



Valley Partnership Congratulates Class of 2019 ADVOCATES Program Graduates

*Group of 25 real estate, legal and development professionals recognized as future industry leaders
after completing year-long program to better understand all facets of Valley development*

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PHOENIX-- Valley Partnership, the premier advocacy group for responsible development in the Valley of the Sun, will be recognizing the Class of 2019 ADVOCATES Program Graduates at the June Friday Morning Breakfast and celebrate this group's work toward becoming more well-rounded advocates for the development industry. The Class of 2019 features 25 real estate, financial, legal and development professionals age 35 and under who went through a 10-month series of training sessions to help them better understand the different segments of the development industry and network with their peers. This is the 6th class of ADVOCATES program, which was started in 2013 as a way to groom the future leaders of the industry.

Class of 2019 Graduates and their employers are:

Adriane Gora, GeoTek, Inc.

Alexander Smith, Western Technologies Inc.

Andrew Cropper, FirstBank

Andrew Yocopis, Squire Patton Boggs

Benjamin Tate, Withey Morris, PLC

Blake Rebling, Salmon, Lewis & Weldon, P.L.C.

Cassie Nesheim, Wespac Construction

Chris Evanoff, Fennemore Craig, P.C.

Christina Christian, Brookfield Residential

David Breen, Macerich

Eric Hopkins, Kimley-Horn

Iulia Taranu, Wood, Smith, Henning & Berman LLP

Jeff Nielsen, Alexander Building Company

Jim Bulsiewicz, Hines

Kaytlin Stevens, Evergreen Devco, Inc.

Malik Brown, Bowman Consulting

Matthew Smith, CVL Consultants

Michael Sokol, CBRE

Mike Maerowitz, Gammage & Burnham

Mike O'Neil, Kitchell

Ryan Donahue, Lovitt and Touche

Sarah Philippe, Sundt Construction

Teller Bard, HILGARTWILSON, LLC

Tiffany Pennington, Pinnacle Design

Waldy Coronado, Westwood Professional Services

"Over the past year, these young professionals have grown as industry leaders and acquired a better understanding of how the many facets of the development industry all work together," said program director Nicole Maas, Vice President of Kitchell Construction, which sponsored this year's program. "Seeing this group grow as leaders through these training sessions has made me very confident in the future of responsible development in the Valley and excited to see the next steps for all of these outstanding ADVOCATES." Applications for the 2019-2020 Valley Partnership Advocates program will be available on the Valley Partnership website in late-August and is open to all members who are 35 and under.

The June Friday Morning Breakfast will take place at 7:00am on Friday, June 28th. The program will begin at 7:30am, with guest registration available online at the [Valley Partnership website](http://www.valleypartnership.org).

Valley Partnership is the Valley of the Sun's Premier Advocacy Group for Responsible Development. In its representation of the commercial, industrial and master planned real estate development industry, Valley Partnership presents a balanced, pro-development perspective and the Valley's best industry education and networking opportunities. For more information about Valley Partnership and upcoming events, visit www.ValleyPartnership.org.

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