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KHA Leadership Institute Graduates 30

(Topeka, KS – Sept. 25, 2023) – The Kansas Hospital Association Leadership Institute graduated its 21st class of 30 students on Sept. 7, at the KHA Annual Convention and Trade Show in Wichita, 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 Chad Austin, 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 2023 Leadership Institute class was diverse. They represented a wide geographic distribution of Kansas hospitals from St. Francis to Dighton and Pittsburg to Leavenworth – there was representation from all parts of the state. Students had experience in health care from as little as a year to more than 20 years. Several students have been in management positions, while others were new managers. Some students also supervise other staff, from a few to more than 50 employees.

It is important to note 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 grassroots advocacy. Course #3 focused on team building - including how to lead a team and how to be part of a team and Course # 4 examined conflict and conflict management. Courses #5 was at the KHA Annual Convention and Trade Show. Students learned about the challenges facing health care.

KHA Leadership Institute Class of 2023 *(photo attached)*

Hunter Bell, HaysMed, Hays
John Clarke, Ness County Hospital District #2, Ness City
Justin (JB) Crane, Patterson Health Center, Anthony
Amy Depperschmidt, Rush County Memorial Hospital, La Crosse
Anderson Dugazon, Salina Surgical Hospital, Salina
Abby Emigh, Decatur Health, Oberlin
Cindy Flentie, Community HealthCare System, Inc., Onaga
Heather Glassman, Logan County Health Services, Oakley
Mark Green, Pratt Regional Medical Center, Pratt
Charles Griffith, Smith County Memorial Hospital, Smith Center
Leonard Herrman, Pawnee Valley Community Hospital, Larned
Misty Hett, St. Luke Hospital and Living Center, Marion
Beth Horseman, Saint John Hospital Urgent Care Clinic, Leavenworth
Dana Kohake, Nemaha Valley Community Hospital, Seneca
Kale Kuhlmann, Lindsborg Community Hospital, Lindsborg
Macy Liebl, Clara Barton Medical Center, Hoisington
Brooke Lohr, Cheyenne County Hospital, Saint Francis
Sami Long, Labette Health, Parsons
Cassie Look, Hospital District #1 of Rice County, Lyons
Jana Mott, Kiowa District Healthcare, Kiowa
Kaitlynn (Katie) Petrik, Phillips County Health Systems, Phillipsburg
Rebecca Popp, The University of Kansas Health System Great Bend Campus, Great Bend
Kim Reed, Amberwell Hiawatha, Hiawatha
Richard Reissig, Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center, Chanute
Karysa Reyer, Memorial Health System, Abilene
Kristi Roush, Holton Community Hospital, Holton
Rosalie Serrano, NMC Health, Newton
Tessa Sheik, Sabetha Community Hospital, Sabetha
Kelsey Taylor, Lane County Hospital, Dighton
Jessi Walker, Ottawa County Health Center, Minneapolis

The Kansas Hospital Association is a voluntary, non-profit organization existing to be the leading advocate and resource for members. KHA membership includes 239 member facilities, of which 123 are full-service, community hospitals. Founded in 1910, KHA's vision is: "Optimal Health for Kansans."

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