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Shawnee Tomorrow Leadership Program Hosts Graduation Ceremony for 2007 Class

The 2007 class of Shawnee Tomorrow culminated with a luncheon celebration at Barley's Brewhaus Restaurant on Thursday, May 24, 2007. The group consisted of eighteen members. The 2007 class joins more than 180 previous graduates as alumni of Shawnee Tomorrow. The graduation marks the end of a five-month leadership experience. Eight sessions focused on city, county and state government, economic development, business and industry education, finance and more.

The class was addressed by **Ron Rigdon, Commerce Bank**, 2005 Chairman of the Shawnee Chamber Board of Directors. The graduates were introduced by steering committee chair, **Randy Braley, BWR** and **Jim Allen, State Farm Insurance**, 2007 Chairman of the Shawnee Chamber Board of Directors. The class was addressed by class spokesperson, Justin Nichols, Lathrop & Gage, L C. The luncheon concluded as graduates were given awards for their completion of the program.

Please congratulate these class members for their commitment to the community and interest in leadership: **Lyle Ackerman, Shawnee Mission Medical Center**; **Jody Adams, HNTB Corp.**; **Cathy Boch, CommunityAmerica Credit Union**; **Mary Chesser, TWG Consulting, Inc.**; **Dawn Downes, The Reach Healthcare Foundation**; **Mike Dunn, INTRUST Bank**; **Kim Ellis, The Sweet Life**; **Mark Fabac, Sign-A-Rama**; **Sheri Gallagher, First National Bank of Olathe**; **Shane Hoffman, WaterOne**; **Dave Kepper, Citizens Bank, N.A.**; **Bryan Kidney, City of Shawnee**; **Dan Nackley**; **Justin Nichols, Lathrop & Gage, L.C.**; **Jason Oehlert, Capitol Federal Savings Bank**; **David Prunte, Shawnee Chamber of Commerce**; **Kevin Straub, Straub Realty & Development**; **Joe Valenciano, INTRUST Bank.**

The 2007 Corporate Sponsor for Shawnee Tomorrow Leadership was The Sweet Life. The Graduation Luncheon Sponsor was State Farm Insurance – John Wills.

Photo included (Graduation photo)

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