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Thirty Area Executives Named to 41st Kansas City Tomorrow Leadership Class

The Civic Council of Greater Kansas City has announced its 41st Kansas City Tomorrow (KCT) leadership class. Potential participants were nominated earlier this year and were selected through a competitive process that included in-person interviews.

“This year’s KCT class is a very strong and diverse group of Kansas City professionals,” said Paul Holewinski, President & CEO of Dickinson Financial Corporation and chair of the KCT Leadership Group, the Civic Council committee that selected the 2019-2020 participants. “We are excited about the upcoming programming and KCT year, and our Civic Council members are looking forward to interacting with the KCT class.”

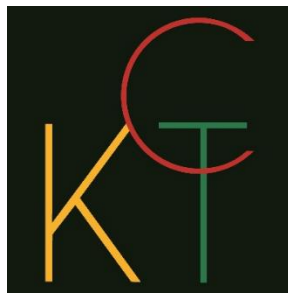
The thirty business, nonprofit and public sector executives began the ten-month program on August 23, 2019 and complete the experience in June 2020. KCT’s curriculum focuses on the region’s most pressing issues, such as education, economic development, diversity and inclusion, and the KC Rising initiative. The goal of the KCT program is to prepare its participants for civic leadership roles in the Kansas City region. More information about the KCT program can be found online at: www.kcciviccouncil.org/initiatives/kc-tomorrow.

“The Civic Council created the KCT program to help educate rising executives about the key challenges and opportunities facing our region,” said Civic Council chair Bill Gautreaux. “Ultimately, we hope that many of these KCT participants will go on to take a leadership role on an important community issue,” he added. “That could mean serving in appointed or elected office, joining a nonprofit board or community task force, or stepping up in some other way in our region.”

Once they complete the program, participants are eligible to join the KCT Alumni Association (www.kctaa.org), an independent, non-profit organization that allows the more than 900 graduates of the program to stay connected and explore opportunities for civic leadership.

About the Civic Council of Greater Kansas City:

The Civic Council of Greater Kansas City was formed in 1964 with the goal of aggregating the resources of the leaders of the region’s largest employers to address major challenges and opportunities. As a privately-funded, nonprofit membership organization of business CEOs, the Civic Council focuses on long-term issues that impact the economic prosperity and quality of life of all Kansas City residents in the region. For more information, visit www.kcciviccouncil.org.



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41st CLASS 2019-2020

Kim Wallace Carlson, Director of Engagement – Entrepreneurship, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation

Jeffrey Cathey, Vice President – Operational Controller, Crestwood Equity Partners

Andre Davis, Corporate Engagement Executive, Built

Brian Dietz, Vice President – Regional General Counsel, JE Dunn Construction Co.

Carly Diane Duvall, Of Counsel, Spencer Fane LLP

Benjamin Frerichs, Business Development Manager, Burns & McDonnell

Clayton Fulghum, General Counsel, Park Hill School District

Ghadeer M. Garcia, Executive Director, The BrandLab KC

Dean Gray, Director, MRI Global

Jason Grill, Founder, JGrill Media & Consulting

Cokethea N. Hill, Chief Executive Officer, StoneHill Firm

Franci Erdmann Himes, Vice President – Client Insights, Service Management Group (SMG)

Sheri Johnson, Vice President Marketing, McCown Gordon Construction

Edward J. Lada, Jr., President and CEO, Goodwill of Western MO & Eastern KS

Tara Markley, County Extension Director, K-State Research & Extension Johnson County

Laura S. McCarthy, Director – Client Partnership, Global Prairie

Lindsey J. McDonald, Director – Product Configuration Management, ScriptPro

Ryan Mulvany, Sr. Director – Operations, Analytics & Support, KCP&L/Evergy

Kristen A. Page, Partner and Practice Managing Partner, Shook Hardy & Bacon LLP

David L. Rambo, Chief Commercial Banking Officer, Academy Bank NA

Brian Roberts, Vice President Operations, Lockton Companies

Mark Christian Scharosch, Vice President, Bicknell Family Holding Co.

Andrea Sellers, Partner, Stinson Leonard Street LLP

Eric Sidler, Partner, Lathrop Gage LLP

Ashley Anne Smith, Sr. Technical Mgr – Advanced Manufacturing Engineering, Honeywell

Susan Smith, Sr. Managing Director/Principal, Newmark Grubb Zimmer

Jason Spacek, Chief Innovation Officer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas City

Alison Troutwine, Project Manager, Truman Medical Centers

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