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Young Leadership Council to host the 27th Annual Role Model Gala
25 New Orleanians will be honored for their service to the community

NEW ORLEANS (July 16, 2013) – Today, Young Leadership Council (YLC), a non-profit civic organization that develops leadership skills through community projects, announced that it will hold the 27th Annual YLC Role Model Gala on Saturday, August 10, 2013, at the Hyatt Regency New Orleans Hotel. The Gala honors the 25 members of the community selected for the 2013 Role Model class.

Members of the 2013 Role Model class include **Charlotte A. Bollinger**, Bollinger Shipyards, Inc.; **Marsha A. Boudy**, New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival and Foundation Inc.; **Nannette Jolivette Brown**, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana; **John M. Duck**, Adams and Reese LLP; **Ben Hales**, New Orleans Saints and New Orleans Pelicans; **Juli Miller Hart**, Projects With Purpose; **Paul Hoolahan**, Sugar Bowl; **Janet R. Howard**, Bureau of Governmental Research; **Gary LaGrange**, Port of New Orleans; **John Landrum**, Intralox LLC; **Patricia LeBlanc**, LeBlanc Butler LLC; **Marty Mayer**, Stirling Properties; **Peggy Mendoza**, City Year New Orleans; **Virginia Miller**, Beurman Miller Fitzgerald; **Kenneth Polite**, Liskow & Lewis; **Ann Rabin**, Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans; **Dorothy “Dottie” Reese**, DMM & Associates, LLC; **Stephen Romig**, LaPorte CPAs & Business Advisors; **Stephen Rosenthal**, Strategic Comp; **G. Albert Ruesga, PhD**, Greater New Orleans Foundation; **Yaye Sarr, D.D.S.**, Smiles To Geaux; **Chris Schultz**, Launch Pad & Flatstack; **Pamela Senatore**, Costco Wholesale & Generation Louisiana LLC; **Ann Tuennerman**, Tales of the Cocktail; and **Warner Williams**, Chevron.

Every year, a committee composed of members of the YLC Board of Directors and Role Models from previous years selects 25 members of the New Orleans community who serve as outstanding examples for the young talent that YLC represents. Honorees distinguish themselves by promoting a positive attitude and an unyielding desire to enhance the quality of life in the New Orleans region, striving to unite the community in collaborative efforts for its future prosperity, serving as exemplary role models to young talent, and making significant contributions in their specific fields of endeavor.

“For over 26 years, we have identified leaders in our community who represent the qualities that YLC works hard to promote in our members. This year’s honorees are no exception,” said Richard Pavlick, 2013 YLC Board President. “We are excited to honor this group of outstanding individuals at next month’s Role Model Awards Gala.”

YLC Member Serina Phoenix serves as the 2013 Gala Chair for the 27th Annual YLC Role Model Gala. Individual tickets and sponsorships are available for purchase at <http://ylcnola.org/donate/gala/>. On the night of the Role Model Gala, the patron party begins at 6:00 p.m., and the Gala itself starts at 7:00 p.m.

For more information about becoming a sponsor or to purchase tickets to the 27th Annual YLC Role Model Gala, please contact Juliana Wilkins at juliana@ylcnola.org. For more information on YLC and to view a list of previous Role Models, please visit www.ylcnola.org.

The Young Leadership Council is a non-profit, non-partisan civic organization created to develop leadership through community projects. Through volunteer-created community projects, the YLC recruits and retains young professionals to New Orleans, creating a positive impact on the quality of life in the region. The oldest, independent YPO (young professionals' organization) in the country, the YLC has raised more than \$25 million to support community projects in and around the New Orleans area since 1986.

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