

Leadership Columbia County Announces the Distinguished Class of 2027

Evans, GA – July 28, 2026. Leadership Columbia County (LCC), a Columbia County Chamber program presented by TaxSlayer, is proud to announce the selection of its highly anticipated Class of 2027. These 32 accomplished professionals represent a diverse cross-section of industries and organizations across the Greater Augusta Region, poised to further develop their leadership skills and contribute to the growth and well-being of the community.

"I am thrilled to welcome the Class of 2027," said Heath Taylor, President and CEO of the Columbia County Chamber. "Each of these individuals embody the heart of community service. By investing in their leadership development, we aren't just cultivating stronger leaders, we're empowering a group devoted to putting Columbia County first and driving meaningful progress for our entire community."

Please join us in congratulating the members of the Leadership Columbia County Class of 2027:

Jenna Adams – SRP Federal Credit Union
Matthew Anger – Medical College of Georgia Foundation
Garrison Boling – Cadence Huntington Bank
Katherine Bonner – American Heart Association
Brian Campbell – Columbia County School District
Judith Chang – Lamar Advertising
Steven Cummings – Columbia County School District
Aherial Drayton – Augusta Technical College
Amber Edmonston – SME CPAs
Megan Furno – Wellstar MCG Health
Alanda Grover – All in for Miller
Andrew Hammer – Bulls Rush FC
Tanner Hice – ADP
Travis Hodges – Doctors Hospital of Augusta
Mallory Holley – Queensborough National Bank & Trust
Jacory Jefferson – ADP
Monica Jones – Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia
Erin Lipton – Primp and Blow Evans
Andrew May – Duckworth Development LLC
Heather McCoy – Augusta University
Bryce Melear – Watson and Knox Insurance
Kristen Munn – Busby's Heating and Air
Drayton Oswald – Classy Bins and Junk Removal
Jennifer Payne – SouthState Bank
Elena Raguseo – Ivey Homes
Lynthia Ross – Lynthia Ross Consulting
Angie Russell – Columbia Co. Board of Commissioners
Lee Schneider – Keystone Homes
Scott Stevens – Piedmont Augusta
Shalen Taylor – 1790 Club
Benjamin Tom – Club Car
Ashley Wilson – Meybohm Real Estate

The Class of 2027 will be led by program Chair Alex Griffin (LCC '23), Assistant Vice President of Innovation at the Medical College of Georgia Foundation, and program Vice Chair Carey Pifer (LCC '15), Managing Broker, Summerhouse Realty.

The rigorous selection process for each LCC class identifies individuals with a proven track record of achievement and a strong commitment to civic engagement. The program is designed to cultivate and inspire the next generation of leaders through immersive learning experiences, community engagement, and networking opportunities.

The Leadership Columbia County program will officially launch in August followed by monthly sessions focusing on critical aspects of community leadership, including county operations, economic development, education and workforce, military, law enforcement, history, state government, and healthcare. For more information on the Leadership Columbia County program, contact Will Nadolski, Chamber Leadership Programs Manager, at [706-877-2498](tel:706-877-2498) or william@columbiacountychamber.com.