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Leadership Greater Syracuse Introduces Class of 2012 Community's Premiere Leadership Training Program Welcomes 55 New Members

Syracuse, NY (December 22, 2011) – Leadership Greater Syracuse (LGS) is pleased to introduce the new 2012 class participants in their leadership training and community education program. The class of 2012 consists of individuals from local businesses and nonprofit organizations, who bring diverse backgrounds and interests to LGS. Members of the class of 2012 include:

Michael Backus, NYS Assembly; **John Balloni**, Onondaga County Sheriff's Office; **Deborah Barnicott**, Carrier Corporation; **Kimberly Bement**, Lockheed Martin; **Erin Bortel**, REACH CNY, Inc.; **Tracy Braciszewski**, Lockheed Martin; **Cynthia Britz**, Everson Museum of Art; **Danielle Chabot**, SRC, Inc.; **Christopher Cheney**, RealtyUSA.com, Inc.; **Mark Ciaralli**, Green & Seifter, CPAs; **Richard Clonan**, C&S Companies; **Molly Corley**, Lockheed Martin; **Kimberly Eastman**, Excellus BlueCross BlueShield; **Diana Farneti**, St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center; **Amber Gifford**, Brown & Brown Empire State; **Sean Griffin**, Turner Construction Company; **Michael Heise**, Onondaga Community College; **Katherine Hoeft**, VIP Structures, Inc.; **Markee Jones**, KeyBank N.A.; **Johnnaye Kennedy**, NYS Division of Human Rights; **Richard Kilburg**, SUNY Upstate Medical University; **Steven King**, Pioneer Companies; **Mark Kotzin**, Civil Service Employees Association; **Zachary LaLone**, Welch Allyn; **Steven Lauer**, AmeriCU Credit Union; **Nicholas Macaulay**, Lockheed Martin; **Michele Malone**, Lockheed Martin; **James Marchak**, AXA Equitable; **Jeanne Mathews-Fox**, Geddes Federal Savings & Loan; **Danielle McCann**, Bond, Schoeneck & King, PLLC; **Craig Meyerson**, Welch Allyn; **Maxwell Moore**, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney; **Brenda Muhammad**, Syracuse Habitat for Humanity; **Michael Murphy**, SRC, Inc.; **Jeremy Neumann**, Parsons; **James Olcott**, C&S Companies; **Vickie Patterson**, Community Volunteer; **David Perkins**, Time Warner Cable Sports; **Deanna Pleskach**, Lockheed Martin; **Carri Prue**, Syracuse University; **Justin Roth**, Empower Federal Credit Union; **John Sardino**, Syracuse University; **Paul Schultz**, O'Brien & Gere; **Jennifer Sherwood**, Rural Metro; **Matthew Simone**, Gilbane Building Company; **Kathleen Stress**, Food Bank of

CNY; **Michele Tarnow**, Gaylord Bros., Inc.; **Jeffrey Tetrault**, Crouse Hospital; **Theresa Thoryk**, Excellus BlueCross BlueShield; **Srinivas Tumuluri**, Anesthesia Group of Onondaga P.C.; **Mary Grace VanNortwick**, Upstate Medical University; **William Virkler**, Excellus BlueCross BlueShield; **Michael Werth**, Anchor QEA, LLC; **Jeremy Wheeler**, Dairylea Cooperative Inc.; and **Janet Whelpley**, Neighborhood Computer Project, Inc.

“I am proud to introduce the class of 2012 who were chosen through a competitive selection process for their dedication to improving the Central New York communities in which we live and work,” Sherry A. Mossotti, Leadership Greater Syracuse Executive Director & CEO, said. “Throughout the year-long program, participants are exposed to the political, economic, social and cultural opportunities of Greater Syracuse, focusing on group planning and making individual determinations on how best to affect positive change.”

LGS is Central New York’s premier community leadership training and development organization. LGS has trained more than 1,000 community leaders who currently serve on more than 350 nonprofit boards, in government roles, and in leadership positions throughout Central New York. Participants of the year-long program learn about our local economy, government, resources, human service needs, education systems, boardsmanship (fiduciary responsibilities serving on a nonprofit board of directors), diversity, Syracuse’s past, present and future, and more. Graduates leave prepared to lead and to serve in the community and in their places of employment.

To learn more about LGS visit www.LeadSyr.org or contact the LGS office at 315-422-5471.

Leadership Greater Syracuse is proud to be a collaboration of the City of Syracuse, Onondaga County, Onondaga Community College, and the CenterState CEO.

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