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93 PROFESSIONALS FROM NONPROFIT AND FOR-PROFIT ARENAS GRADUATE FROM 2011 BUSINESS ON BOARD TRAINING

Class Reflected Valley's Diversity With Funding From American Express, Arizona Lottery

PHOENIX, Ariz. (May xx, 2011): More than 90 professionals representing the Valley's diverse ethnic communities and both nonprofit and for-profit businesses have graduated from Business on Board, an intense five-month program that trains potential board members for leadership positions with nonprofit organizations.

Organized and managed by the Arts & Business Council of Greater Phoenix, and with partial funding from American Express and the Arizona Lottery to identify, engage and train members of the Valley's diverse ethnic, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities, Business on Board "expanded and enhanced not only the diversity but the available pool of candidates for service." said Debbie Paine, executive director of the Arts & Business Council.

Participants in this year's class ranged from small-business owners to corporate executives, managers and front-line employees from banks, aerospace manufacturers, law firms, state and county agencies, utilities, arts and human service agencies and even the National Association of Asian American Professionals and ASU.

Since starting the program in 2005, nearly 300 individuals have graduated from the program. More than 150 individuals have already been placed on nonprofit arts and social service agency boards.

"An incredible experience that couldn't have been timelier and more important given the recent revelations about the Fiesta Bowl," was how David Drennon, VP Marketing & Development, Arizona Small Business Association, described the training that was completed this month and included Board Rules and Responsibilities, Effective Nonprofit Board Leadership, Legal and Ethical Responsibilities, Fundraising, Financial Responsibility, Diversity, Advocacy and Politics, and The Art of Networking. "Each of us now goes into these new roles with a full understanding of our roles, responsibilities and commitments to the organizations and agencies we'll engage with."

For more information about the Arts & Business Council of Greater Phoenix visit www.artsbusinessphoenix.org or call (602) 234-4711

The 2011 Business on Board graduates and their business, companies or organizations are:

Chris Alejandro, Devry University
Claudia Andrade Franco, Keogh Health Foundation
Kimberly Appis, Brand Box, Inc.
Sergio Balcazar, Harris Bank;
Dilip K. Bansal, Russ Lyon Realty
Cindy Banton, Infogix, Inc.
Donna Barker, Empty Bowl Pet Food Pantry
Miguel Berastegui, 33 North Architects
Tina Bowen, Indian Health Service
Dominique Bowman, The Genesys Group
Matt Bradford, Northern Trust, NA;
Robert Brooks, Osborn Maledon;
Toby Brown, Bowne & Company;
Rhoshawndra L. Carnes, ASU;
Alise Chan, Nat'l Assoc. of Asian American Prof.;
Wendy Cordero, Valley of the Sun United Way;
Kim Dartez, Family Tree Healthcare;
Maribel Dillard, The Boeing Company;
David Drennon, Arizona Small Business Association;
Darryl Emerson, Concierge Network;
Kailynn Emmel, Marketing Consultant;
Judy Falk, General Electric, Retired,
Danielle Gilliam, Novo Nordisk, Inc.;
Lourdes Gonzalez, Embracing Humanity;
Andre Gordon
Alex Gormley, Lewis & Roca LLP;
Robert Gustavis, Waddell & Reed;
Valencia H. Engermann, KAHALA;
Chris Hartman, Qwest;
Stephen Hilliard, Casco Financial Inc.
Bao Hoang, Nat'l Assoc. of Asian American Prof.;
Malik K. Hooper, The Boeing Company;
Angela Hughey, One Community Media LLC;
Azra Hussain, Nat'l Assoc. of Asian American Prof.;
Kathy Huynh, Nat'l Assoc. of Asian American Prof.;
Dennis Jiang, Wells Fargo;
Kenneth Johnson, Boundless Solutions;
Jenn Kaye, Nat'l Assoc. of Asian American Prof.;
Brad Kendrex, Maricopa County;
Ashla Kinnaman, Firefly Real Estate;
Chris Kyselka, Arizona State University;
Lory Lanese, Intel;
Kristi Lee, Nat'l Assoc. of Asian American Prof.;
Kurstin Lee, Hoby AZ;
Joanne Levin, Marketing Methods;

Jamie Levy, Cactus Country Property Professionals;
Eva Li, Nat'l Assoc. of Asian American Prof.;
Leslie Lindo, Sonoran Sustainable Building;
Adrian Lopez, Arizona State University;
Karen Luu, Nat'l Assoc. of Asian American Prof.;
Meka Madu, Wells Fargo;
Tammy Lynn McConahay, Valley Youth Theatre;
Kelly McCullough, Eight-AZ PBS;
Denise Meridith, Denise Meridith Consultants;
Mario Middleton Apollo Group;
Elissa Nago, Nat'l Assoc. of Asian American Prof.;
Belinda Ng, Intel;
Lisa Nothum, Northern Trust, NA;
Tom Perica, HDR Architecture;
Robin Postel, Ph.D., Transformational Learning for
Individuals and Organizations (TLIO);
Brad Prose, Urban Edge;
Tyson Redhorse, VA Affairs Health Care;
Valentina Redhorse
Eric Riggs, Crescent Crown Distributors;
Brendon Riley, Wells Fargo;
Javier Rodriguez, SRP;
Melissa Rose, Nat'l Assoc. of Asian American Prof.;
Dave Ryder, Veer Consulting, LLC;
Sherin Sakr, KAHALA;
Gail Sattler, Women in Tune;
Chad Sauerbry, OpenSpark;
Judi Pine Sellers, First Delivery Service;
Shalanda Shanks,
Khonnie Silivongxay, Nat'l Assoc. of Asian American
Prof.;
Jessie Singer, Dysart Community Center;
Philip Sin-Hernandez, Philip Sin Productions;
Shehara Smallwood, Edward Jones;
Chris Smith, AZ Dept. of Housing;
Myra Spiegelman, R&S Insurance LLC;
Mitchell Tay, Scottsdale Convention & Visitors Bureau;
Cindy Tesinsky, St. Mary's Food Bank;
Yvette Torres-Dickson, Ahwatukee Children's Theatre;
Achariya "Ying" Weerasa, Tai Cultural of AZ;
Danny White, Charles Schwab & Co.;
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