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LEADERSHIP NEW HAMPSHIRE ANNOUNCES CLASS OF 2015

Leadership New Hampshire (LNH), a premier program whose mission is “building a community of informed and engaged leaders,” announces its Class of 2015. The new cohort of 39 Associates includes men and women from across New Hampshire who will participate in an intensive 10-month program. These individuals were selected through a highly competitive process and will begin their unique educational journey this fall with an opening retreat.

LNH, which has nearly a 25 year history in the Granite State, has over 750 alumni, individuals who are working to strengthen New Hampshire communities and increase civic engagement. Graduates hold leadership positions in the private, nonprofit, and governmental sectors across the Granite State.

The associates are listed alphabetically by hometown:

Bedford

Preston Hunter, Vice President, Eckman Construction

Robin Milnes, Executive Vice President, INEX

Lyndsee Paskalis, Esq., Attorney, Stebbins, Lazos & Van Der Beken

Douglas Verge, Esq., Shareholder and Director, Sheehan Phinney Bass + Green PA

Boscawen

Edward Cherian, Development Director, Iberdrola Renewables, LLC

Bow

Donald Shepard, Council Executive, Daniel Webster Council – Boy Scouts of America

Concord

Cheryl Coletti

Jim Hinson, Supervisor V, Dept. of Education – NH Vocational Rehabilitation

Sarah Sadowski, Community Engagement Director, New Futures

Tom O'Brien, President, NH Lakes Association

Michele Roberge, Administrator of Permitting & Environmental Health, Dept. of Environmental Services

Terry Steiner, Program Manager, Eliot Health Systems

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Michelle Arruda, Esq., Shareholder, Devine Millimet & Branch

Derry

Erika Cohen, Associate Editor, Business NH Magazine

Dover

Bryn Burns, Manager of Corporate Support & Community Relations, NH Public Television

Christopher Parker, Director of Planning & Community Development, City of Dover

Etna

Wendy Fielding, Vice President - Financial Planning, Dartmouth-Hitchcock

Exeter

Amy McLaughlin, Controller, Fluid Equipment Solutions of New England

Gilmanton

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Gorham

Andrea Gagne, Division Director, Tri-County CAP

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Joseph Purington, VP of Operations, PSNH

Loudon

George Hunton, Senior Portfolio Manager, NH Community Development Finance Authority

Manchester

Tara Chynoweth, Environmental, Health & Safety Engineer, Hologic, Inc.

Scott Harris, Esq., Director, McLane Law Firm

Sarah Hartwick, Founder & Marketing Director, SURFSET Fitness

Gina Powers, Senior Government Relations Advisor, Rath, Young and Pignatelli

Kurt Strandson, Mortgage Banker, Residential Mortgage Services

Christopher Wellington, Business Development Specialist, Dept. of Resources & Economic Development

Susan Woods, Principal, Chartworth, LLC

Merrimack

Ruth Marie Swisher, Human Resources Manager, BAE Systems

Nashua

Brian Roy, Director - IT Business Consulting, RSA Corp

Pembroke

Wendy Chase, Vice President - Partner Solutions, Lincoln Financial Group

Sarah Kelsea, Associate State Director, AARP New Hampshire

Portsmouth

Elena Whittaker, Director of Communications, UNH - Peter T. Paul College

Rochester

Daniel Fitzpatrick, City Manager, City of Rochester

Sunapee

Scott Laughinghouse, First SVP - Executive Director of Financial Services, Lake Sunapee Bank

Surry

Wayne Hartz, Interim Dean - Professional & Graduate Schools, Keene State College

West Swanzey

Laurie Tyler, Director Housing Stabilization, Southwestern Community Services

Each year's class of Associates attends 11 required and 2 optional seminar days held around the state. These provide an in-depth exploration of a topic of timely importance to New Hampshire, including demographic changes, the economy, families, criminal justice, education, culture and arts, community leadership, government and politics, and health care.

Leadership New Hampshire is one of 14 initiatives proposed in the *Governor's Commission on New Hampshire in the 21st Century* to identify emerging leaders for key roles in statewide issues and developing a network of informed leaders. For more information, please visit the organization's Website at www.leadershipnh.org, or contact the office at (603) 226-2265.