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## **Kansas Leadership Center Announces New Board Members and Executive Board Slate**

Wichita, Kan. – The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC), an educational organization founded to foster civic leadership for healthier communities, welcomes two new members to its board of directors and a new executive board slate in 2024.

The new directors are:

- Thomas “Tom” Carignan, senior treasury management relationship manager, CommunityAmerica Credit Union (Overland Park, Kan.)
- Maribel Sánchez, chair of programs and events, National TRÍO Alumni Association (Washington, D.C.)

“The board of directors has been key to the success and impact of the Kansas Leadership Center since inception. I am pleased that we are expanding our bench of dedicated and engaged directors. Maribel and Tom are representatives of communities that KLC strives to mobilize. Their diverse professional and personal experiences will inform our work and drive our mission. We are thrilled to have these experienced community advocates join our team,” said Kaye Monk-Morgan, president and CEO of the Kansas Leadership Center.

Maribel Sánchez was born and raised in rural Dodge City, Kan., by two Mexican labor-working immigrants. She is proud of her Kansas public school education as a first-generation graduate of Wichita State University with an Honors Baccalaureate degree. Her work includes over five years of empowering high school and college aged students from underprivileged backgrounds. Maribel is currently the chair of programs and events for the inaugural D.C. chapter of the National TRÍO Alumni Association. [Read more.](#)

Thomas (Tom) Carignan is an experienced financial services leader with over 20 years of experience currently serving the members as senior treasury management relationship manager of CommunityAmerica Credit Union. A native of Hutchinson, Kan., Tom was elected as a member of the Overland Park City Council in 2019 and represented the residents of Ward 3 for a single term. Tom is a graduate of Leadership Lawrence, Leadership Kansas and currently serves on the Board of Trustees for the United Way of Greater Kansas City. [Read more.](#)

Effective January 1, 2024, the KLC executive board slate is:

- Board Chair: Ron Holt, Wichita, Kan.
- Vice Chair: Patrick Rossol-Allison, Seattle, Wash.
- Treasurer: Frank York, Ashland, Kan.
- Secretary: Tracey Beverlin, Pratt, Kan.

The new cohort reaffirms the organization's dedication to its mission to foster civic leadership for stronger, healthier and more prosperous communities in Kansas and beyond.

Learn more at [KansasLeadershipCenter.org](https://kansasleadershipcenter.org).

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#### **About the Kansas Leadership Center**

The Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) is a first-of-its-kind nonprofit educational organization with a civic mission, national reputation and global reach. Founded in 2007 to foster civic leadership for stronger, healthier and more prosperous communities in Kansas and beyond, KLC receives core funding from the Kansas Health Foundation (a private, philanthropic organization). It partners with nonprofit organizations, government agencies, educational institutions, businesses and communities to build cultures that are healthy, productive and well-positioned to make measurable progress on daunting challenges and emergent opportunities. KLC Press publishes leadership books and The Journal, a nationally recognized, award-winning civic issues magazine.

For more than 16 years, KLC has built a strong and respected institution in Kansas designed to deliver leadership development and culture change at unparalleled scale. Now, organizations across the country and around the world look to us to provide resources and consultation to support their own aspirations for mission-driven leadership education. Learn more at [www.kansasleadershipcenter.org](https://www.kansasleadershipcenter.org).

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