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Portland Business Alliance announces new Leadership Portland class

Portland, Or...The Portland Business Alliance welcomed the newest members of Leadership Portland this month. Following a highly competitive selection process, 36 class participants were selected, representing a diverse group of talented and highly qualified professionals from Portland's business community and non-profit organizations.

The Alliance created Leadership Portland in 2003 to provide business leaders 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. The yearlong course starts in September with a two-day retreat. Each month a program day focuses on a different aspect of Portland region, exploring topics such as state government and public policy, criminal justice and public safety, cultural arts and education.

"We are happy to see so many of our local business leaders interested in expanding their skills and knowledge base," said Sandra McDonough, President and CEO of the Alliance. "Leadership Portland is a great opportunity for them to get a behind-the-scenes look at the businesses, governments, and organizations that keep Portland so vibrant."

In choosing participants, the Leadership Portland Committee identified candidates who have demonstrated commitment to the community through past activities and who possess a wide variety of skills and interests. Through Leadership Portland, participants gain an understanding of the challenges the community and region face and how to work successfully for positive change. Willamette University Executive MBA is the program sponsor.

Class of 2008

E.V. Armitage, Executive Assistant, Central City Concern
Simone Brooks, Business Development Director, Brooks Staffing
Josh Caldwell, Business Development, S.D. Deacon Corp. of Oregon
Theresa Carr, Project Manager Transportation Planner, CH2MHill

Katharine Coakley, Senior Vice President and Market Manager, KeyBank
Jim Coats, Vice President of Business Development, Ferguson Wellman Capital Management Inc.
Denise M. Crawford, Director of Development and Alumni Relations, Willamette University
Tracy Dannen, Coordinator Grants and Donations, Kaiser Permanente Northwest
Michelle Evans, Project Manager, DLR Group Architecture & Planning P.C.
Jennifer Ewell, Manager Business Development, Knowledge Universe Education
Brian Fassett, Loan Officer, Mercy Corps
Michelle Follette, Director Portland Customer Contact Center, Pacific Power
Randolph Friedman, Manager Gas Supply, NW Natural
Sara Fritsch, Senior Project Leader, ACME Business Consulting LLC
Rich George, Assistant General Counsel, Portland General Electric
Michelle Giguere, Government Relations Consultant, Ball Janik LLP
Mike Golub, Executive Vice President, Portland Trail Blazers
Christopher Hall, Partner, Perkins Coie LLP
Scott Hatley, Executive Director, Incight
John Hembroff, President, Hembroff Associates
Brodie Hylton, Business Development/Sales, Flexcar
Scott MacLean, Vice President, Norris Beggs & Simpson Companies
James McGrath, Associate, Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects LLP
Ben McKinley, President, Cascade Web Development
Sue Melone, President, Boldtrek Inc.
Andy Nelson, Executive Director, Hands On Greater Portland
Tim Nelson, Vice President Client Manager, Bank of America
Roma Peyser, Community and Donor Relations, Cascade AIDS Project
Frances Rawson, Communication Associate, M Financial Group
Dianne Raynor, Branch Supervisor, Oregon Community Credit Union
Ann Smith, Account Manager, Standing Partnership
Kimberlee Stafford, Attorney, Tonkon Torp LLP
Justin Stranzl, Editor, *Daily Journal of Commerce*
Terri Warpinski, Vice President for Academic Affairs & Community Engagement, University of Oregon