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Sacramento Metro Chamber Foundation's Leadership Sacramento 2020 Class Celebrates Major Achievements in Pandemic Year

Class Completed Project ahead of schedule, raised Over \$126,000 in Contributions and Donated Nearly 2,000 class hours in Pandemic Year

Sacramento, CA – December 21, 2020 – The Sacramento Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce Foundation's Leadership Sacramento Class of 2020 (LS2020) celebrated major achievements during their class graduation held on December 10. Achievements include a class project completion date significantly ahead of schedule, over \$126,000 raised in cash and in-kind contributions and 1,680 donated class hours. The graduation ceremony was held virtually via Zoom with class members' families, friends, colleagues, business and community leaders in attendance including the class project beneficiary Sacramento Regional Conservation Corps (SRCC).

"Never in our wildest dreams did we think we would be going through this leadership program during the worst public health crisis in modern history," said Roger Godfrey, Leadership Sacramento 2020 Class Cohort and Senior Vice President

Sacramento Region and Senior Relationship Manager for California Bank of Commerce. "Our class is strong, dedicated and resilient and I am so very proud to be a part of such a monumental effort. We will all look back on this for many years to come as evidence that we can do anything we set our minds and hearts to."

The class began on January 10 with a class orientation in Napa just two short months before the pandemic and statewide shut down. Despite challenges presented by COVID-19 including limited to no in-person gatherings, ground officially broke at SRCC's campus on August 12 and the project was completed November 14. The project included:

1. Beautification project of SRCC's campus;
2. Vegetable garden design, installation and cultivation for SRCC Corps members; and
3. Unrestricted funding to support the impact of COVID-19.

"I have watched in awe as this class overcame obstacle after obstacle in their mission to complete this program strong," said Jamie Von Sossan, LS20 class Chairwoman and CEO of 3fold Communications. "It has been an honor to be a part of this monumental achievement."

Leadership Sacramento Class of 2020 will continue to support SRCC with projects including educational programs and maintenance of the vegetable garden and provided resources and connections for the non-profit in future fundraising efforts and community service needs. Project photos can be viewed [here](#), provided by Kevin Fiscus Photography, <https://www.kevinfiscus.com/>.

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About Leadership Sacramento

Leadership Sacramento, founded in 1985, is a program of the Sacramento Metro Chamber Foundation that

develops community-minded business and civic leaders of tomorrow. This year-long interactive program provides a behind-the-scenes view of the issues that impact the region's economy. Leadership Sacramento is available to a select group of participants chosen through a competitive application process, hosting monthly day-long sessions and culminating in the completion of a community betterment project. Learn more at <https://metrochamber.org/foundation/programs/leadership-sacramento/>