

Leadership Genesee



Class of 2023
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“Leadership Genesee assists in professional development for everyone, despite your job title or standing. It gives you the opportunity to team up with other leaders to help develop problem solving techniques, leadership styles, situational awareness, and overall communication skills. I highly recommend this program to anyone who wants to learn more about themselves or other leaders within the region. For me, leadership is unlocking people’s potential to become better, and this program taught me just that.”

~ **Douglas J. Curella Jr., Esq.**, Class of 2023
Court Attorney,
The Honorable Melissa Lightcap Cianfrini

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Leadership Genesee ~ exploring the community and encouraging the leader within.

Leadership Genesee Class of 2023



Lauren L. Becht
Albion
*Administrative Assistant/
HRC Coordinator*
HUNT Real Estate ERA

Member, American Society of
Notaries; Secretary, Batavia BID
Board of Directors



Joshua Dykstra
Pavilion
*Marketing Events
Coordinator*
Batavia Downs Gaming &
Hotel



John A. Jondle
Alden
Drainage Designer
Alleghany Services

Volunteer, Town Line Lutheran
Church



Roger Caldwell
Albion
Director of Facilities
Byron-Bergen Central
School District



Joshua P. Graham
Arcade
Fire Chief
City of Batavia

Assistant Chief, Arcade Volunteer
Fire Department



Melissa Kasmarek
Stafford
Branch Manager
Tonawanda Valley
Federal Credit Union



Daniel Calkins
Attica
Social Worker
Erie County Bar Assn.
Volunteer Lawyers Project
Sponsor: Genesee/
Orleans Youth Bureau
Appointment Council/Youth Leader,
Northgate FMC; Coach, Genesee
Armature Hockey Assn.



Morgan Hoffman
Batavia
*Assistant Tourism
Marketing Director*
Genesee County
Chamber of Commerce

Volunteer/Social Media, Todd
MacConnell Scholarship Foundation;
Volunteer, Warsaw Fireman's Scoop



Kaitlyn E. Krna
Attica
*Personal Lines
Underwriter & Compliance
Specialist*
Genesee Patrons Cooperative
Insurance Company

Golf Tournament Committee
Member, Buffalo CPCU Society



Jacob Cone
Stafford
CAD Group Supervisor
Liberty Pumps

Member, GCC Drafting Board



Carol Hunt
Batavia
*Assistant Director of Quality
Improvement*
UConnectCare Behavioral
Health Services



Gabrielle L. Lanich
Buffalo
Lead Program Coordinator
Genesee & Orleans County
Health Department

Founding Member, GLOW Lead Coalition;
Member, Coalition to Prevent Lead
Poisoning; Member Perinatal Task Force;
Board Member, GO Art!



**Douglas J. Curella Jr.,
Esq.**
Clarence Center
Court Attorney
The Honorable Melissa
Lightcap Cianfrini
Sponsor: Clarence
Soccer Club
Coach, Clarence Soccer Club; Board
Member, Clarence Chamber of
Commerce



Sarah Jarkiewicz
Byron
*Director of Fiscal
Operations & Child Support*
Genesee County
Department of Social
Services
Troop Co-Leader, Girl Scouts of
Western NY



Jaden Ohlson
Oakfield
*Housing Property
Manager*
Batavia Housing Authority

Volunteer, The Warehouse; Board
Member, Oakfield Betterment
Committee

Leadership Genesee Lifetime Dues Supporters

**Terry Abrams '07, Marie Bell '19, Nathan Blowers '13, Douglas Curella Jr. '23, Michael Fontaine '03, Julia Garver '10,
Bill Hayes '08, Dan Ireland '06, Chad Klotzbach '21, Esther Leadley '14, Renee Nesbeth '14, Jane Schmieder '10,
Jeffrey Townsend '14, Nathan Varland '20, Jennifer Wakefield '22**

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Levi Olsen
Albion
Director of Building and Grounds
Genesee Community College/College Village

Youth Group Leader/Teach, East Shelby Community Bible Church



Kathleen A. Riggs-Allen
Batavia
Farm Manager & Managing Partner
Porter Farms, LLC

Member, Elba Central School Agriculture Advisory Committee



Gail Tenney
Batavia
Owner
Lizzie's Ice Cream Camper

Committee Member, Batavia Business Improvement District



Barbara O'Rourke
Niagara Falls
Director of Sales
Batavia Downs Gaming and Hotel

Board Member, Genesee County Chamber of Commerce



Kyle Sentiff
Medina
Tax Manager
Freed Maxick CPAs, P.C.

Member, AICPA; Member, NYSSCPA; Session Member, Lyndonville Presbyterian Church



Terry R. Thompson
Basom
Assistant Chief/ A- EMT
Mercy Flight, Mercy EMS
Sponsor: Alabama Fire Department

EMS Captain, Alabama Fire Department; Member, Genesee County Fair Board; Member, Genesee Country Church



Jessica Patnode
Basom
Director of Nursing
Rochester Regional Health/United Memorial Medical Center

Board Member, UMMC Foundation



Melissa J. Stein
Batavia
Learning and Development/ELearning Developer
Tompkins Financial Corporation
Foster, Buddy's Second Chance Rescue



Laurie Watson
Oakfield
Specialist, Aging Services
Genesee County Office for the Aging

Volunteer, Alzheimer's Association



Chelsea Peyman
Batavia
Confidential Secretary
Genesee County Department of Social Services



Staci L. Williams
Oakfield
Director of Grant Writing & Administration
Genesee Community College

Member, Human Services Advisory Board

2023 Outstanding Alumnus Award Recipient

Holly A. Sharpe
LG Class of 2004
Owner, Sharpe Training, LLC



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2023 Supporters & Educational Partners

Adam Miller Toy and Bicycle Shop	Justice for Children Advocacy Center
Alex's Place/ Eli Fish/ Buffalo Brothers	Karen Tumminello '03
Alleghany Services	Ken Barrett Chevrolet-Cadillac
Applied Business Systems	Lamb Farms, Inc
Arc GLOW	Lance, Soll, & Lunghard CPAs
Arts Council of Wyoming County	Laurie Pfaff '09
Batavia Downs Gaming & Hotel	Lawley Genesee, LLC
Batavia Muckdogs	LG Classes of 2002, 2006, 2007, 2009, 2012, 2018, 2019 & 2020
Batavia Players, Inc.	Liberty Pumps, Inc.
Batavia Tailors & Cleaners	Licata Chiropractic & Wellness Center
Batavia Turf	Linwood Management Group, LLC
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Big O Farms	Love Beets LLC
Bivona Child Advocacy Center	MASSive Testing and Balancing, LLC
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Charles Men's Shop	National Grid
City of Batavia	NYS Assembly 139th District
City of Batavia Police Department	NYS School for the Blind
Clark Patterson Lee	Pat Carr '22
Community Action	Peggy Marone '02
Cornell Cooperative Extension Genesee County	Penny Kennett '22
Council Rock Wealth Advisory Group	Philly's Barbershop
Craft Cannery	Porter Farms
Crossroads House	Pub Coffee Hub
CY Farms, LLC	Purple Pony
David McCarthy Memorial Ice Arena	Roman's
Defiant Monkey	RRH United Memorial Medical Center
Devi Bollywood Performing Arts	Sandy Wojtaszczyk '15
Donna Saskowski '05	Scotts Miracle-Gro
Doug Curella Jr. '23	Senator George Borrello
Eagle Star Housing & at Liberty Square	Sharpe Training, LLC
Eden Café	Shell's Post
Empire Hemp Co. LLC	Six Flags Darien Lake
Fenton's Produce, LLC	SmartDESIGN Architecture
Five Star Bank	St. Joseph Regional School
Freed Maxick CPA's, P.C.	Stan's Harley Davidson
Gavin Townsend '20, Hunt Real Estate ERA	Stein Farms, LLC
Genesee & Orleans County Health Departments	Student Transportation of America
Genesee Community College	Sue Zelif '22
Genesee County	Sweet Betty's
Department of Social Services, Emergency Management	Terry Abrams '07, History Center of Niagara County
Services, Facilities, Parks, Recreation and Forestry, High	Terry Hills Golf Course & Banquet Facility
way, Mental Health, Office for the Aging, Sheriff's	the ART of Mandy
Departments	The Firing Pin
Genesee County Chamber of Commerce	The Salvation Army
Genesee County Economic Development Center	Tim Horton's
Genesee County Farm Bureau	Tompkins Community Bank
Genesee County YMCA	Tonawanda Valley Federal Credit Union
Genesee Orleans Health Dept - LG Alumni	Toshiba Business Solutions
Genesee Orleans Wyoming Opioid Task Force	Town of Batavia Fire Department
Genesee Patrons Cooperative Insurance	Tracy Ford '18
Genesee-Orleans Regional Arts Council, GO-Art!	T-Shirts, Etc
Gillam-Grant Community Center	UConnectCare Behavioral Health Services
GLOW YMCA, Inc.	Village Physical Therapy & Village Fitness
GV BOCES	Vivify Hydration Lounge + Medispa
Holland Purchase Historical Society	Warrior House of WNY
HP Hood	Wegman's
Human Energies	Western New York Tech Academy
Hunt Real Estate EPA	Wise Snacks
Independent Living of the Genesee Region	Wright Beverage Distributing
Jell-O Gallery/Historic LeRoy House	