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T.A.C.L. ANNOUNCES LEADERSHIP FOR 2025

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The Tennessee Association of Community Leadership (TACL) recently elected their Officers and Board members for 2025 at their Annual Conference & Membership Meeting in Cookeville. TACL serves as a resource to help build, support, and enhance community leadership development in counties across the state.

Elected to serve as our 2025 Officers are: Chair: **Kathy Parks**, Youth Leadership Roane County (East TN); Vice Chair; **Deann Bradford**, L'Evate Leadership (Middle TN); Secretary: **Kara Williams**, Leadership Maury County (Middle TN); Treasurer: **Virginia Grimes**, Retired -WestStar Leadership (West TN); and Immediate Past Chair: **Mark Hutchins**, Board Member, IMPACT Leadership (Middle TN).

"I am honored to serve as the 2025 TACL Chair," said **Kathy Parks**. "This amazing organization serves to help foster successful leadership development across the state, and I will do my best to enhance its impact on leaders in Tennessee." Parks currently serves as the volunteer leader of Youth Leadership Roane County, working with students from all across the county.

Working with our officers are the returning Board Members: **Stephanie Brackman**, Leadership Rutherford (Middle TN); **Trish Bouldin**, Youth Leadership Lincoln (Middle TN); **Karyn Clark**, Leadership Claiborne (East TN); **Brandy Gentry**, Monroe County Leadership (East TN); **Courtney Hutcheson**, Youth Leadership Knoxville (East TN); **Lauren Saliba**, Leadership Jackson (West TN).

New Board members include: **Michelle Adkisson**, Board Member of Leadership Morgan County. (East TN); **Kristina Anderson**, Leadership Henderson County (West TN), **Katy Riddle**, Leadership Coffee County (E and W TN); and **Jennifer Smiley**, WestStar Leadership (West TN).

Serving in an Ex-Officio position are: **Susan Carlisle**, MMAS, CPA (Middle TN) – Newsletter Design – (Middle TN); **Martin Jelinek**, Leadership Jackson & WestStar Alumnus (West TN) – Webmaster; **Jack Matthis**, Board Member of Leadership Jackson / WestStar (West TN) – Accountant/Auditor; **Robert (Bob) Smith**, WestStar (Middle TN) – Advisor; and **Cary Vaughn**, Board Member of Leadership Millington & WestStar (West TN) – Fundraising.

A total of 93 leadership programs, and 31 individuals across the state make up the membership for the association. These members include adult, youth, and senior community leadership programs, as well as alumni and alumni associations, businesses, and universities representing communities across the state of Tennessee. Our future goal is to have every community leadership program working with us, as members, to advance leadership development across the state. We appreciate our two corporate sponsors as well, **ATA**, **CPA's** and **Cary Vaughn**, who allow us to expand program funding and conference scholarships for leadership programs.

"Our mission is to be a resource for the growth and development of existing, as well as new community leadership programs across the state," said **Judy Renshaw**, Executive Director. "We are excited that our fall 2025 Annual Leadership Conference will be in Monroe County, Tennessee next October. The Conference is just one of the great opportunities we provide for networking, growth, sharing of ideas, and recognition of the great job being done in each of our counties across the state by leadership development programs.....creating leaders to lead our communities and our state now and in the future."

TACL also wants to recognize the contribution of Board members retiring at the end of 2024: **Brittany Bowers**, Board Member, IMPACT Leadership (Middle TN); **Lisa Collett**, Youth Leadership Morgan County (East TN); **Amy Goode**, formerly with Leadership Tennessee; (Middle TN); **Armand Hebert**, Hebert Consulting (West TN); **Tasha Holmes**, Leadership Collierville (West TN); and **Delaney Timberman**, Leadership Hardin County (West TN).

If you are not a member and want more information about benefits and how to get involved, contact Judy Renshaw, Executive Director, TACLResources@gmail.com or visit our website, www.leadershiptennessee.com.

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