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## **LEADERSHIP TECH VALLEY CLASS ANNOUNCED**

*Third year of joint initiative of Albany-Colonie and Schenectady Chambers*

ALBANY – The Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Schenectady County are gearing up for the third class of Leadership Tech Valley, a shared initiative of the two chambers.

The major sponsor of the Leadership Tech Valley Class of 2008-09 is M&T Bank.

“This is a tremendous opportunity for M&T Bank, as well as Leadership participants, to extend our support to regional development and growth,” said Michael Keegan, M&T Bank regional president. “There is no greater resource for this endeavor than our local professionals.”

In 2006, the two chambers merged their very successful programs – the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber’s CAPITAL LEADERSHIP program and Schenectady Chamber’s Leadership Schenectady initiative - to create Leadership Tech Valley. The program provides individuals from various fields and backgrounds an opportunity to address regional challenges, enhance their leadership network, foster creative problem solving and shape a progressive future for Tech Valley.

In the third year of the program, the 35 members will spend nine months networking and building their leadership skills, as well as completing a leadership project in Tech Valley to better the community. The program kicks off next week with a retreat at the Kaatskill Mountain Club in Hunter, to give classmates time to become acquainted, learn about themselves and discover the skills needed to become distinguished leaders in the community.

### **The Leadership Tech Valley Class of 2008-09:**

**Bramble Buran**, The Albany Academies  
**Jill Burger**, Blue Slate Solutions  
**Jacqueline Carey**, Bank of America  
**Pamela Cerrone**, Price Chopper Supermarket  
**James Crawley**, Center for Disability Services  
**Kevin Catalano**, Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce  
**George Clifford**, Albany Medical Center  
**Keith Dolan**, Rose & Kiernan, Inc  
**Maggie Erlich**, Living Resources Corporation  
**Melissa Ferraro**, Knolls Atomic Power Lab, Inc.  
**Brenda Garretson**, CB Richard Ellis Albany  
**Dale Getto**, North Albany Academy  
**Erin Glock**, KeyBank  
**Liz Grogan**, Chamber of Schenectady County  
**Robert Grove**, Knolls Atomic Power Lab, Inc  
**Matthew Hunt**, KeyBank  
**Nicholas Ihnatolya**, Sneering Monahan Provost Redgrave Title Agency  
**Gregory Klokiw**, CSArch  
**Sharvari Kulkarni**, UHY Advisors Inc.

**Mary Lisa**, Center for Disability Services  
**Martha Mabeus**, Austin & Co., Inc  
**Bryan Mahoney**, KPMG LLP  
**Kelly Mateja**, Town of Colonie, Planning & Economic Development  
**Janet Mattis**, Schenectady Inner City Ministry  
**Matthew Mazzone**, Mazzone Management Group Inc.  
**Donald Morrell**, 109<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, NY Air National Guard  
**Kellie Peters**, Ellis Hospital  
**Debra Perez**, Fenimore Assets Management Inc  
**Katie Pindiak**, Capital District Physicians' Health Plan  
**Charles Robinson**, M & T Bank  
**Heather Skinner**, Seton Health Foundation  
**Jeremy Speich**, McNamee, Lochner, Titus & Williams, P.C.  
**Kimberly Terpening**, 109<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, NY Air National Guard  
**Sondra Valle**, Hudson Valley Community College  
**Keyon Young**, Boys & Girls Clubs of Albany