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Lakeland Chamber of Commerce Announces Leadership Lakeland Class 43

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The Lakeland Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the members of Leadership Lakeland Class XLIII (43), a group of passionate local leaders ready to shape the future of Lakeland.

Leadership Lakeland is an annual program designed to identify leadership and enhance existing leadership in our community. Class XLIII Chair, Jennifer Adams, Senior Vice President, Client Experience Officer at Bank of Central Florida, looks forward to the experiences the class will share together.

"Leadership Lakeland provides a unique opportunity to invest in individuals who can influence impact in our community. I am honored to serve as Chair for Class 43 and look forward to watching their journey of growth, connection and purposeful leadership."

Class XLIII will participate in a series of monthly "class days" and leadership development experiences where they will gain valuable insights into Lakeland through hands-on experiences that will empower them as leaders in the Lakeland community. Class XLIII includes:

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Angela Byrne, Marketing, Community Impact Liaison, Byrne & Co. Real Estate Services, Inc.

- Anna Britt, Senior Associate, Furr, Wegman & Banks Architects, P.A.
- Ryan Coffers, Executive Vice President, Brown & Brown, Inc.
- Monica DiNicolantonio, Director of Membership, Lakeland Chamber of Commerce
- Mason Elmore, Business Insurance Advisor, Stahl & Associates Insurance A Higginbotham Partner
- Bethany Fife, Senior Director, La-Z-Boy West Florida
- Dr. Leonard Gitter, Medical Oncologist/Hematologist, Watson Clinic, LLP
- James Hampton, Director of Professional Development, S&D Real Estate Services, LLC
- Kirsten Hein, Vice President of Engagement, Bonnet Springs Park
- D. Jason Holm, Commercial Bank, VP, Hancock Whitney Bank
- Kelsey Jaffer, Director, Grant Resources, United Way of Central Florida
- Larry Little, Communications Director, City of Lakeland
- Ashley Lloyd, Executive Director, Breast Cancer Foundation of Central Florida
- Joseph Madigan, Director of Recruitment Outreach and Senior Associate Director of Admissions, Florida Southern College
- Andrew Mason, Chief Financial Officer, ChastainSkillman | DCCM
- Da'Lecia McDougal, Director, Deposit Services, Publix Employees Federal Credit Union
- Hunter McTaggart, Wealth Manager, Allen & Company of Florida
- Ashleigh Mills, Communications Manager, Polk County Tax Collector's Office
- Catherine Neslund, President/CEO, GiveWell Community Foundation
- Lily Rappeport, Attorney, Law Office of Peddy, P.A.
- Andrew Reed, Managing Attorney, Reed Mawhinney & Link
- Darceé Roberts, Executive Director of Development & Corporate Partnerships, Southeastern University
- Lauren Springfield, Associate Vice President, Community Health, Lakeland Regional Health
- Sarah Vespa, General Counsel, GMF Steel Group
- Jordan Webster, Vice President, The Strong Stitch

Dr. Takiyah Dixon, Director of Business Resources & Leadership Programs for the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce, serves as Leadership Lakeland Program Director, expressed her enthusiasm for Class 43.

"Leadership Lakeland is more than a program; it's an invitation to discover your purpose, strengthen your influence,

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About Leadership Lakeland

Established in 1983 by the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Lakeland is an annual program designed to identify leadership and enhance existing leadership in our community. Leadership Lakeland does not take public policy positions or advocate any individual viewpoint. The program unites leaders from diverse backgrounds and perspectives to improve their ability to lead effectively, offering its members a broad range of experiences and insights about the community, its people, its needs, and its services.

About the Lakeland Chamber of Commerce

The Lakeland Chamber of Commerce serves as the Catalyst for business success, Convener of leaders and influencers, and Champion for our thriving community. Its vision is to be the premier catalyst for the advancement of Lakeland's economic growth and enhancement of quality of life.

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