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**YLC Announces 2010 Role Model Class**  
*Tickets for 24<sup>th</sup> Annual Role Model Gala on Sale Now*

New Orleans, LA- April 15, 2010 – The Young Leadership Council (YLC) has selected its 2010 Role Model Class, which will be honored at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual YLC Role Model Gala on Saturday evening, August 21, 2010.

The YLC has maintained its tradition of highlighting 25 members of the community each year since its inception. Role Models are selected by a committee comprised of past Role Models and members of the YLC's Board of Directors

Honorees are chosen based on how they have: promoted a positive attitude and an unyielding desire to enhance the quality of life in our community; strived to unite our community in collaborative efforts for its future prosperity; served as an exemplary role model to young talent in the community; taken an effective and vigorous leadership role in the community; and/or made significant contributions in their specific fields of endeavor.

Tickets and table sponsorships for the YLC Role Model Awards Gala are on sale now and can be purchased by calling the YLC office at 504-585-1500. Full details on pricing are found online at [www.youngleadershipcouncil.org](http://www.youngleadershipcouncil.org).

*The Young Leadership Council is a non-profit, non-partisan civic organization created to develop leadership through community projects. All proceeds from this annual event fund a multitude of projects created, planned and executed by YLC member-volunteers who are working to improve the quality of life in metro New Orleans.*

The 2010 Role Model Class is listed below.

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## **2010 Role Model Class**

Rhonda Aluise – KIPP Schools

John D. Becker – Companies of Becker and Suffern

John Blancher – Rock N Bowl

Phyllis Cassidy – Good Work Network

Randall Feldman – Greater New Orleans Educational Television Foundation/WYES-TV

Martin Gutierrez – Neighborhood/Community Services/Catholic Charities

Stephen W. Hales, M.D. – Hales Pediatrics

Michael Hecht – GNO, Inc.

Susan Read Johnson – Civic Activist

James R. Kelly – Catholic Charities

Dennis Lauscha – New Orleans Saints

James P. McNamara – Greater New Orleans BioScience Economic Development District

Beverly R. Nichols – Bourgeois Bennett, L.L.C.

Kendall J. Petri – Lagniappe Academies of New Orleans

Wendell Pierce – Actor

Nolan Rollins – Urban League of New Orleans

Timolynn Sams – Neighborhood Partnership Network

Laverne Saulny – Office of U.S. Senator Mary Landrieu

Sally Shushan – U.S. Magistrate Judge

Helen Siegel – Corporate Realty

Robert C. Tannen & Jeanne Nathan – Creative Industries

Cecile Watters Tebo – NOPD Crisis Unit

Lizette Terral – JP Morgan Chase

Gordon R. Wadge – Catholic Charities

Barbara Turner Windhorst – Civic Activist