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December 2018

## *From the Executive Director*

It's December and that means that we graduated another cohort of amazing individuals who are committed to our community! Check out some photo highlights of the Class of 2018 on our [Facebook page](#) and see the full class list [here](#). And, with the end of the year, we also welcome the Class of 2019 (#29!) into the LGS family. See a few pics from this month's orientation on our [Facebook page](#) and see the full class list [here](#).

At the orientation, I stated that each new class member is an unopened present to our community. We don't know yet what their impact will be, but we do know that Central New York will be better because of them. The Class of 2018 has certainly started to leave its imprint...

### ***Because of LGS:***

- The Salvation Army identified a new source for hiring day care providers.
- OCM BOCES has new members on their Career and Technical Education Advisory Council.
- Bristol Myers Squibb formalized a program with OCC to assist in training and hiring operators.
- \$700 was raised for the Leukemia/ Lymphoma Society in support of a classmate who is a childhood leukemia survivor.
- KeyBank made a \$20,000 donation to PEACE, Inc., following Community Service Day.

Thank you for proudly carrying the LGS flag in all that you do. Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful new year.



**Pam Brunet**  
**LGS Executive Director**  
**Class of 1998**



**Leadership Greater Syracuse c/o 2018**

## *County Executive Town Hall*

LGS partnered with FOCUS Greater Syracuse to present a public forum featuring new Onondaga County Executive J. Ryan McMahon II. McMahon discussed his top priorities, including poverty, aging infrastructure and economic development.

Following opening comments, McMahon took several questions from the audience. More than 100 people attended the event hosted by our friends at Onondaga Community College. Please view some of the town hall photos on our [Facebook page](#).

## Welcome New Board Members

LGS is pleased to welcome six new individuals to its Board of Directors. They include:

- Madeleine DiGristina – SRC, Inc.
- Victor Parker – HM Insurance Group
- Franklin Fry – American Heart Association
- Jeremy Wheeler – VIP Structures
- Marcelle Haddix, Ph.D. – Syracuse University
- Julie White, Ph.D. – Onondaga Community College

We would also like to thank Gus Hernandez from The Hayner Hoyt Corporation and Jack LoSecco from SRC, Inc., whose Board term has ended and who served the organization well.

## LGS Tuition Assistance

The main priority in selecting each LGS class is to ensure that all voices are heard. This means making certain that every diversity category is represented, including gender, age, race/ethnicity, physical ability, employer type/profession, and so on.

In order to create a class mix that reflects the Central New York community, it is vital that LGS have the ability to offer tuition assistance or scholarships to those individuals who may be lacking the full resources to participate in the program. Each year we have been able to assist every individual who requested financial assistance and 2019 was no different.

LGS is grateful to those donors who specifically support our tuition assistance fund:

- Community Bank
- SRC
- Honeywell
- The Hayner Hoyt Corporation
- National Grid
- VIP Structures

If your company would like to help underwrite this critical component of our annual budget, please contact Pam Brunet at [pam@leadsyr.org](mailto:pam@leadsyr.org)

## Look Ahead

*Interested in working on a campaign or have a desire to run for office or school board?*

**Registration for the 10th Annual CNY Political Leadership Institute is now open**

Sign up at the [LGS website](#) to learn how to navigate the political process. Space is limited!

**Let's Get Social in April –**  
*Date Coming Soon*

*Happy Holidays  
To all of our LGS Family*

