LeadingAge Illinois Congratulates Latest Class of LeadershipLSN Graduates

LeadingAge Illinois is pleased to introduce the 2015 Leadership Academy graduating class. These 19 Fellows participated in four in-person sessions throughout the year, and took part in coaching calls with their respective teams. Each of the three teams presented a book teaching during class based on the assigned book and theme for that session. In addition, participants of the program conducted activities during the two-day sessions that focused on the theme of that session. The Fellows delved into topics such as: finding your authentic leadership voice, building and leading teams, becoming a visionary leader, and discovering a work/life balance.

As a requirement of graduation from the program, each Fellow designed an Action Learning Process, a project of interest to them that would in turn benefit their organization. The Action Learning Processes will be posted on the LeadingAge Illinois website.

The Leadership Academy (formerly LeadershipLSN) was designed to develop leaders in the field who will successfully advocate for older adults. Thus far, 42 people have completed the course in the two years since its inception.

Said recent graduate Timothy Pardun of Brookdale Hawthorn Lakes, “Leadership Academy has been an opportunity to learn about myself, build personal and professional relationships and contacts with others going through many of the same challenges. It has also enabled me to really look at things differently and challenge others to be creative in finding solutions in using learned techniques, items from our readings, and taking great ideas from others in the program. It has really been an exceptionally positive experience.”

The 2015-2016 class has been selected and will begin their journey in April. Applications for the 2016-2017 class of Fellows will be available in fall 2015.

For more information on the Leadership Academy, contact Kim Sumner, Marketing and Membership Coordinator.
LeadingAge Illinois is the state affiliate of LeadingAge and the Assisted Living Federation of America (ALFA). LeadingAge Illinois represents more than 500 providers of aging services including nursing care, supportive and assisted living, senior housing, and home and community based services. LeadingAge Illinois is the largest aging services association in Illinois.

2015 Graduating Fellows:

Renee Bogard, Brookdale Plaza Lisle
Erika Boltz, Brookdale Plaza Lake Shore Drive
Samantha Breden, Lutheran Life Communities
Laurie Brown, Christian Homes
Mary Beth Elster, Mather LifeWays
Gerri Fiterman Persin, CJE SeniorLife
Susan Franklin, St. Andrew’s Management Services, Inc.
Stacy Gordon, CJE SeniorLife
Kellijo Leach, Clark-Lindsey Village
Paula Ledbetter, Mather LifeWays
Jill Lund, The Garlands of Barrington
Timothy Pardun, Brookdale Hawthorn Lakes
Janice Pritchard, Victory Centre of River Oaks
Jennifer Roach, Monarch Landing
Julie Roberts, Monarch Landing
Elliot Triplett, Beacon Hill
Ronald Wilcox, Clark-Lindsey Village
Melissa Wright, Peterson Meadows
Pamela Wyatt, Villa Scalabrini Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

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