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**\*\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\*\***

*YLC Role Model Gala Now Accepting Nominations for Role Models*

*New Orleans, LA:* The Young Leadership Council invites the New Orleans community to nominate leaders and innovators to be honored as part of its annual Role Model Gala. The 26th Annual YLC Role Model Gala will take place August 11, 2012.

Each year the YLC selects 25 individuals who have distinguished themselves by actively exhibiting the following characteristics:

- Promoting a positive attitude and exhibiting a desire to enhance the quality of life in our community,
- Providing effective and vigorous leadership,
- Working to unite our community in collaborative efforts for its future prosperity,
- Contributing leadership and modeling success in their specific fields of endeavor, and
- Serving as an exemplary role model to young professionals.

The public is invited to submit nominations through Friday, February 17, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. Candidates must live in the metro area (Northshore to River Parishes) and cannot currently hold public office. The YLC honors candidates only once in their lifetime. A list of previous Role Models can be accessed on our website [here](#).

To nominate someone to be a 2011 Role Model through the electronic submission process, please complete and submit the nomination form at the link below:

[2012 Role Model Nomination Form](#)

If you have any questions about the nomination process, please contact Juliana Wilkins at juliana@youngleadershipcouncil.org, (504) 585-1511 ext. 201.

*The YLC Role Model Gala serves as a fundraiser of the Young Leadership Council. 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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