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ANNOUNCING JEFFERSON LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE CLASS OF 2023

Watertown, NY – The Greater Watertown-North Country Chamber of Commerce is proud to welcome 20 new students to the respected Jefferson Leadership Institute (JLI), Class of 2023.

After two long years, Jefferson County's leadership development program is back! The curriculum enables participants to develop their leadership capabilities, build strong relationships and encourages involvement in local boards to generate positive change in the community. Students will explore Jefferson County like never before while practicing valuable professional skills.

This year's participants of emerging leaders from many different industries include:

Lauren Eggleston	Save the River
Megan Badour	Children's Home of Jefferson County
Corinne Barber	Planned Parenthood
Jordana Beum	New York Air Brake
Patrick Calli	Samaritan Health System
Marisa Clark	Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C.
Kraig Everard	Northern New York Community Foundation
Cathy Fahsel	PAIO – U.S. Army Garrison
Meredith Griffin	City of Watertown
Delaney Keppner	WWTI ABC50 / The North Country's CW
Sarah Millard	Neighbors of Watertown
Michael Myers	Taste NY / Cornell Cooperative Extension of Jefferson County
Mark Prasuhn	WPBS-TV
Alexander Scheg	Watertown Family YMCA
Melissa Shova	Children's Home of Jefferson County
Molly Smith	Community Action Planning Council of Jefferson County
Sabrina Starr	The JRC Foundation
Elizabeth Testani	Samaritan Health System
Matthew Tucker	Greater Watertown-North Country Chamber of Commerce
Eric Tupper	AmeriCu

Congratulations to all students - Welcome to JLI!

The annual Kick-Off Dinner & Presentation welcomes all JLI alumni, current students and their families as well as colleagues and program industry guides. Join the new class on September 23, 2022 at 6pm at Bonnie Castle Resort & Marina. Tickets are available for the event on the chamber website www.watertownny.com or call 315-788-4400. JLI Alumni enjoy a special discounted rate!

The Jefferson Leadership Institute is a leadership development program established in 1991 by local business and community leaders dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Jefferson County. Each year, participants are immersed in community issues through twelve full day sessions from September – June, plus the overnight leadership retreat to kick-off the program.

The program is grateful to have the long-standing support of the Community Foundation and is pleased to honor the legacy of Maxine Quigg by awarding Lauren Eggleston of Save the River with a full tuition scholarship through the Maxine Quigg Women in Business Fund of the Northern New York Community Foundation. The Maxine Quigg Women in Business Fund supports the advancement, development, and betterment of women who are beginning or growing a business in Northern New York. In so doing, women may be better positioned and equipped to realize their full potential for themselves, their families, and their community.

New for the Class of 2023, the class will be facilitated by Devan Robinson, Professional Life Coach and founder of Developing with Devan. Participants will explore core mission development, goal setting and planning, self-discovery, self-awareness, finding and using your strengths and more. Participants will also learn key attributes of a productive board member, explore board involvement opportunities and are strongly encouraged to join a local board of directors upon completion of the course.

The Jefferson Leadership Institute Program is proudly sponsored by Samaritan Health Center and Barton & Loguidice, D.P.C. Registration for the retreat Kick-Off Dinner due September 20, 2022; tickets available at <https://bit.ly/3TCR03V>. For more information, call 315-788-4400 or email kayla@watertownny.com.

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