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10 civic, business, nonprofit leaders selected to participate in Young American Leaders Program

Will join other young leaders from around the U.S. at Harvard Business School later this year

MILWAUKEE – Some of the Milwaukee area's top young leadership will be taking part in the Harvard Business School's Young American Leaders Program (YALP) later this year with an opportunity to collaborate with leaders from other U.S. cities to discuss challenges facing their respective communities.

Launched in 2015, YALP is a product of Harvard Business School's U.S. Competitiveness Project and is designed to provide access to case discussions within the school itself along with speaker presentations and whiteboard presentations that ask participants to collaborate on solutions targeting an issue challenging their community.

The 10 participants include: Kyle Ashley, of Milwaukee County; Ben Callif, of Bader Philanthropies; Maritza Contreras, of American Family Insurance; Micah Crawford, of Milwaukee Tool; Marina Dimitrijevic, a member of the Milwaukee City Council; Tiffany Henry, of U.S. Senator Tammy Baldwin's office; Nadiyah Johnson, of the Milwaukee Way Tech Hub; DeShaun Robinson, of the Greater Milwaukee Committee; Joshua Parish, of the Milwaukee Fire Department; and Aaron Towns, of BMO Financial.

YALP is supported in Milwaukee by the Greater Milwaukee Committee and is proudly sponsored by Southwest Airlines and GRAEF, whose generous support makes this leadership opportunity possible.

"YALP provides a great opportunity for our next generation of leaders to develop existing and new skill sets among collaborating peers from around the country. It's a unique experience that provides a foundation for building relationships and fostering new ideas that can make our community stronger," said Joel Brennan, president of the GMC.

Other cities that will be represented at the event, include: Minneapolis-St. Paul, Detroit, Boston, Pittsburgh, Columbus, Ohio, Nashville, Tenn., Chattanooga, Tenn., Salt Lake City, Utah, San Jose, Calif., San Antonio, Miami, and Birmingham, Ala.