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## **Young Leadership Council Honors Volunteers for Community Service** *Eleven volunteers recognized at YLC's First Annual Volunteer Awards Celebration*

**NEW ORLEANS** – Young Leadership Council (YLC) announced today that it honored nine volunteers at its 2013 Volunteer Awards Celebration, sponsored by Baldwin Haspel Burke & Mayer, LLC. The event was held yesterday evening at the National WWII Museum's Louisiana Memorial Pavilion.

The event honored YLC members and celebrated the 15,000 hours of community service that YLC volunteers have given to the community in 2013. Attendees enjoyed cocktails, food prepared by The American Sector, and music from the George Wilde Trio. New Orleans Mayor Mitch Landrieu delivered opening remarks to the audience.

"It's because of individuals like our YLC volunteers—and the work they do—that New Orleans has a new confidence and a renewed commitment to excellence," said Richard Pavlick, 2013 YLC Board President. "We thank all of our volunteers for their passion and commitment to the New Orleans community."

Awards were given in the following categories: Board Member of the Year, Project of the Year, Project Leader of the Year, Member of the Year, and YLC Rising Mark.

Dan Jatres received the 2013 Board Member of the Year, which recognizes a Board Member who has contributed to the growth of YLC and who is committed to the development of YLC's membership.

College Admissions Project (CAP) received 2013 Project of the Year, which recognizes a project that demonstrates exemplary skill, creativity and resourcefulness in preparation, program delivery and evaluation of a specific YLC project or initiative. CAP Project Leaders Lindsey Jakiel, Camille Coniglio, September Hargrove, and W. Chandler LeBoeuf accepted the award.

For her leadership of YLC Recycles, Katie VanDeventer was honored as 2013 Project Leader of the Year, which recognizes a Project Leader who has shown significant involvement and outstanding initiative in leading his or her project.

Eric Kugler received 2013 Member of the Year, which recognizes the YLC member who has the largest number of service hours for the year. Kugler has logged more than 1,100 service hours in 2013 through his work with YLC Kicks which provides accessible soccer programming throughout New Orleans.

Vickie Voelker Bristol, Jacob Evans, Megan Holt, and Serina Phoenix were each presented with the YLC Rising Mark Award, which recognizes YLC members who have exhibited great potential through committee or project involvement and show strong promise for leadership in YLC.

YLC currently manages nine community projects ranging from arts and culture to youth recreation. Each project is led by a team of YLC members who volunteer their time to oversee the project's planning and execution. YLC membership is open to anyone who is interested, and the organization currently has 1,300 members on its roster.

For more information on YLC, please visit our website at [www.ylcnola.org](http://www.ylcnola.org).

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*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.*