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NASHVILLE EMERGING LEADERS ANNOUNCES 2010 CLASS

Over 30 of Middle Tennessee's Most Promising Young Professionals Named to Seventh Class in Leadership Program

Nashville, Tenn. (December 16, 2009) – Nashville Emerging Leaders (NEL), an annual leadership training program that brings together Middle Tennessee's most promising young professionals with the region's top community and business leaders, today named its class of 2010.

Thirty-one Middle Tennesseans have been selected to this year's class. Each week, NEL participants hear from established local community and civic leaders and discuss critical issues facing our city. The 10 weekly sessions are led and moderated by Nashville-based Management Solutions Group.

"The Nashville Emerging Leader program experienced an overwhelming response this year with applications increasing nearly 100%," said Adam Small, NEL founder and CEO of Strategic Business Network, LLC. "This year's class is extraordinary—it's a diverse collection of our city's best and brightest minds. We believe NEL can serve as a forum where these individuals can continue to grow and, ultimately, impact our community for the better."

The 2010 class includes:

- Asa Briggs, Zycron
- Wilson Boyd, Metropolitan Nashville School District
- Kendra Chinda Brown, Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc.
- Tenielle Buchanan, Lipscomb University
- Brian Carlson, Vanderbilt University Medical Center
- Nancy DiNunzio, Vanderbilt University
- Brendan Farran, Avenue Bank
- Chris Ferguson, Vanderbilt Medical Group and Clinic
- Casey Guimbellot Pash, First Tennessee Bank
- Jennifer Hagan-Dier, Tennessee Department of Revenue
- Natasha Halasa, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

- Everton Heron, EMG Holdings
- Katie Hill, McNeely Pigott and Fox Public Relations
- John Robert Markham, Bank of America
- Sean McGuire, Freeman Webb Investments, Inc.
- Joseph Ochoa, Hearing Bridges
- Martin Plumlee, Accounting Principals (MPS Group)
- Jason Powell, Coalition for Health and Safe Campus Communities
- Matia Powell, Metropolitan Nashville School District
- Brooke Reusch, Father Ryan High School
- Andy Schenck, Junior Achievement
- Casey Taker, Anytakers Sports and Entertainment
- Kate Tanis, Siloam Family Health Center
- Tara Tenorio, Office of the Governor
- Ashley Thompson, BioMemetic Therapeutics, Inc.
- Alecia Venkataraman, Make It Beautiful
- Michael Warren, Vanderbilt Children's Hospital
- Brian Winfrey, U.S. Department of Labor
- Jennifer Witherell, Big Enterprises
- Kinika Young, Bass Berry and Sims
- Ellen Zinkiewicz, Nashville Career Advancement Center

About Nashville Emerging Leaders

Founded in 2002 by Adam Small and a cadre of motivated and passionate young professionals, NEL was created as organization dedicated to the ongoing development, advancement and interaction of emerging leaders throughout Middle Tennessee. For more information about NEL, visit www.nashvilleemergingleaders.org or contact info@nashvilleemergingleaders.org.

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