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Jefferson Chamber Announces Leadership Jefferson Class of 2015

METAIRIE, LA – The Jefferson Chamber and Jefferson Chamber Foundation are pleased to announce the 2014 – 2015 Leadership Jefferson participants. Sponsored by Peoples Health, this year's class is a diverse group of business leaders from the community.

The 2015 Class consists of:

- David Coons, Adams & Reese
- Taylor Collins, Jefferson Chamber Foundation Academy
- Ashley Gambino, Jefferson Financial Credit Union
- Greg Fenn, Entergy
- Nicholas Helinski, TRANE
- Wesley Hawley, Atmos Energy
- Kim Faught, HCA
- Jana Sikdar, GNO, Inc
- Anne Wolff, Peoples Health
- Gretchen Hirt, Gambel Communications
- Anthony DiGerolamo, West Jefferson Medical Center
- Jamie Sablich, Whitney Bank
- Cindy Hart, New Orleans Saints-Pelicans
- Michelle Breaux, Postlethwaite & Netterville
- Jennifer Zerangue, Postlethwaite & Netterville
- Stephen Robinson, Ochsner Health System
- Keith Darcey, East Jefferson General Hospital
- Maegan O'Brien, Renaissance Publishing
- Jesse Watson, Kenner Discovery Health Sciences Academy
- Sal Scardino, First NBC Bank

Leadership Jefferson is a nine-month program designed to develop a diverse network of dedicated business and community leaders with the capacity to improve the quality of life for all citizens in Jefferson Parish and the Greater New Orleans region. Leadership Jefferson utilizes several personal, social, and civic developmental processes as part of its program.

Facilitated by a professional leadership team, the interactive workshops expose participants to local leaders and activists working to resolve critical issues facing Jefferson Parish. Specific session topics include education, healthcare, quality of life concerns, criminal justice, diversity, and economic development.

Leadership Jefferson offers its participants networking opportunities, enhanced understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing Jefferson Parish, and an opportunity to become more actively involved in working to improve the quality of life in Jefferson Parish.

About the Jefferson Chamber:

The Jefferson Chamber is a leading voice for Jefferson Parish's business community. As a non-profit, membership-driven organization, the Chamber is an effective advocate for small and large businesses at the local, state and federal levels. The Chamber's mission is to work for the advancement of the business community; to enhance the economic, civic and cultural environment; and to improve the quality of life in Jefferson Parish. The Jefferson Chamber is Four-Star Accredited by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and was awarded the 2013 Chamber of the Year Award by the Louisiana Association of Chamber of Commerce Executives in the Large Chamber Category.

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