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Ventura County Leadership Academy Announces Cohort XXVI

The Ventura County Leadership Academy (VCLA), founded in 1994, delivers on its mission of "connecting people and issues to strengthen our county" by developing, educating and inspiring a diverse group of leaders who aspire to enhance the quality of life in Ventura County. The curriculum of year-long Academy is delivered through ten full-day interactive sessions and exposes the cohort members to critical issues in the region and current leaders in their fields of expertise. One of the sessions takes place in Sacramento where the cohort is given a detailed overview of the legislative process and then given the opportunity to meet with government officials. Other session topics include education, public safety, health care, economic development, arts and culture, agriculture, and housing. Cohort members also complete an immersion activity, such as a police ride along or shadowing an elected official or volunteering at a non-profit organization.

VCLA also infuses personal leadership development throughout the curriculum with the goal of insuring that our graduates recognize that leadership is a relational process and that leading at any level within any organization is a choice one must intentionally make.

Here are the members of this year's cohort:

Robert Albertson, Police Commander - City of Port Hueneme Police Department
Terri Anderson, Labor Relations Manager - County of Ventura - Probation Agency
Caitlin Brooks, Program Manager, Transportation Planning - Ventura County Transportation Commission
Jeff Chism, Captain, U.S. Navy - Commanding Officer - Naval Base Ventura County
Jennifer Duston, Client Partner - Franklin Covey
Julia Fogg, Professor of Religion, Chair Faculty Senate - California Lutheran University
Angel Garcia, District Representative - Office of Senator Hannah-Beth Jackson
Amber Hahn, Assistant Manager, Mortgage - Ventura County Credit Union
Natalie Hernandez, Assistant Public Information Officer - County of Ventura - Executive Office
Oscar Hernandez, Owner - Eight O Five Detail Shop
Maggie Kestly, President - Mid Valley Properties
Harry Mapanda, Director, Operations & Network Development - AmericasHealth Plan
Alejandra Martinez, Outreach Specialist - Ventura County Community College District
Tracy McAulay, Management Analyst - County of Ventura - Executive Office
Melissa Miller, Community Development Manager - Ventura County Credit Union
Shari Mogridge, Worldwide Revenue Controller - The Trade Desk, Inc.
Nick Odenath, President - Ventura County Deputy Sheriff's Association

Dhruv Pandya, Information Security Specialist - J.D. Power
Rabiah Rahman, Attorney/Founder - Rabiah At Law
Susan Santangelo, Assistant Director of Health Services - Casa Pacifica
Jeremey Shumaker, Regional Director of Operations - American Medical Response & Gold Coast Ambulance
Katlyn Simber-Clickener, Recreation Coordinator - Pleasant Valley Recreation & Park District
Erika Singletary, Operations Specialist II - Ventura County Office of Education
Julius Sokenu, Interim President, Moorpark College - Ventura County Community College District
Betsy Swanson Hollinger, Manager, Learning & Organizational Dev - County of Ventura, CEO Human Resources
Shant Taslakian, Deputy District Attorney - Ventura County District Attorney
Eric Tennessen, Commander - Ventura County Sheriff's Office
Christina Tokatlian, Forensic Scientist/CODIS Administrator - Ventura County Sheriff's Office
Sarene Wallace, Marketing & Communications Supervisor - Ventura County Community College District
Jess Weihe, Director of Marketing - Mustang Marketing

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