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EMERGE KENTUCKY BREAKS MULTIPLE RECORDS WITH 55 WOMEN ON BALLOT

Louisville, KY—This midterm election, Emerge Kentucky, the premier candidate training program for Democratic women, breaks multiple records with 55 alumnae on the ballot. Within that group, 60 percent of the women are first-time candidates, 33 percent are educators, and 25 percent are women of color.

“We are incredibly proud that we have so many first-time candidates on the ballot and women from many different backgrounds and parts of the Commonwealth,” said Emerge Ky Board Chair and Founder, Jennifer A. Moore. “Emerge trains women to learn the nuts and bolts of campaigns, but also creates a powerful network that encourages and supports these women to take the next step to run for office, and win.”

Currently, 28 Emerge alumnae hold elected office in Kentucky, two of which serve in the General Assembly; Hon. Attica Scott and Hon. McKenzie Cantrell. With 21 of the 55 alumnae running for the General Assembly this year, Emerge hopes to improve Kentucky’s low national ranking of 42nd in the U.S.

Emerge Ky alumnae will appear on Tuesday’s ballot for these offices:

- 15 State House
- 6 State Senate
- 6 Judicial
- 2 Prosecutor
- 2 Mayor
- 6 County-Wide
- 4 School Board
- 14 Local Office

A complete list can be found at: <https://ky.emergeamerica.org/alumnae/2018-candidates/>

Since Emerge Ky launched in 2009, the program has equipped nearly 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.

Applications to participate in Emerge Kentucky’s Class of 2019 are now open, and will remain open until November 13, 2018. Details about Emerge’s six-month signature training program, the application process, and the official online application can be found at <https://ky.emergeamerica.org/training/>.

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