

**PRESS RELEASE—FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **West Des Moines Leadership Academy Announces 2<sup>nd</sup> Leadership Class**



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Leadership  
Academy

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The West Des Moines Leadership Academy is pleased to announce the 32 members of the 2009-2010 class. Members are listed by name, position, and employer. Photos attached to the email were taken at the initial class session on September 17, 2009 at the DeWaay Conference Center and The Club Car.

The 2009/2010 West Des Moines Leadership Academy class members:

- Steven Areges, Sergeant, West Des Moines Police Department
- Chris Bauer, Project Manager, Shive-Hattery
- Philip Blumberg, Director of Radiation Oncology (CyberKnife Center of Iowa), Mercy Medical Center
- Erik Bonstrom, Senior Manager, LWBJ Financial
- Scott Brennan, Attorney Shareholder, Davis Brown Law Firm
- Aldrich Cabildo, First Vice President of Commercial Banking, West Bank
- Michael Chambers, Senior Electrical Engineer, RDG Planning & Design
- Nikki Chambers, Insurance Agent, Miller & Fidler Insurance Agency
- Jonna Crandell, Marketing and Events Coordinator, West Glen Town Center
- Cynde Cronin, Director of Business Development, Merit Resources
- Maria Davis, Realtor, Iowa Realty
- Jeanne Dwyer, Chief Human Resources Officer, Iowa Heart Center
- Zach Eubank, Attorney, Brick Gentry, P.C.
- Bill Fajen, Vice President, First American Bank
- Ronda Feeley, Human Resources Administration, City of West Des Moines
- Joseph Fogarty, Development Manager, LADCO Development

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- Paul Kirpes, President & CEO, TPG Companies
- Lindsay Knoop, Financial Reporting Manager, Hy-Vee, Inc.
- Kasi Koehler, Vice President, Bilbrey Insurance Services, Inc.
- Chris Langpaul, Attorney, LaMarca & Landry, P.C.
- Lynn McRoberts, Communications Assistant, West Des Moines Chamber
- Anita Messerschmidt, President & Owner, EmbarkIT, Inc.
- Jenny Moore, Financial Advisor, Principal Midwest Region Business Center
- Brian Newton, CPA - Senior Manager, McGowen, Hurst, Clark and Smith
- Travis Ripperger, Systems Analyst, Hy-Vee, Inc.
- Jamie Schug, Budget Manager, City of West Des Moines
- Brandon Schulte, Assistant Project Manager, The Weitz Company
- Shane Scott, Associate Principal/Team Leader, West Des Moines Community Schools
- Len Sheldahl, Owner, Len McCord Sheldahl & Associates
- Melany Stonewall, Senior Corporate Communications Specialist, GuideOne Insurance
- Christina Taylor, Doctor, The Iowa Clinic
- Ryan Wiederstein, Chief Information Officer, R&R Realty Group

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