

Leadership Kentucky Announces ELEVATE Kentucky 2022 Class

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 18, 2022)— Leadership Kentucky is proud to announce the members of the ELEVATE Kentucky Class of 2022. ELEVATE Kentucky began in 2017 and provides young professionals with an in-depth personal and professional development program that cultivates a better understanding of challenges facing our Commonwealth.

The class will visit Owensboro, Somerset, Frankfort, Northern Kentucky, and Georgetown during its three sessions. Participants will hear from a variety of Kentucky leaders, learn about issues and opportunities facing our state, and gain insights about personal leadership abilities. Class members will also engage in panel discussions, participate in experiential learning opportunities and receive both regional and statewide perspectives.

“ELEVATE Kentucky is not your average leadership development program with self-assessments and motivational platitudes in a conference room. As an in-depth and hands-on program coupled with outstanding speakers, content, and classmates challenged me to broaden my regional and statewide perspective and grow as a leader,” said Will Weber, ELEVATE Class of 2021. “Our class time together gave me a deeper understanding of how leaders in education, business, agriculture, non-profit and government are not only collaborating to solve complex issues in Kentucky but are on the forefront of innovation for our country.”

ELEVATE Kentucky prides itself on the value it provides to individuals and companies across the commonwealth by increasing skills, knowledge, perspective, and helping participants develop a new statewide professional network.

This year’s class includes 21 participants from across the state representing a variety of public and private sectors:

- Keifer Adkins— Somerset, KY— Flashback Theater Co.
- Waqas Ahmed— Lexington, KY— Kentucky Horse Racing Commission
- Hailey Anderson— Murray, KY— Murray-Calloway County Chamber of Commerce
- Joy Andrade— Frankfort, KY— Kentucky Department for Public Health
- Jordan Baize— Owensboro, KY—Owensboro Area Shelter, Information & Services
- Ashley Bitters— Louisville, KY— RunSwitch Public Relations
- Zak Bray— London, KY— Prosper Appalachia
- Seth Church— Lexington, KY— Dinsmore & Shohl LLP
- Natalie Cooper— Lexington, KY— CHI Saint Joseph Health
- Alexi De La Cruz— Louisville, KY— KFC Corporation
- Amanda Dempsey— Ft. Wright, KY— Kenton County Schools
- Chase Denson— Paducah, KY— US Bank
- David Deyer— Louisville, KY, The Perfection Group
- Lexy G. Holland— Lexington, KY— Wyatt, Tarrant & Combs, LLP
- Ben Kadric— Bowling Green, KY— Truist Bank
- Hearie Lee II— Richmond, KY— Eastern Kentucky University
- Ryan Mabry— Hopkinsville, KY— Planters Bank
- Justin Magaw— Louisville, KY— Kentucky Science Center
- Harper Michael— Frankfort, KY— Kentucky Chamber of Commerce Foundation
- Ali Pittman— Dunnville, KY— Tarter Farm and Ranch Equipment
- Victoria Watson— Lexington, KY— Edward Jones

About Leadership Kentucky

Leadership Kentucky, created in 1984 as a non-profit educational organization, brings together a diverse group of people who possess a broad variety of leadership abilities, career accomplishments, and volunteer activities to gain insight into complex issues facing the state. The Leadership Kentucky Foundation offers four unique programs: Leadership Kentucky, ELEVATE Kentucky (for young professionals throughout the state), BRIGHT Kentucky (for Eastern Kentucky young professionals) and New Executives to Kentucky, (for senior level executives who have lived in the state for less than two years). For more information, please visit leadershipky.org or email lky@leadershipky.org.