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Chamber of Commerce Announces Its 2023 Class of Leadership Lafayette

Oxford, Miss. The Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce is proud to announce its 2023 class of the Leadership Lafayette program. The program kicked off with an orientation session focusing on leadership and heard from Mayor Robyn Tannehill, Hunter Haney, and Dr. Jody Holland. They capped their opening day with a community wide scavenger hunt to learn more about the community. The opening day was followed by a formal class announcement at a packed Chamber After Hours, the Chamber's monthly networking social, held at The Chancellor's House.

This year's Leadership Lafayette class is sponsored by GreenPro and Oxford Septic Service. GreenPro is Oxford's #1 utility and septic tank experts. GreenPro has recently collaborated with Oxford Septic, providing customers with septic service second to none. Oxford Septic Service has a reputation as the only name you need to know when it comes to septic tank installation, pumping, and maintenance services.

"I am very excited about this year's program," said Quentin Brewer, Leadership Lafayette chair. "This program is extremely competitive to get into, and we applaud these leaders for being chosen for this year's class. We anticipate the work they will do through their projects will enrich our community. We are also eager to see them use their skills to get involved in different facets of the community beyond the program." Brewer is First Vice President/Personal Banker at Paragon Bank and a 2015 graduate of the Leadership Lafayette program.

The 2023 class includes: Rebecca Alexander, The Oxford Eagle (Oxford Newsmedia LLC); Zach Bonner, Tannehill Carmean, PLLC; Mike Burks, Oxford Police Department; Courtney Carlton, Algernon Sydney Sullivan Foundation; Mason Chapin, Thompson Machinery; Ambry Coleman, Trustmark National Bank; Avery Davis, Daisy Gift Company, Matthew DeLoach, University of Mississippi - Division of Outreach; Cassie DiMauro, Roberts Wilson, P.A.; Detric Doolittle, North Mississippi Regional Center; Josh Ferguson, City of Oxford Fire Department; Allison Ferris, City of Oxford; Sydney Fields, Service Specialists; Rachel Isbell, RE/MAX Legacy; Nyterica Jenkins, The University of Mississippi; Don Jones, Northwest MS Community College; Kaela King, Olin-Winchester; Jason List, The Firm; Taylor Main, Thrivent; Elizabeth Mason, University of Mississippi; Briana Murphree, University of Mississippi Division of Outreach; Amelia Ott, The Oxford Eagle (Oxford Newsmedia LLC); Eliot Parker, University of Mississippi; Eathen Rainey, BankPlus; and Nate Rios, Wellspring

Community Church.

This eight-month Leadership Lafayette course is designed to ensure the continuity of leadership in the Lafayette-Oxford-University community. The class training builds community leaders through shared knowledge, skills and experience. The program emphasizes developing leadership skills through activities promoting community awareness, team building and project development.

Objectives of the Leadership Lafayette Program are to: (1) Identify potential community leaders; (2) Develop individual leadership potential; (3) Acquire knowledge about community and current issues in Lafayette County; (4) Create dialogue and rapport among participants and current community leaders; (5) Provide opportunities to network with alumni of prior Leadership Lafayette programs; and (6) Promote a sense of “community” through shared efforts benefiting the local community.

“The Leadership Lafayette steering committee has been diligently working on details of the program, planning the sessions, speakers, community tours and agendas,” said Pam Swain, Leadership Lafayette program administrator and Senior Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce. “These volunteers have been through this program and similar programs and have spent countless hours ensuring that each session is of great value and interest to the class.”

The Chamber’s leadership program began in 1988 and celebrates 35 years of Leadership Lafayette with this year's class.

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The Oxford-Lafayette County Chamber of Commerce is the most dynamic business organization in our community, where businesses and professionals come together to work to improve the business climate and quality of life for our area. With over 700 members, the Chamber strives to undertake programs and projects, which seek a positive business climate conducive to growth of the private enterprise system, raising per capita income and providing strong financial, physical and human resources for the citizens of Oxford and Lafayette County. These goals are accomplished through a variety of avenues including networking opportunities, seminars, events, marketing opportunities, referrals, exclusive discounts, leadership programs or other resources available exclusively to Chamber members.

Photo attached of the 2023 Class attached.