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Regional Leadership Academy Graduates Class of 2011

Regional Leadership Academy Class of 2011 graduated on September 22, 2011

The Regional Leadership Academy

The Regional Leadership Academy (RLA), under the Direction of the Northeast Florida Regional Council, has graduated five classes of regional leaders since its inception in 2005, and graduated its sixth class at the September 22nd meeting of the Northeast Florida Regional Community Institute, Inc. The Academy's mission is to build a strong, diverse regional network of leaders with a shared commitment to collaboration and to connecting our communities to make Northeast Florida a better place to live and work. The program covers regional history, demographics, growth management, equity, environment, resources and the full range of issues affecting the Region. Nineteen regional leaders graduated on September 22nd. Here are their names and affiliations:



Lynette Williams-Austin,
LISC, Representing Duval County



Jody Brooks,
Allen Land Group, Inc.,
Representing Clay County



Barbara Butler Buck, Regions Bank,
Representing Duval County



Nikole Helvey-Mitchell,
Health Planning Council of NE Florida
Representing the Region



Matthew Ciupak, BCM Services Inc.,
Representing the Region



Frederick Jones, RS&H
Representing Duval County



Wally Conway, HomePro Inspections,
Representing the Region



Bill Leary, St. Augustine City Commission
Representing St. Johns County



Robert Farmer, Third Planet &
Concept Communiques, Inc.
Representing St. Johns County



Paul Martinez, Martinez Advertising Group
Representing Duval County



Susan Grandin, The Trust for Public Land,
Representing Duval County



David W. Meyers, D.W. Meyers
Constructors, Inc.,
Representing Duval County



Raymond Tyner, City of Palm Coast,
Representing Flagler County



Greg Tenuta, Titan America,
Representing Duval County



Kimberly Waterhouse, Business
Development and Marketing,
Representing the Region



Melissa Tiberio, UNF,
Representing Duval and St. Johns Counties



Kirk Wendland,
St. Johns County Chamber of Commerce,
Representing St. Johns County



Allen Tilley, UNF,
Representing Duval County



Jennifer Yoder, England-Thims & Miller,
Representing the Region

What is The Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida, Inc.?

As in most diverse communities, the Northeast Florida region faces challenges including growth, preserving valuable eco-systems, improving economic viability, and maintaining the quality of life that is the reason we live in Northeast Florida. The Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida, Inc. was created to address these challenges as the non-profit organization associated with the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC). Its members include the Northeast Florida Regional Council and graduates of the Regional Leadership Academy. For more information on the Regional Community Institute of Northeast Florida or the Regional Leadership Academy, please contact Margo Moehring at 904-279-0885 x161, or mmoehring@nefrc.org.