



Leadership Cleveland unveils '09 class

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Leadership Cleveland, the civic leadership organization, has selected 71 people for its 2009 class.

The program brings together business, political and nonprofit organization leaders to expand their knowledge of civic affairs so they can step into leadership roles in the community. Class members participate in an intensive retreat and, over 10 months, attend regular daylong educational experiences and participate in service learning projects to better familiarize class members with the needs of the community.

Always focused on exposing corporate and business leaders to the community's social and educational needs, in recent years Leadership Cleveland has expanded to include in its class more small business owners, nonprofit leaders and even civic volunteers and artists.

"If we don't get more people involved in a much broader way (in civic affairs), especially small-business people, this region is not going to make it," said Lee Friedman, president and CEO of the Cleveland Leadership Center, the umbrella organization for five groups that engage people — starting with high school students — in civic affairs.

Leadership Cleveland also has adapted its program to include a program on the life sciences, increasingly important as a driver of new business and employment, and a program that brings together similar leadership programs in Northeast Ohio to discuss regional cooperation.

The members of the Class of 2009 are:

Harriet Applegate, North Shore AFL-CIO Federation of Labor

Brian Bash, Baker and Hostetler LLP

Michael Bennett, Cleveland Jewish Publication Co.

Duane Bishop, Forest City Enterprises

Kim Bixenstine, University Hospitals Health System Inc.

Mitchell Blair, Calfee, Halter & Griswold

Perry Braun, Medical Mutual

Barbara Brown, BrownFlynn

Carrie Carpenter, Charter One

Diana Centeno-Gomez, NASA Glenn Research Center

Jayne Churchmack, Cleveland Indians Baseball Co.

Charles Debelak, Birchwood School

F. Matthew Embrescia, Second Generation Ltd.

Guy Fabe, PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Nicholas Gattozzi III, Greater Cleveland Partnership

Patrick Grace, Catholic Diocese of Cleveland Foundation

Era [cq] Griffin, Huntington Banks

John Hammond, American International Group

Charles Hardin, Jr., Jones Day

Darrel Hegar, Time Warner Cable

Kenneth Hirsch, Western Reserve Partners LLC

Johnathan Holifield, Urban League of Greater Cleveland

Gary Holland, Cuyahoga County Dept. of Justice Affairs

George Hutchinson, Allegro Realty Advisors

Robert Huxtable, Socius Executive Search

David Jacobs, Oswald Cos.

David Jenkins, Cleveland Browns

Thomas Kedrowski, PolyOne Corp.

Kevin Kelley, City of Cleveland

Patrick Kelly, FirstEnergy Corp.

Roberta Laurie, Visiting Nurse Association

John Licastro, City of Bratenahl

Robert Littman, SS&G Financial Services, Inc.

Eric Lutzo, Plexus

John MacIntosh, KPMG

Tracey Mason, University Settlement Inc.

Joseph Mattioli, The Ritz-Carlton

Donald McGrath, Eaton Corp.

Kevin Moore, Cleveland Play House

Warren Morris, Colliers Ostendorf-Morris.

Rev. Robert Niehoff, S.J., John Carroll University

Michael Novak, Wellspring Financial Advisors LLC

Elizabeth "Lisa" Oliver, KeyBank N.A.

Anthony O'Malley, Vorys, Sater, Seymour and Pease LLP

John Osberg, US Bank

Lawrence Oscar, Hahn Loeser & Parks LLP

Joseph Patrnczak, Cleveland Clinic Foundation

Shelly Peet, Nordson Corp.

Michael Petrone, Goblin Bee Records and Plan "C" Publishing

Earl Pike, AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland.

Radhika Reddy, Ariel Ventures, LLC

James Robenalt, Thompson Hine LLP

Joy Roller, Gordon Square Arts District

Lisa Rose, Dix & Eaton

Scot Rourke, OneCommunity

Dr. Patricia Rowell, Cuyahoga Community College

Ivan Schwarz, Greater Cleveland Film Commission

Moorman Scott Jr., Euclid Chemical Co.

Debra Adams Simmons, *The Plain Dealer*

Gerald Skoch, West Side Catholic Center

Jill Snyder, Museum of Contemporary Art Cleveland

Samuel Steinhouse, SPS Partners LLC

Sally Stewart , Community Volunteer

Keith Sutton, Sutton Builders.

Jeffrey Tengel, National City Bank

Jennifer Thomas, Civic Innovation Lab

Murray Van Epp, Kent Elastomer Products Inc.

Paul Voinovich, Vocon

Chris Warren, City of Cleveland

Georgine Welo, City of South Euclid

Nicholas York, Tucker Ellis West LLP

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