

Leadership Michigan Selects Michigan Leaders for Class of 2003

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Leadership Michigan -- a program of the Michigan Chamber Foundation, the non-profit affiliate of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce -- announced today the selection of 23 Michigan representatives to participate in the Leadership Michigan Class of 2003, a statewide leadership development program designed to address the critical issues facing Michigan.

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"We are very excited about the distinction of this year's participants," said Bob Thomas, Interim Director of Leadership Michigan. "These individuals are prime examples of the leadership that our state needs to meet Michigan's varied challenges."

The class will spend two days per month traveling to eight cities to address statewide public policy topics such as the economy, education, health care, and the environment. From Marquette to Detroit, the class will encounter a variety of issues and be challenged to find solutions toward tackling the obstacles facing the state. Each leader is then expected to take the knowledge they learn and apply it to their community or organization.

Since 1988, over 350 Leadership Michigan participants have left the program with a broad-based view of Michigan's interwoven challenges and opportunities, a diverse network of colleagues, and a new set of leadership skills and resources.

The Leadership Michigan Class of 2003 includes:

Mr. Walt Arnold
Land Transactions Manager
International Paper
Norway

Mr. Richard Bailey
Fatherhood Program Coordinator
Community Action Agency of South Central Michigan
Battle Creek

Ms. Maura Cook
Senior Manager, Government Affairs
DaimlerChrysler
Auburn Hills

Mr. Matt Cutler
Director of Corporate Relations
Two Men & A Truck, International
Lansing

Ms. Barb Dawson
President & COO
Strategic Advantage
Mason

Ms. Sandy Ennis
Director, Communication Planning
DTE Energy
Detroit

Ms. Christine Hammond, Ph.D.
Executive Director, Planning & Administration
Michigan State University-Detroit College of Law
East Lansing

Mr. David B. Johnson
Regional Underwriting Officer

Citizens Insurance Company of America
Howell

Ms. Terri Johnson
Public Affairs Leader Michigan Operations
Dow Chemical Company
Midland

Mr. Josh Lerner
Partner
Cohen, Lerner & Rabinovitz, P.C.
Royal Oak

Lt. Col. Tom Magness
District Engineer/District Commander
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Detroit District
Detroit

Mr. Bob Metzger
Corporate Learning Officer
Accident Fund Insurance Company of America
Lansing

Mr. John Michrina
Chief of Police
Monroe Police Department
Monroe

Mr. Andor Reiber, Ph.D.
Vice President, Organization Consulting
Right Management Consultants
Southfield

Mr. Steve Reynolds
Vice President, Innovation & Planning
Accident Fund Insurance Company of America
Lansing

Ms. Susan Samuel
Director, BASE Camp Challenge Center
Flint Community Schools
Flint

Ms. Michelle Skedgell
Executive Director
Pierce Cedar Creek Institute
Hastings

Mr. Chris Velasquez
Global Supply Chain Reengineering Leader
Dow Corning Corporation
Midland

Mr. Doug Verellen
Area Manager
Protective
Traverse City

Mr. Tom Wackerman
President
Applied Science & Technology Inc.
Brighton

Mr. Steve Whitney
President/CEO
Albert Kahn Associates, Inc.
Detroit

Mr. John Witherell
Manager, Southeast Distribution Planning
DTE Energy
Detroit

Mr. Ron Wood
Director, Michigan Underwriting
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan
Southfield

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business organization representing approximately 7,000 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce. The Michigan Chamber of Commerce was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan job providers in the legislative, political and legal process.

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