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Texas Municipal League Recognizes Keil *Mayor Completes Leadership Fellow Program*

SEGUIN, Texas – The Texas Municipal League recognized Seguin Mayor Don Keil as a Leadership Fellow on August 22 at the Texas Municipal Center in Austin.

Keil was one of 60 Leadership Fellows honored by Bennett Sandlin, Texas Municipal League (TML) Executive Director, at the awards ceremony. The award recipients voluntarily completed a three-course, six-day program held over three months, to enhance their leadership skills.

The TML Academy's faculty of university professors, thought leaders, and governing officials counseled participants on how to critique their own decisions and actions, and develop the competencies to excel in their leadership role. The faculty included Ambassador Ron Kirk; David Spivey, Ph.D., founder/director of UTD's Executive Leadership Development program; Geoffrey Tumlin, Ph.D., president of On-Demand Leadership; Sherri Greenberg, Director, Center for Politics and Governance, LBJ School of Public Affairs; Gary McCaleb, Ph.D., Vice President, Abilene Christian University; Carol Kinsey Goman, Ph.D.; Mary Kelly, Ph.D., CEO, Productive Leaders; Rob Franke, P.E., Media Solutions, and Mayor of Cedar Hill.

“This was a great opportunity to learn from a group of individuals with distinguished and diverse backgrounds,” Keil said. “The lessons from this course will be very valuable and useful in my role as mayor of Seguin.”

Participants explored the principles and characteristics of ethical leadership, learned to build trust and community, discovered ways to improve team-building and communication skills to lead people through change, and practiced negotiation for strategic influence. They discussed local issues in the broader leadership context, with the goal of applying learnings to their public service role, and benefit their cities and residents.



Texas Municipal League Executive Director Bennett Sandlin presents Seguin Mayor Don Keil a plaque for completing the TML Leadership Fellow program. Keil was among 60 recognized at the Texas Municipal Center in Austin on August 28. (Photo: TML)

About the Texas Municipal League (TML)

Created in 1913, the Texas Municipal League is a nonprofit organization that provides legal guidance, legislative advocacy, publications, training and networking opportunities to officials from 1,142 cities in Texas.

About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located off Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational and employment opportunities. Seguin's robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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