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John W. Barton, Sr. Community Leadership Development Program Announces Class of 2015

BATON ROUGE, LA – Forum 35's John W. Barton, Sr. Community Leadership Development Program is proud to announce its participants in the class of 2015. The group of 30 young professionals will be trained in nonprofit governance throughout the duration of the program, which will conclude with a matching session designed to facilitate introductions between program graduates and area nonprofit organizations interested in identifying candidates to serve on their Boards of Directors, Committees and Special Projects.

2015 Barton Program Participants:

- Mindy Beeson, JP Morgan Chase
- Quaja Bell, LSU Leisure & Arts Program
- Cindy Bishop, Checkmate Strategies
- Rudy Comeaux, The Lemoine Company
- Courtney Debetaz, Performance Contractors
- Julie Collins Donald, L'Auberge Baton Rouge
- Zelma Frederick, McGlinchey Stafford
- Ericka Garcia, Our Lady of the Lake Foundation
- Lani Gholston, Corporation for National and Community Service
- Rob Hagan, Next Generation Dealer Services
- James Henry, ProSys
- Cathy Juarez, Visit Baton Rouge
- Jessica Keasler, Terracon Consultants
- Emily Landry, LSU Foundation
- Jeremy Meiske, State of Louisiana – Office of Community Development
- Melissa Miley, Miley Law Firm
- Leland Moss, The Water Institute of the Gulf
- Candace Parker, Exit Realty
- Gregory Rockenbaugh, Hannis T. Bourgeois
- Jami Smith, L'Auberge Baton Rouge
- Meghan Spell, Kean Miller
- Matthew Spencer, B.F. Anderson & Company
- Blake Tolbird, First National Bankers Bank
- Jessica Trepagnier, Jones Walker
- Ian Trimble, Blue Cross Blue Shield Louisiana
- Katherine Venetsky, City Year
- Jeffrey Wale, Louisiana Department of Justice
- AJ Walker, Louisiana Municipal Association
- Trey Williams, Latter & Blum Commercial Real Estate
- Kristin Williamson, Yoga Bliss

Daniel Richard, this year's Program chair, had this to say about the 2015 candidates, "We couldn't be more excited about this year's group. With a 50% increase in applicants compared with 2014, the Program's popularity and success continue to grow. It was very difficult for our committee to narrow the class down to only 30 participants, but we think we've put together great group of current and future leaders in our community."

The John W. Barton, Sr. Community Leadership Development Program is a core pillar under Forum 35's leadership initiative and enables members to develop leadership skills while promoting community involvement and volunteerism in Baton Rouge. In 2014, Forum 35 elected to partner with LSU Executive Education to administer the Program. For additional information about either participating as a candidate or as a non-profit

in our matching session, please contact Forum 35's current Barton Chair, Daniel Richard,
at barton@forum35.org

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