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EVENT ADVISORY

Emerge Kentucky to Graduate Class of 2018

Frankfort, KY— Emerge Kentucky, the state’s premier candidate training program for Democratic women, will host a graduation ceremony for its 2018 class at the Kentucky Democratic Party Headquarters on Saturday, June 23, 2018. Secretary of State and Emerge KY Advisory Board member Alison Lundergan Grimes will be the keynote speaker. This year’s group of 28 future women political leaders is Emerge Kentucky’s largest class, with women from all parts of the Bluegrass State and spanning the spectrum of races and ethnicities, sexual orientations, socioeconomic levels, and professional experiences.

“We are so proud of this year’s class for being so determined to make a difference,” said Blair Haydon, Executive Director of Emerge KY. “With over 14 of them running for elected office this November, they add power to 51 Emerge Alumnae in total on the ballot, but all 28 women are ready and trained to affect change.”

Emerge KY has a proven track record of training Democratic women who run and win. Since the organization launched in 2009, the program has equipped over 200 women with the skills needed to bring change to their communities. In the 2016 election, 61% of Emerge KY alumnae on the ballot won and 26 are currently serving in elected office.

WHAT:

Emerge Kentucky 2018 Graduation Ceremony

WHEN:

Saturday, June 23, 2018

4:00 p.m. EST

WHERE:

Kentucky Democratic Party Headquarters

[190 Democrat Drive, Frankfort, KY 40601](#)

For more information, please contact Executive Director Blair Haydon.

GRADUATES:

Colleen Abate, Jefferson County
Dana Beasley-Brown, Warren County
JoAnne Wheeler Bland, Hardin County
Cassie Chambers, Jefferson County
Allee Combs Whicker, Madison County
Brittany Corde, Mason County
Velvet Dowdy, Henderson County
LaToya Drake, Barren County
Martha Emmons, McCracken County
Karen Faulkner, Jefferson County
Charlotte Goddard, Graves County
Kelsey Hayes Coots, Jefferson County
Vonnie Hays Adams, Calloway County
Sheila Hill, Boone County
Lisa Johnson, Woodford County
RaeShanda Johnson, Jefferson County
Laura Landenwich, Jefferson County
Donielle Lovell, Hardin County
Heather Moore, Boyd County
Shambra Mulder, Fayette County
Ashley May Nash, Jefferson County
Terry Owens, Hardin County
Josie Raymond, Jefferson County
Liz Sheehan, Fayette County
Jeanie Smith, Warren County
Julia Springsteen, Hardin County
Gerina Whethers, Jefferson County
Sherry Whitehouse, Bullitt County

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