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Leadership Portland class of 2007 to graduate on June 14

*Business leaders work with local organizations on community projects*

The Portland Business Alliance is proud to announce the graduation of Leadership Portland's class of 2007. On June 14, this year's 36 program participants will be honored in a graduation ceremony and reception at NW Natural. The program participants will present their final projects at the reception. (See below.)

Leadership Portland was created by the Alliance to provide business professionals interested in community service with the skills and understanding necessary for future senior leadership positions within companies, civic betterment organizations and government in the Portland region.

"This program brings together business leaders and provides them with a comprehensive overview of our community," said Sandra McDonough, president and CEO of the Portland Business Alliance. "We were very excited to see the quality and commitment of this year's class. They will have a tremendous and positive impact on the Portland-region for years to come."

Through Leadership Portland, participants gain an understanding of the challenges the community and region face and how to work successfully for positive change. They engage in interactive exercises and stimulating curriculum to build leadership skills that they can use in all parts of their lives.

The 2007 program began last September, with a retreat for all participants to meet and learn about the leadership program. Over the past nine months, the class participated in eight education days focusing on state government and public policy, Portland history and leadership, criminal justice and public safety, business and economic development, healthcare and human services, building sustainable communities, cultural arts and the creative economy, and education.

All participants who complete the Leadership Portland program are invited to join the Leadership Portland Alumni Association. The Alumni Association provides educational, cultural and social opportunities for alumni members of the program allowing them to stay involved in the ongoing interests of Leadership Portland.

## TEAM PROJECTS

Team name: Education Connection

Community Partner: E3: Employers for Education Excellence, Chalkboard Project and Oregon Business Plan

Project Title: Employer Education Challenge - Business Case

Worked with the Oregon Business Plan, E3, and Chalkboard Project to assess and strengthen an emerging program called the Employer-Classroom Connection Challenge, which was created to encourage employers to support Oregon schools.

Team Name: Harmony

Community Partner: Ethos Music Center

Project Title: Ethos' Instrument Drive

On May 1, 2007, Leadership Portland Team "Harmony" helped kick off a statewide Instrument Drive to benefit Ethos Music Center, a program providing music lessons to underserved kids

Team Name: FivePlusYou

Community Partner: Hands on Portland

Project Title: FivePlusYou

FivePlusYou is a simple volunteer recruitment template with a pay-it-forward philosophy that can be implemented effortlessly into social, business or community circles.

The concept starts with a challenge to an individual to recruit five people who share an interest in getting involved.

The team of six connects with Hands On Greater Portland to find a volunteer opportunity that matches the groups' interests and schedules. Together, they experience the rewards of volunteering.

Team Name: Catalyst

Community Partner: Community Transitional School

The Community transitional School (CTS) provides educational services to students in kindergarten through the eighth grades who are homeless or at-risk of school failure.

Project Title: Community in Transition – Video Project

The Community Transitional School worked with Team Catalyst to create a video, showcasing students, faculty and parents of CTS, would help improve visibility of the school in the Portland area and support fundraising efforts.

Team Name: Team L.A.U.N.C.H.  
Community Partner: Community Transitional School  
Project Title: Embracing Diversity On the Block

Working with the administration and staff of CTS, LAUNCH was able to use artwork the kids created and turn them into stationery cards. L.A.U.N.C.H. then partnered with See's candies, who donated boxes of chocolates that could be paired with the cards and sold to L.A.U.N.C.H. business partners to help raise \$600 for the school.

Team Name: Team Schoolhouse Supplies  
Community Partner: School House Supplies  
Project Title: Winter School Supply Drive

Team Schoolhouse Supplies (TSS) organized a series of winter drives to fortify the program's stock and to serve more students. TSS recruited seven new hosts and increased the 2005 results by nearly 40 percent.

#### Class of 2007

Peter C. Andrews, Melvin Mark Brokerage Company, Broker  
Stephanie Basalyga, *Daily Journal of Commerce*, Managing Editor, *Commerce* magazine  
Lisa Bokenkamp, Oregon Community Credit Union, Business Development Officer  
Amy Brown, SMART (Start Making A Reader Today), Interim CEO and Development/Marketing Director  
Eric S. Brown, American Red Cross - Pacific NW Blood Services, CEO  
Barbara A. Cardinale, Key Bank, VP & Relationship Manager  
Sunshine Dixon, United Way of the Columbia-Willamette, Account Executive  
Tracy A. Eames, Tom's of Maine, Team Leader - West Coast  
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