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## **Pensacola Chamber Foundation announces Leadership Pensacola Class of 2017**

PENSACOLA, Fla. – June 15, 2016 – The Pensacola Chamber Foundation announced today the Leadership Pensacola (LeaP) Class of 2017. Participants were carefully selected for their professional achievements, commitment to the Northwest Florida community, and leadership skills and potential.

Founded in the fall of 1982, LeaP is a 10-month-long program designed to help participants acquire an understanding of the issues facing the Greater Pensacola area and the leadership skills necessary to resolve them. To date, more than 1,500 individuals have completed the Leadership Pensacola program and have acquired the skills, passion and connections to work effectively as community trustees.

“It is an honor to welcome this new class of exceptional men and women as part of the distinguished Leadership Pensacola program,” said Greater Pensacola Chamber President & CEO Clay Ingram. “LeaP provides participants with an opportunity to pursue a common cause together, contribute to important and rewarding work in our community, and generate a long-lasting impact for future generations.”

Each year the LeaP Selection Committee seeks a cross-section of the community, made up of men and women from different career, educational, political, social and cultural backgrounds. Participants accepted into LeaP are involved in a combination of retreats, day-long seminars and at least one community project for which the class uses its resources and talents to enhance the Greater Pensacola region.

The LeaP Class of 2017 is Robert Andrade, Danita Andrews, Leslie Appleyard, Cherri Baker, Sheldon Bernau, Dannon Byrd, Molly Carey, Natalie Chism, Susan Clark, Jehan Clark, Amanda Clonts, Michael Crawford, Melissa Dandridge, Preston Forshee, Brandi Gomez, Trevor Hadder, Leah Harrison, Verdell Hawkins, Michelle Henghold, Jeff Huggins, Leslie Hunter-Huff, Kelly Jasen, Kasey Jones, Tyler Kercher, Heather Lafevers, Alicia Leidner, Alfred Lojo, Glenn Lovett, Kevin Mair, Kristen McAllister, Chandra McKern, Kay Mitchell, Eddie Murray, Jennifer Passeretti, Brice Pelfrey, Jason Perry, Ricki Phelps, Todd Phillips, Sara Porter, Allison Romer, Anny Shepard, Charles Sherrill, III, Brett Snyder, John Stevens, Kristen Sylvester, David Taylor, Martha Tutchtone, Mehrdad Valinasab, Lynne Whittington and Lauren Williams.

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### **About Leadership Pensacola**

Leadership Pensacola, a 501(c)(3), was founded in the fall of 1982 with the first graduating class in 1983. The Greater Pensacola Chamber established the program with a goal of ensuring the

community's pool of talented leaders would be continually renewed. To date, more than 1,500 people have completed the Leadership Pensacola program and have acquired the skills, passion and connections to work effectively as community trustees. For additional information about Leadership Pensacola, please visit [pensacolachamber.com/LeaP](https://pensacolachamber.com/LeaP).

#### **About the Pensacola Chamber Foundation**

The Pensacola Chamber Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization whose mission is to drive economic prosperity and enhance the quality of life in Greater Pensacola by taking a long-term, strategic approach to regional growth and community building. Its goal is to build a healthier, better-educated workforce; to continue to advance the region's competitive economic positioning; and to improve community infrastructure by focusing on strengthening special economic interests within the region, on small business development, on minority initiatives, and on military support services. For additional information, please visit [pensacolachamber.com](https://pensacolachamber.com).