Steven Adams, Ogden Newspapers (Charleston)
- Susan Bissett, West Virginia Drug Intervention Institute Inc. (Charleston)
- Christy Bly, Truist Wealth (Charleston)
- Crystal ("Cris") Bombard-Cutright, Steptoe & Johnson PLLC (Morgantown)
- Christopher Campbell, ZMM Architects and Engineers (Charleston)
- Katie Capito, Frost Brown Todd, LLC (Charleston)
- Christopher Carew, West Virginia American Water (Charleston)
- Phillip Carl, West Liberty University (Wheeling)
- Adriana Channell, Davis Trust Company (Elkins)
- Rachael Cipoletti, Office of Lawyer Disciplinary Counsel (Charleston)
- Fran Coleman, FamilyCare Health Centers (Buffalo)
- Michelle Coon, CAMC, Part of Vandalia Health (Charleston)
- Alicia Dalton-Tingler, U.S. Department of Energy – NETL (Morgantown)

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- Katie Davison, Mon Health System, Part of Vandalia Health (Morgantown)
- Melanie Dempsey, West Virginia Hospital Association (Elkins)
- Kristi Dumas, Dumas Psychology Collective (Beckley)
- Matthew Duncan, Mason & Barry, Inc. (Saint Albans)
- Erik Engle, Assured Partners (Charleston)
- Angelica Gilleran, StrongRapport (Charleston)
- Candice Harlow, Jackson Kelly PLLC (Hurricane)
- Ian Henry, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP (Charleston)
- Elizabeth House, Jobs for West Virginia's Graduates (Charleston)
- Greg Hoyer, Diversified Energy (Charleston)
- Stephanie Iauinta, Antero Resources (Bridgeport)
- Eric Jackson, West Virginia State University (Charleston)
- Bill Johnson, Gray, Griffith, and Mays AC (Scott Depot)
- Kaylin Jorge, West Virginia Chamber of Commerce (Huntington)
- David Klick, WesBanco (Wellsburg)
- Derek Kurtzman, Dow Inc. (Charleston)
- Justin Litton, Mtn Craft (Fairmont)
- Robert Luther III, West Virginia National Guard (Barboursville)
- Danny Marple, U.S. Army (Buckhannon)
- Ashley Martucci, West Virginia University (Morgantown)
- Ashley McDaniel, Humana (Culloden)
- Gary Morris, Glenville State University (Glenville)
- Robert Murdoch, City National Bank (Milton)
- Heather Nelson, West Virginia State Medical Association (Charleston)
- Adam Perry, Merrill Lynch Wealth Management (Charleston)
- Jennifer Pharr, Element Federal Credit Union (Charleston)
- Timothy Pingley, FirstEnergy (Vienna)
- Ansel Ponder, Bluefield State University (Bluefield)
- Robby Queen, CAMC Foundation, Inc. (Logan)
- Terran Quinlan, Curated Wonder (Morgantown)
- Jessica Robinson, American Federation of Teachers WV (Charleston)
- Courtney Rogers, Highmark West Virginia Inc. (Harrisville)
- Jessica Sell, Rank One Computing (Barrackville)
- Sheanna Spence, Marshall Health (Hurricane)
- Bobbie Spry, Kingery and Company (Charleston)
- Tara St. Clair, West Virginia University (Morgantown)
- Tiffany Summerlin, Operation Welcome Home (Morgantown)
- Tracey Suppa-Todd, HealthNet Aeromedical Services, Inc. (Charleston)
- Rikki Twyford, City of Charles Town/Costco Wholesale (Charles Town)
- Sarah Walling, OVP Health (Huntington)

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- Durand Warren, Williamson Health and Wellness Center (Williamson)
- Alex Weld, Generation West Virginia (Wellsburg)
- Patrick Winkelman, The Procter and Gamble Manufacturing Company (Martinsburg)
- Karen E. Wissing, Appalachian Power (Charleston)
- Pamela Woodman-Kaehler, WV DHHR Office of Inspector General (Morgantown)

About LWV:

LWV is a statewide education and leadership development not-for-profit program in West Virginia. The seven-month program cultivates leaders from a variety of industries and regions across West Virginia aimed at enhancing their knowledge not only of the challenges facing the state, but also its unique attributes and diversity. Recognizing that leadership is of utmost importance to West Virginia's prosperity and progress, this program is designed to develop and motivate a cross-section of visionary leaders who can and should use their talents and abilities to inspire others and foster a new spirit of energy, enthusiasm, and vitality throughout the state. LWV is affiliated with the West Virginia Chamber of Commerce. To learn more, visit www.leadershipwv.org.

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