



2018 – 2019 Executive Academy Graduates

Alabama

Mr. Steven Layton, Brewton | Public Land Manager/Economic Development, City of Brewton

Mrs. Veronica Triplett, Tuscaloosa | Director, Center for Business & Entrepreneurial Services, University of West Alabama

Ms. Martha Vignes, Montgomery | Executive Director, Southeast Alabama Area Health Education Center

Arkansas

Mr. Aaron Germany, Helena | Director of Career and Technical Education, Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas

Ms. Amy Hopper, North Little Rock | Program Officer, Winrock International

Mrs. Jennifer Reaves, Jonesboro | Community Development Specialist, Arkansas Department of Health

Mr. Eddie Thomas, Pine Bluff | WIOA Area Manager, Southeast Arkansas Economic Development District

Ms. Jordyn Williams, Lake Village | Program Technician – CDC Obesity Reduction, University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service

Illinois

Ms. Deborah Johnson, Mounds | Trio Educational Talen Search Director, Shawnee Community College

Mr. Steven McKeown, Herrin | President, Kindled Flame Ministries

Mr. Travis Zettler, Sesser | City Alderman, City of Sesser

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Kentucky

Mr. Raymond Hagerman, Madisonville | President, Madisonville Hopkins County Economic Development Corporation

Dr. Michael Ramage, Benton | Director, Center for Telecommunications Systems Management, Murray State University

Louisiana

Mr. Daryl Fortenberry, Monroe | Chief Executive Officer, Ghost Tactical

Mrs. Staci Mitchell, West Monroe | Mayor, City of West Monroe

Mrs. Stacey Neal, Amite | Director, Community Competitiveness, Louisiana Economic Development

Mrs. Rachel Shields, New Orleans | Chief of Staff, GNO, Inc.

Mr. John Thompson, Pineville | Community Development Specialist, USDA Rural Development

Mississippi

Christopher Hinton, Ridgeland | Community Development Manager, Entergy Mississippi, Inc.

Ms. Theresa Kennedy, Ridgeland | Senior Advisor, fifty-five twenty, LLC

Ms. Janie Mortimer, Winona | Project Manager, Grenada County Economic Development District

Dr. Chelesa Presley, Batesville | Outreach Coordinator, Tougaloo College Delta HealthPartners Healthy Start Initiative

Mrs. Lauren Wilson, Brandon | Community Development Officer & Compliance/CRA Specialist, State Bank and Trust Company

Missouri

Mr. Brian Gerou, Jackson | Executive Director, Jackson Area Chamber of Commerce

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Tennessee

Mr. Michael Banks, Brownsville | Attorney, Banks Law Firm, P.A.

Dr. William Martin, Huntingdon | Doctor of Chiropractic, Southern Chiropractic and Acupuncture

Dr. Joey Mehlhorn, Martin | Parker Chair of Excellence, University of Tennessee at Martin

Ms. Katherine Milligan, Memphis | Chief of Staff, Start Co.

Mrs. Erica Plybeah Hemphill, Cordova | Founder & CEO, Medhaul; Clinical Informatics Project Manager, Memphis Bioworks Foundation

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