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Young Leadership Council Announces 2011 Role Models

25th Anniversary YLC Role Model Gala Will Honor 25 Outstanding Members of the Community

New Orleans, LA (April 18, 2011) – Young Leadership Council (YLC), a non-profit civic organization that develops leadership skills through community projects, proudly announced today the 25 members selected for the 2011 Role Model class. The YLC will honor each Role Model at the 25th Anniversary YLC Role Model Gala on August 13, 2011 at the Sheraton Hotel in New Orleans. The patron party starts at 6:00 p.m. and the gala starts at 7:00 p.m.

Members of the 2011 Role Model class include **Todd Anthony Battiste**, United Way for the Greater New Orleans Area; **Rita Benson LeBlanc**, New Orleans Saints; **Thomas Beron**, McMoRan Oil & Gas, LLC; **Katherine Andry Crosby**, Fidelity Homestead Savings Bank; **Philip F. Cossich, Jr.**, Cossich, Sumich, Parsiola & Taylor; **Angela Daliet**, Playworks NOLA; **Roy A. Glapion P.E.**, Professional Service Industries; **Jim Henderson**, WWL-TV; **Natalie Jayroe**, Second Harvest Food Bank Greater New Orleans and Acadiana; **Steve Milligan**, Dow Chemical Company; **R. Ranney Mize, Ph.D**, LSU Health Sciences Center; **H.V. Nagendra**, Blich Knevel Architects; **Rickie Nutik**, Young Audiences of Louisiana; **Phyllis L. Peoples**, Terrebonne General Medical Center; **Rachel Piercey**, The Pro Bono Project; **Patricia Riddlebarger**, Entergy Corporation; **Howard L. Rodgers, III**, New Orleans Council on Aging; **Mary Beth Romig**, Office of the Mayor, City of New Orleans; **Karla Z. Sikaffy, M.Ed**, Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans/Sikaffy Consulting; **Lois Simpson**, Advocacy Center; **Carol A. Solomon**, People's Health; **M. Gordon Stevens, III**, New Orleans Steamboat Company; **Derrick Tabb**, Roots of Music; **Connie Uddo**, St. Paul's Homecoming Center/Hike for KaTREEena; and **Gina Warner, J.D.**, Partnership for Youth Development.

Every year, members of the YLC's Board of Directors and past Role Models select 25 members of the New Orleans community who provide outstanding examples for the young talent that the YLC represents. Honorees distinguish themselves by promoting a positive attitude and an unyielding desire to enhance the quality of life in the New Orleans community, striving to unite the community in collaborative efforts for its future prosperity, serving as an exemplary role model to young talent and/or making significant contributions in their specific fields of endeavor.

"The YLC has maintained its tradition of highlighting 25 members of the community each year for the past 24 years," said Aimee Willem, 25th Anniversary YLC Role Model Gala chair. "This year marks the YLC's 25th anniversary and the 25th class of Role Models. We have once again selected an outstanding group of New Orleans citizens who embody business and civic leadership skills."

Dana Hansel is the honorary chair for the 25th Anniversary YLC Role Mole Gala . General admission tickets are \$175 per person. Four sponsorship levels are available ranging from \$1,500 to \$10,000 per table with the three highest levels including entry into the patron party.

For more information about becoming a sponsor or to purchase tickets to the 25th Anniversary YLC Role

Model Gala, please contact the YLC at (504) 585-1500. For more information on the YLC and to view a list of previous Role Models, please visit www.youngleadershipcouncil.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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