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## **KHA Leadership Institute Graduates 30**

(Topeka, KS – Sept. 13, 2018) – The KHA Leadership Institute graduated its 17th class of 30 students on Sept. 6 at the KHA Annual Convention and Trade Show in Overland Park, Kansas. Students were nominated by their hospital's CEO to be part of this select group. They represent the future leaders of Kansas hospitals.

Helping to build future health care leaders is important to the Kansas Hospital Association. “We are committed to strengthening and promoting the leadership capacity of hospital employees in Kansas,” said Tom Bell, president and CEO, Kansas Hospital Association. The KHA Leadership Institute was established to help hospitals provide professional development opportunities that accentuate the personal skills and abilities needed to facilitate positive change and innovation in Kansas hospitals.

The 2018 Leadership Institute class was diverse. They represented a wide geographic distribution of hospitals from Hays to Leavenworth and Girard to Liberal – there was representation from all parts of the state. Students had been working in health care for as little as one year to more than 20 years. Several students have been in management positions while others were new managers. Some students also supervisor other staff, from a few to more than 50 employees.

It is important to note that the students nominated to participate in this program were not selected because they needed to learn "management skills". They were nominated because their CEO recognized their potential to be future leaders and wanted to help cultivate that development. Each one of these students made a personal and professional commitment to expand their skills by attending all six courses of the Leadership Institute.

The curriculum was structured to enhance each student's leadership abilities. Course #1 focused on explaining the difference between leadership and management, identifying organizational values and creating a positive organizational climate. Course #2 focused on enhancing communication skills and examining ethics. Course #3 examined conflict and how to effectively manage it. Course # 4 focused on team building - including how to lead a team and how to be part of a team. Courses #5 and #6 were at the KHA Annual Convention and Trade Show. Students learned about the challenges facing health care in the future.

**KHA Leadership Institute      Class of 2018      (photo attached)**

Ashlea Alloway, Labette Health, Parsons  
Cathleen Bulot, MS, RHIA, Southwest Medical Center, Liberal  
Vicki A. Carson, Scott County Hospital, Scott City  
Billie Clements, Sabetha Family Practice, Sabetha  
Nicole Davies, Geary Community Hospital, Junction City  
Schamra Detherage, HaysMed, Hays  
Peni Ens, RN, St. Luke Hospital and Living Center, Marion  
Alisha Herrmann, Edwards County Medical Center, Kinsley  
Kristin, Higbee RN, Republic County Hospital, Belleville  
Kathleen Howard RN, ADN, Fredonia Regional Hospital Fredonia  
Sheila Hoyt, Susan B. Allen Memorial Hospital, El Dorado  
Jerri Jerome, Hospital District #1 of Rice County, Lyons  
Traci Jurgensen, Memorial Health System, Abilene  
Katie Kettler, RN, Hiawatha Community Hospital, Hiawatha  
Lisa Moore, CPTA, Holton Community Hospital, Holton  
Kevin Myers, Wilson Medical Center, Neodesha  
Kari Newberry, Saint Luke's Cushing Hospital, Leavenworth  
Molly Osborn, RN, Kingman Community Hospital, Kingman  
Julie Powell, Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Lawrence  
Jill Robinson, RN, ADN, Bob Wilson Memorial Grant County Hospital, Ulysses  
Justin Seeman, PVMA, Pawnee Valley Community Hospital, Larned  
Samantha Severt, Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center, Chanute  
Stephanie Smith, Anderson County Hospital, Garnett  
April Smithson, Via Christi Hospital, Manhattan  
John A. Spielman, Newton Medical Center, Newton  
Jo Starkey, St. Catherine Hospital, Garden City  
Annette Suppes, Salina Regional Health Center, Salina  
Jody Terrill, RN, Girard Medical Center, Girard  
Regan Weber, AND, RN, Hodgeman County Health Center, Jetmore  
Jennifer Whipple, RN, Lane County Hospital, Dighton

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 223 member facilities, of which 124 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA's vision is: "Optimal Health for Kansans."

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