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Dear Leadership Detroit Class XLIII,

I am tremendously honored and excited to take the helm of Leadership Detroit and guide this 43rd class of outstanding individuals through this year's program.

Since the late 1970s, the Detroit Regional Chamber's Leadership Detroit program has set the standard for excellence in leadership through a steadfast commitment to challenge long-held assumptions, embrace multiple perspectives, and connect leaders with their passions. Emphasizing self-awareness and the key issues that affect our region, we set out to strengthen relationships among diverse leaders to bring about positive change in the community.

As you embark upon this journey, I urge you to lean in and take full advantage of the experience. Challenge yourself to remain open to the plethora of ideas and perspectives offered by your classmates and presenters. Take the personal time to reflect on the experiences that have shaped your leadership as we move through the year. Be intentional about investing in your own leadership potential and be ready to stretch yourself to take on new opportunities and challenges.

Through carefully curated sessions and experiences throughout the year, your class will have an opportunity to better connect with and understand each other, engage with key regional leaders across multiple sectors, and enhance your intangible skills that will help you and your classmates shape this region's future through positions of leadership.

Yours in leadership,

Devon O'Reilly Senior Director, Community Engagement and Leadership Development Detroit Regional Chamber

Leadership Detroit delivered on its promise of being a transformational leadership development program. I have expanded my knowledge of the key issues that affect the Metro Detroit region while interacting with a cohort full of energy, inspiration, and business acumen. I left the program with a heightened sense of awareness and new tools to succeed as a business leader.

Adelaide Pascaris Senior Manager, Area Government and Community Affairs, ITC Class XL



Leadership Detroit provided me the opportunity to see different perspectives, push the boundaries of understanding, and learn from incredible people. The passion that was demonstrated by individuals in the class provides hope that there is a strong desire to make an impact in Detroit and the state. I look forward to continuing the work we started.

> Ginna Holmes Executive Director, Michigan Community Service Commission Class XLI

I came into this program curious and open-minded, but I left the program as a better version of myself. We laughed, cried, challenged each other, and **united**, **leveraging the power of strong relationships and motivation to make our region even stronger**.

Jeff Smith Vice President, Information Services, Priority Health Class XLII