



LEAD SAN DIEGO

A catalyst for leadership

IMPACT SAN DIEGO Class Of 2010 Begins

LEAD San Diego has been identifying, preparing, connecting and supporting San Diego's current and future leaders since 1981. Through a competitive selection process designed to ensure diversity and balanced educational opportunities, 54 enthusiastic individuals were selected for the class. The 10-month community leadership program, often referred as a "Master's Degree" on the San Diego region, kicked off on September 17th.

They were officially welcomed by **Drew Schlosberg**, Community and Public Relations Director for *The San Diego Union-Tribune*, and later met with **Ed Moss**, the papers new President and Publisher. With a focus on *Leadership 101*, class members were then introduced to **Molly Cartmill '99**, Past Chair, LEAD San Diego, Co-Chair of the *Leadership Trust* and Director, Local Government Relations for Sempra Energy, who imparted a few "words of wisdom" on managing expectations. LEAD's *Leadership*, President & CEO **Judy Forrester** and Vice President, Programs & Operations **Sherrie-Lyn Thompson** also welcomed the new class.



Executive leadership experts were there in full force. Class members heard from **Kurt Gering '06**, Director of Training & Organizational Development for GreatCall, Inc., and former Director, Master of Science in Executive Leadership, USD; **Susan Fowler**, Faculty, Master of Science in Executive Leadership, USD, Ken Blanchard Companies, Senior Consulting Partner & Co-Founder, Leadership Legacies; and **Dr. Drea Zigarmi**, Ken Blanchard Companies, Founding Associate Faculty, Master of Science in Executive Leadership, USD. The cohort was challenged to identify their leadership profile, as well as share their primary reasons for participating in **IMPACT SAN DIEGO**.

Following the opening day presentations and exercises, the class took time to enjoy a short reception hosted by the day's sponsor - as well as seminar series sponsor, *The San Diego Union-Tribune*. They were able to get to know each other and meet LEAD Board member and Program Chair **Phil Blair (83)**, CEO of Manpower San Diego, who joined them. *Here's an interesting aside: two members of the class found out that they had gone to both Elementary and Junior High together - in Billings, Montana!!*



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LEAD extends thanks to **Molly Cartmill '99, Kurt Gering '06, Susan Fowler, Dr. Drea Zigarmi, Ed Moss** and **Drew Schlosberg** for their unique contributions to today's session.

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