

PERSONNEL

Future Leaders

Personnel graduates its fifth class of future City leaders.

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Eighteen City managers were honored at a graduation luncheon Feb. 5 at the Convention Center for their successful completion of Personnel's fifth Future Focused Leadership Program. A joint venture with the County of Los Angeles, Personnel, and Cal State Northridge (CSUN), with funding from the Los Angeles Professional Managers' Association (LAPMA), more than 100 City managers have completed this program since its inception in 2004.

LAPMA President Charley Mims welcomed

the graduates and their invited guests, who had gathered at the Convention Center, followed by remarks from Personnel General Manager Maggie Whelan and CSUN Professor Dr. Tenny Mickey. Graduates receiving certificates were Mario Almanza, Dina Aryan-Zahlan, Anna Burton, John Betz, Tamryn Catania, Shahla Dallalzadeh, Roger Fernandez, Gene Gamachi, Harold Gies, Robert Gillette, Rita Khurana Carwile, Omotayo Ige, Harold Nachtrieb, Shailesh Patel, Alex Rabrenovich, Dru Ross, Joyce Sloss, and Ann Vollmer.

The Future Focused Leadership program is a 16-part program that deals with topics including managing change, communications, understanding organizational culture, and team development. In addition, students enjoy the interac-

tion with their peers and form bonds that will impact their success as City managers

"The value of this program is immeasurable," said graduate Anna Burton. "I was able to review and discuss key elements of leadership and management with peers from across the City. I will be able to use these newly gained skills for the rest of my career. I also gained and renewed friendships that will help in many future project developments."

Graduate Gene Gamachi agreed: "Networking with other managers throughout the City and sharing our 'real-life' experiences was truly a beneficial 'take back' from this program," he said.

Congratulations to all the graduates on your achievement!



The graduates, from left: Joyce Sloss, (Personnel General Manager) Maggie Whelan, (LAPMA President) Charley Mims, Robert Gillette, Gene Gamachi, Rita Khurana Carwile, Omotayo Ige, Mario Almanza, Dru Ross, Dina Aryan-Zahlan, Roger Fernandez, Tamryn Catania, Ann Vollmer, and (CSUN Professor) Dr. Tenny Mickey. Graduates not pictured are: Anna Burton, John Betz, Shahla Dallalzadeh, Harold Gies, Harold Nachtrieb, Shailesh Patel and Alex Rabrenovich.

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Congratulations, GRADUATES

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by putting your photo in *Alive!***

Club members: Have you had a family member graduate from elementary school ... high school ... or college this summer? Send us a photo, and we'll publish it in *Alive!*

Make sure you tell us:

- The name of the graduate.
- The school from which they graduated. If a college, tell us their major.
- Their future plans (briefly)
- The name and department of the Club member they're related to (and how they're related)

Digital photos are preferred. Send them to: talkback@cityemployeesclub.com

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**City Employees Club of Los Angeles
350 S. Figueroa St., Suite 700, Los Angeles, CA 90071**

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