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**2009 LEADERSHIP RAPID CITY CLASS SELECTED**

Rapid City, SD – (8/6/09) The Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the 2009 Leadership Rapid City Class. Candidates represent a broad variety of occupations ranging from engineers and marketers to police officers and nurses. This twelve-week program meets every Thursday, beginning September 10, 2009.

The 2009 Leadership Rapid City Class includes: Larry Adams, Western Dakota Insurors; Rory Adams, United States Air Force; Leah Baltzer, Casey Peterson & Associates; Amy Beaumont, Black Hills Federal Credit Union; Codie Broome, Savage Tan; Bob Dewald, Pioneer Bank & Trust; Carson Engelskirger, Black Hills Forest Resource Association; Ericka George, Ketel Thorstenson; Mandy Hertel, Black Hills Workshop; Julie Jones, Rapid City Conventions & Visitors Bureau; Jason Ketchum, Black Hills Corporation; Gwenn Markham, Black Hills Energy; Amy Neeves, 28 Bomb Wing; Derek Nelson, Blickensderfer Chiropractic, PC; Michael Oster, South Dakota National Guard; Stacia Peters, Casey Peterson & Associates; Jayme Scherr, Black Hills Health and Wellness; Jerry Schmidt, Black Hills Federal Credit Union; Sue Shirley, SDSM&T; Heather Smith, Rapid City Regional Hospital; Kathleen Staton, Black Hills Workshop; Corrie Stephens, Great Western Bank.

Leadership Rapid City, (LRC), is an excellent way to gain a better understanding of the Rapid City community by providing opportunities for class members to build leadership skills, network with community leaders, and learn more about important issues and challenges facing Rapid City and the State of South Dakota. LRC students are exposed to the community's infrastructure, resources, people, problems, and decision-makers.

LRC seeks applicants who are interested in learning more about the Rapid City community and attaining leadership goals. The LRC application requests information about education, professional activities, accomplishments, future goals, and community involvement. A Selection Committee, made up of LRC graduates, uses these factors to select students, making the selection process highly competitive. If you are interested in applying for LRC in the future, the application deadline is June 30 of every year. For more information contact the Rapid City Area Chamber of Commerce at 605.343.1744 or visit the Chamber's website at [www.rapidcitychamber.com](http://www.rapidcitychamber.com).

Congratulations to each of the new LRC class members!

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