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## **LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE ANNOUNCES CLASS OF 2016 AND NONPROFIT PARTNER**

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**BANGOR** – The Bangor Region Leadership Institute (BRLI), an intensive, regionally-oriented leadership development program, is pleased to announce the members of the Class of 2016.

This year's participants will be Kathleen Adams, Downeast Toyota Scion; Autumn Allen, Maine Discovery Museum, Caitlyn Benn, Machias Savings Bank; Stefani Berkey, The Advertising Specialists of Maine; Taylor Black, Camden National Bank; Monique Bouchard, RainStorm Consulting, Inc.; Sherri Clark, City of Bangor, Community Connector; Larry Clifford, Penobscot Community Health Care; Clare Davitt, Bangor Public Library; Valarie Flanders, USDA, Rural Development; Stacy Green, Eastern Maine Community College; Kathleen Harding-Heber, Husson University; Jason Harkins, University of Maine; Sarah Hesseltine, Emera Maine; Kate Hills, ERA Dawson-Bradford; Bracy Hood, N.H. Bragg; Patrick Lemieux, American Heart Association; Charles Lever, Bangor Housing; Justina Miles, Penobscot Veterinary Services; Nicole Morgan, Bangor Savings Bank; Rebecca Parent, Eastern Maine Healthcare Systems; Katie-Ruth Perry, BerryDunn; Katie Petersen, Eastern Maine Medical Center; Nathan Strout, S.W. Cole Engineering, Inc.; Shelley Sund, Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce; Lawrence Whittemore, Lighthouse Web Solutions.

“As always, we are delighted with the quality of the applications we received,” said Ed Troscianiec, BRLI chair. “Each class adds to BRLI’s growing network of accomplished professionals, who are making a difference in the Bangor area.”

BRLI is held every fall through spring in nine separate, day-long sessions, each of which takes place at a different location in the Bangor region based on the day's theme. The curriculum includes a dynamic array of presenters chosen based on expertise, leadership capacity, community commitment, and communication skills. BRLI is designed to give potential and emerging leaders the skills, knowledge and on-going support they need to succeed in the greater Bangor community.

Each class also works closely with a local nonprofit to further develop the leadership skills fundamental to the BRLI experience. The nonprofit selected for this year's partnership with the class is Fields4Kids. Fields4Kids is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) serving the Greater Bangor community whose mission is to provide a safe and healthy environment for all ages to stay active year-round.

The organization offers programs in a variety of sports and activities including baseball, dodgeball, field hockey, football, lacrosse, softball, and soccer.

Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> marks the first class day and will begin with the Annual Alumni Breakfast at the Hilton Garden Inn in Bangor. This is a great opportunity for alumni to catch up, meet the incoming class, and give them a warm welcome into the program. Those interested in attending should visit [brliexperience.org](http://brliexperience.org) for tickets.

BRLI is a program of the Bangor Region Chamber of Commerce. For more information, please contact the Chamber at 207-947-0307, or find BRLI online at [brliexperience.org](http://brliexperience.org).

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