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SBA Houston District Office Graduates 38 Companies from Emerging Leaders Program

HOUSTON – Today, the U.S. Small Business Administration’s Houston District Office graduated 38 companies from two cohorts of its intensive Emerging Leaders program.

The Emerging Leaders Initiative is an executive-level series intended to accelerate the growth of high-potential small businesses across the country. Developed by SBA and drawing on the experiences of advisors and business leaders in urban communities across the country, this comprehensive curriculum provides the tools to catapult companies to the next level.

“The SBA Emerging Leaders program is highly competitive. The businesses that are accepted to the program realize they must work hard, be brutally introspective, and commit to growth of their communities and their businesses. We couldn’t be prouder of the graduates this year, who have already impressed us with their depth and passion of their growth plans,” said SBA Houston District Office Director Tim Jeffcoat.

“The Emerging Leaders class has improved every aspect of our business, from discovering how we are different from our competitors to hiring and onboarding employees, to understanding our financials! Our business has almost doubled in size and revenue, and we are in the process of expanding to a second location within in our community,” said Emerging Leaders graduate, Kaye Boehning of Tomorrow’s Promise, Inc. in Huntsville, Texas.

Over the past seven months, Emerging Leaders program participants worked with course facilitators, mentors, guest experts and their peers, to successfully exit the program with a three-year strategic growth action plan for their businesses. The companies graduated today represent industries including communications, physical fitness, restaurants, and professional services, and others.

The following companies completed the program successfully:

2021 Houston Cohort

Chris Harrison- SAS Facility Management

Pamela Jones- Apogee STEM Discovery Learning Academy

Yolonda King- Realty Kings Properties

Daniel Vasquez- Daniel Steels Manufacturing

Carole Baker- Ekeko Distribution

Courtney Barton- Courtney Barton

Juan Alanis- Big Oak Tree Media

Sarah Lieberman- Dandelion Cafe

Tanaz Choudhury- Tanches Global Management, Inc.

Ayotunde Faweya- Northside Pediatrics Associates PA

Kaye Boehning- Tomorrow's Promise, Inc

Mary Ann Gevrasev- Sugar Land Dance Center

Woody French- Greenlight Services, Inc.

Rolando Balmaceda- ReveMoto.com

Viren Patel- CB Chemical

Ruben Alvarez- 700 Plus Credit LLC

Tori Cole- The Bryant Heritage LLC

John Kuhn- Precisionblend, Inc.

Elizabeth Flores- Generator Service Center

Masroor Fatany- AYG Food Services LLC

2021 Greater Houston Cohort

Jess Hughes- Citizen Pilates

Rod Lemon- AHRMDCO

Zac Nicklas- The Pool Boys

Mona Jackson- Kids of Valor Academy

Liliana Hernandez- Bilingual Educators

Bob Miltenberger- NearshoreNetworks Inc.

Synithia Harvey- GDI Enterprises
Elsie Siegel- Freeway Logistics Inc.
Bessem Oben- GoldStar Pharmacy
Yulene Broussard- Solaris Pediatric Therapy
Tania Silva- The Immigration Force PLLC
Farida Abjani- Shining Nightingale Inc
Travis Costello- Costello Safety Consulting, LLC
Fernando García- Borem & Premium Foods LLC
Judy Young- College Excellence
Jaime Barba- Texas Crime Prevention Agency
Gina Hudnall- Total Wellness Assessment & Counseling Center
Elena Rivers- Amera Solutions

To learn more about the Emerging Leaders program, please visit
www.sba.gov/emergingleaders.

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