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### **Mayor Honors 11 New Leaders to Worthington**

**Worthington** - Worthington Mayor Harvey Minton proclaimed May 19, 2011, Leadership Worthington Day, in honor of the 11 graduates of Leadership Worthington's 21<sup>st</sup> adult leadership development class.

"This is an important community program", proclaimed the Mayor, "and is supported by the City of Worthington." The Proclamation also honored groups and individuals, who join the City of Worthington, in supporting the program. The Mayor presented the Proclamation at the organization's graduation dinner, held at The Worthington Inn.

Julie McManus, Global Director of Skills, Alexander Proudfoot Company, was the Guest Speaker. "Leadership is second only to child rearing in challenges," McManus stated, "but if you challenge yourself, others will challenge themselves."

McManus offered additional advice to the graduates. "Guide others to compelling victory," she added, "with something bigger than yourself. People don't go to work thinking they are going to suck today," she continued. "They go to work wanting something bigger than themselves."

The graduates include: Yvonne Breland, Carol Ann Freeland, Deno Hanna, Victoria Hartley, Stefan Langer, Mark Laughlin, Mark Marshall, Dr. Raj Michael, Astrid Olfenbuttel, Sharon Puride, and Dawn Valasco. Dr. Ted Sun, designer of

the adult program, facilitated the class sessions, assisted by Marilyn Baker, graduate of the program.

The students' designed, as a class project, a two-week Global Leadership Immersion program. Contingent on the guests obtaining visas by the end of June, the class will welcome 16 professional adults from Ghana for two weeks in July. They will live with host families and learn from experiencing different models and systems of leadership in the Worthington community. Local guests for the program will include leaders from around the community.

DeVry University-Keller Graduate School of Management, provided partial support for the evening's celebration.

Leadership Worthington serves as the community's leadership development program for adults, high school and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Students develop individual and group leadership potential, which they then apply in their work, their homes, and in service throughout the Worthington Community. Applications for the next programs, beginning this fall, are available by contacting the organization's office or on-line at [www.leadrshipworthington.or](http://www.leadrshipworthington.or).

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