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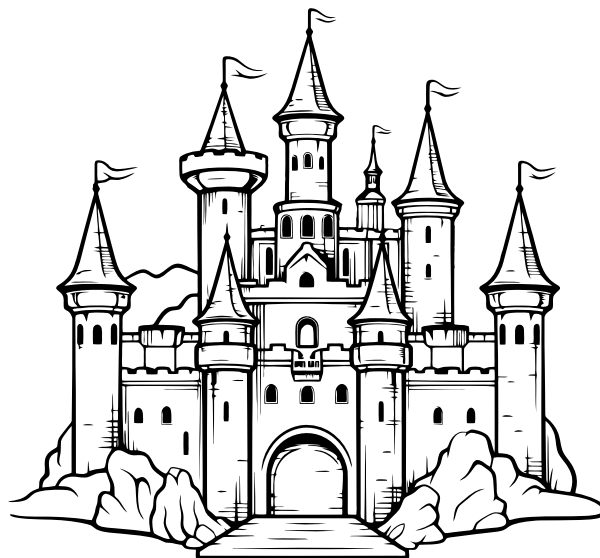
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Lady LeadAR's
SOCIETY PAPERS

Dearest readers, as we gather to celebrate the wonderful fellowship and camaraderie that Class 20 has cultivated over the past 18 months, let us take a moment to reflect on the joyous adventures and learning experiences we have shared.

We hope each of you revels in the connections forged during this journey, embracing the spirit of community that binds us all. Should you find yourself feeling envious of our delightful bond, fear not! For in this moment of celebration, we send you our heartfelt sorrows, sorrows, and prayers, inviting you to join in our joy, if only from afar.

May the warmth of our fellowship inspire you, and may you seek out your own adventures and connections in the days to come. Here's to the memories we've created and the many more that await! Cheers to Class 20!

Yours Truly,

Lady LeadAR

Ah, my dear guests, welcome to a most splendid affair! Gather 'round as we embark on an enchanting journey celebrating the illustrious LeadAR Class 20.

Welcome

Pray, allow me to extend a most gracious welcome to all in attendance. It is my distinct pleasure to host this gathering, where ambition meets camaraderie amidst a feast fit for the finest.

Introduction of LeadAR Class 20

Now, let us turn our gaze upon the remarkable individuals of Class 20, a cohort distinguished not merely by their achievements, but by their unwavering spirit of leadership and service. These remarkable souls have dared to dream, and in doing so, have illuminated our community with their brilliance.

Brunch

As we indulge in this delightful repast, I implore you to mingle and share tales of triumph and tribulation. For what is a gathering without the warmth of camaraderie and the clinking of glasses?

Awards and Recognition

As the sun ascends, so too do we recognize those among us who have shone the brightest. Join me in applauding our honorees, whose endeavors have transcended the ordinary, bringing honor to the LeadAR name. Each award is but a small token of our gratitude for their indelible impact.

Final Remarks

As we draw our celebration to a close, I extend my heartfelt thanks to each of you for gracing us with your presence. Your participation enriches the tapestry of this gathering, weaving together stories and aspirations for the future.

Celebration

And now, dear friends, let the revelry commence! Let us raise our glasses high and toast to the achievements of Class 20, for the day is still young, and the festivities await! Remember, dear guests, the world is a stage, and we are merely players—let us play our parts with joy and vigor!



Lady Rachel Bearden

Dearest readers, gather 'round, for I have a tale to tell of the indomitable Lady Rachel Bearden, a beacon of agricultural prowess in the charming village of Friendship, Arkansas. This remarkable woman serves as an Extension Agent for the University of Arkansas, tirelessly educating our dear farmers and ranchers on the finer points of agronomy and livestock management.

Lady Rachel, alongside her devoted husband, John Michael, has established Fowler Family Farms, where they raise registered Hereford beef cattle and sheep with the utmost care and dedication. Their endeavor is not merely a business but a legacy, one that blossoms further through the ambitions of their spirited daughter, Lexie Grace, who has begun her own illustrious journey in the local 4-H program.

But fear not, for this is not merely a story of farming. The Bearden family stands proudly as stalwarts of the Farm Bureau and the esteemed America's Young Farmers & Ranchers program, tirelessly advocating for the agricultural community. In a world where the complexities of modern life often overshadow simplicity, Lady Rachel remains a paragon of tradition, tenacity, and familial love. Indeed, her influence shall echo through the fields of Hot Spring County for years to come.



Lady Sherry Beaty-Sullivan

Dearest readers, I present to you the illustrious Lady Sherry Beaty-Sullivan, the esteemed Ozark District Director at the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. A true force in her field, Lady Sherry and her devoted husband, Scott, manage a charming farm in Grannis, where they nurture a herd of robust beef cattle.

But her influence extends far beyond the boundaries of her verdant pastures. With a fervor that ignites passion in the hearts of both young aspiring agriculturists and seasoned veterans, Sherry dedicates herself to education, sharing her extensive knowledge with grace and enthusiasm. Her commitment to the agricultural community is as steadfast as the land she tends, and her efforts illuminate the path for future leaders in agriculture. Indeed, in a world often swept away by modernity, Sherry Beaty-Sullivan stands as a beacon of tradition and innovation. Let us celebrate her remarkable contributions, for her impact shall undoubtedly resonate throughout the Ozark District for generations to come!



Lady Chelsea Boozer

Dearest readers, today we turn our gaze to the industrious Lady Chelsea Boozer, a formidable force in the realm of water affairs. Formerly the government affairs manager for Central Arkansas Water, she has now taken the helm as Executive Director of the esteemed Rogue Water Lab, where her expertise in communications, journalism, and utilities flourishes.

Lady Chelsea possesses an unwavering passion for enlightening the public on the critical importance of water—an elixir vital to both the livelihood of communities and the prosperity of their businesses. With a keen understanding of governance and community relations, she tirelessly works to bolster public trust in this essential resource.

Yet, do not mistake her dedication for a lack of adventure! When she isn't championing water education, Lady Chelsea can be found globe-trotting with her delightful second-grade son, Channing. Together, they explore diverse cultures and vibrant communities, sharing their love for people and adventure. Their journeys are a testament to the belief that life is enriched by connection and exploration.

In a world where the tides of change are constant, Lady Chelsea Boozer navigates them with grace and purpose, leaving an indelible mark on both her profession and the hearts of those she meets.



Lady Arnetta Bradford

Dearest readers, allow me to introduce the remarkable Lady Arnetta Bradford, a woman of many talents and unwavering devotion. As the esteemed owner of TheBrews rrr coffee shop in The Hope, she has brewed more than just delightful beverages; she has fostered a community hub where warmth and faith intertwine.

Beyond her entrepreneurial pursuits, Lady Arnetta is deeply engaged in the International Student Exchange program, placing high school students with families throughout our fair state. This noble endeavor reflects her commitment to fostering understanding and camaraderie across cultures.

A member of the illustrious Class 20, she boldly ventured into the political arena, running for the office of state representative for District 88 in the primary election last Spring—an endeavor that speaks to her courage and ambition.

With a voice as beautiful as her spirit, Lady Arnetta graces her church and various events with her singing, bringing joy to all who hear her. Proudly supporting her family—husband Chad and their football star son, Aaryn, who is soon to graduate—she recently published her first book, *Serving Beyond Self*, a testament to her philanthropic heart. Truly, Lady Arnetta embodies the essence of service and community.



Lady Sylvia Brown

Dearest readers, let me introduce you to the indomitable Lady Sylvia Brown, a visionary leader whose influence stretches far beyond the charming boundaries of her hometown, Fulton, in Hempstead County. As the Managing Member of Thought Leaders & Action Partners, Ltd., she deftly navigates the intricate realms of community and economic development, ensuring that her expertise shines brightly.

In her role as Executive Director of Visibility Outreach Touch Engage (VOTE), Lady Sylvia passionately champions the cause of civic engagement. With a wealth of experience collaborating with congressional leaders in Washington, D.C., she continues to empower communities at both state and local levels, tirelessly working to advance the interests of her beloved Fulton.

Her commitment to putting Fulton on the map is commendable, as she seeks to highlight the potential and opportunities that reside within her community. Lady Sylvia's dedication to nurturing relationships and fostering development is matched only by her grace and determination. Indeed, she stands as a beacon of inspiration, illuminating the path for those who aspire to make a difference. In a world often fraught with challenges, Lady Sylvia Brown is a true leader of action and vision.



Lord Harold Clark Jr.

Dearest readers, today we celebrate the admirable Lord Harold Clark Jr., a stalwart of Pine Bluff Fire and Emergency Services, where he holds the esteemed title of battalion fire chief. With an unwavering commitment to his team, he diligently ensures that they are well-prepared for any emergency that may arise, embodying the essence of a true leader. Known for his inquisitive nature, Lord Harold asks insightful questions, ever eager to learn how best to serve his beloved community. His dedication does not end with his professional duties; he takes immense pride in his large family, cherishing the support of his wife and children. Beyond his commendable service, Lord Harold possesses a surprising talent for dance, charming all who have the pleasure of witnessing his moves. A beloved figure among the Class 20 cohort, he brings joy and energy to every gathering.

In a world where courage and compassion often intertwine, Lord Harold Clark Jr. stands as a beacon of strength, guiding his team and community with grace and fervor. Truly, he exemplifies the spirit of service that makes Pine Bluff a safer and more vibrant place for all.



Lady Angelique Cooper

Dearest readers, allow me to introduce the remarkable Lady Angelique Cooper, a woman whose journey is as inspiring as it is impactful. She began her illustrious LeadAR adventure within Community Partnerships at Southern Bancorp, where her dedication to uplifting communities first shone brightly.

Now, as the Industry Relations and Partnerships Manager at Beneficial State Foundation, Angelique continues to weave her magic, fostering collaborations that empower those in need. But this is not all, for our ambitious heroine is currently pursuing a master's degree in Community Development and Public Policy Practice, complemented by a Nonprofit Leadership Certificate at the esteemed University of New Hampshire.

Residing in the charming town of Maumelle, Arkansas, Angelique exemplifies the spirit of leadership and service. With each endeavor, she enriches her community and paves the way for a brighter future. Truly, her commitment to social equity and community engagement will leave an indelible mark for generations to come!



Lady Meagan Davis

Dearest readers, allow me to introduce the enterprising Lady Meagan Davis, whose journey through LeadAR has been nothing short of inspiring. Once the vice president of government relations and strategic partnerships for inVeritas, Lady Meagan has gracefully returned to her roots in Hatfield, where she has recently joined the esteemed Maddox Law Firm in Mena. Her dedication and expertise have quickly earned her a partnership within the firm, a testament to her remarkable talent. As a proud mother to the first LeadAR baby, the delightful Violet Faye—affectionately dubbed Tammy Faye by her classmates—Lady Meagan balances motherhood with her burgeoning career. Together with her partner, Chase, they revel in their return to Hatfield, working diligently to establish deep community roots through a new home and estate planning initiatives.

Lady Meagan embodies the spirit of resilience and commitment, as she seeks to uplift her community while nurturing her family. With her sharp intellect and heartfelt dedication, she is destined to leave a lasting impact on Hatfield, proving that home is indeed where the heart—and the ambition—reside.



Lady Jody Harris

Dearest readers, allow me to introduce the industrious Lady Jody Harris, co-owner of Harris Valley Springs Farm, a cherished establishment since 2005. Alongside her enterprising husband, Nathan, she has cultivated not only a thriving farm but also a diverse array of businesses across northwest Arkansas, showcasing their entrepreneurial spirit.

Residing on a picturesque farm in Fayetteville, perched on Round Mountain, Lady Jody balances her ventures with the joys of motherhood. Her eldest daughter has recently embarked on her academic journey at the University of Arkansas, while their three youngest flourish as active students in the Elkins Public School district.

With a heart full of ambition, Lady Jody is passionate about fostering rural community and economic development in the burgeoning town of Elkins.

Her vision for a vibrant and sustainable future reflects her deep commitment to her community.

In a world where the essence of rural life is often overshadowed, Lady Jody Harris stands as a beacon of hope and determination, tirelessly working to elevate her community while nurturing her family. Truly, she embodies the spirit of progress and connection that enriches the tapestry of rural Arkansas.



Lord David Long

Dearest readers, allow me to introduce the dynamic Lord David Long, the northwest Arkansas director of engineering and development for Cromwell Architects Engineers. A self-proclaimed leadership junkie, Lord David has immersed himself in a myriad of leadership programs throughout Arkansas, continually seeking to enhance his skills and inspire those around him.

With a keen eye for opportunity, he thrives on connecting businesses and fostering growth in the ever-evolving landscape of northwest Arkansas. His passion for community development is matched only by his enthusiasm for collaboration, making him a cherished ally in our endeavors.

When not immersed in his professional pursuits, Lord David can be found globe-trotting with his lovely girlfriend, Megan. Together, they explore the world, embracing new cultures and experiences that enrich their lives.

In a realm where innovation and leadership intersect, Lord David Long stands out as a beacon of ambition and creativity. His dedication to progress and connection not only uplifts those around him but also paves the way for a brighter future in Arkansas.



Lord Michael Mangrum

Dearest readers, let us turn our attention to the distinguished Lord Michael Mangrum, the proud owner of MLM Farms in Monette, where he cultivates the rich fields of cotton and peanuts. As a legacy farmer, he has embraced the advancements of technology and research that enhance production on his family's cherished land, blending tradition with innovation.

With a curious spirit and intrepid feet, Lord Michael thrives not only in the fields but also in exploring the far corners of the globe. After the fall harvest, he embarks on adventures with friends or his beloved mother, eagerly seeking new experiences. His next journey leads him to the vibrant landscapes of West Africa.

During his travels, Lord Michael generously shares his knowledge, guiding others in embracing and navigating the local food and culture. His passion for connection and understanding shines brightly, making him an invaluable asset to the communities he visits.

In a world often disconnected, Lord Michael Mangrum stands as a testament to the power of agriculture and cultural exchange, nurturing both his land and the hearts of those he encounters on his travels. Truly, he embodies the spirit of exploration and service, enriching the lives around him.



Lady Desarae Nelson

Dearest readers, it is with great admiration that I present Lady Desarae Nelson, the esteemed director of TRIO Student Support Services at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. A true legacy to the TRIO program, she carries forth the invaluable work of her late mother, passionately advocating for first-generation college students.

Lady Desarae is relentless in her quest to expand horizons, diligently seeking opportunities for her students to explore the world and enhance their education. She travels nationwide with them, opening their eyes to new possibilities in both education and careers, ensuring that they grasp the full breadth of their potential.

At heart, she remains a country girl, finding joy in returning to her family's farm in Arkadelphia, where cherished moments with her nieces, brother, sister-in-law, and father bring her solace and joy. A remarkable mentor in her field, Lady Desarae inspires those around her with her dedication and warmth.

In a world where the path to success can be daunting, Lady Desarae Nelson stands as a guiding light, nurturing the next generation of leaders with compassion and a vision for a brighter future.



Lord Winfrey Norton

Dearest readers, allow me to introduce the delightful Lord Winfrey Norton, an outreach editor for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service. If anyone possesses the rare gift of making economics not just accessible but downright enjoyable, it is undoubtedly Winfrey! With a quick wit and a penchant for probing questions, he challenges his colleagues to consider the profound impacts of federal funding and government initiatives.

A proud native of Pine Bluff, Lord Winfrey has recently relocated to the picturesque landscapes of northwest Arkansas to be nearer to his beloved family, including his mother, stepfather, brother, sister-in-law, and his charming niece and nephew.

During his transformative journey with LeadAR, he welcomed a lively puppy named Chap into his life, adding a delightful layer of joy to his days.

In a world often weighed down by complexity, Lord Winfrey Norton shines as a beacon of curiosity and humor, reminding us all that even the most intricate subjects can be engaging. He exemplifies the spirit of community and connection, forging a path where economics meets enthusiasm. Truly, he is a treasure in both his profession and personal life.



Lord Daniel Phillips

Dearest readers, today we shine a spotlight on the intriguing Lord Daniel Phillips, a state surveyor for the Arkansas Department of Transformation and Shared Services. Though he may be the quietest member of his class, do not be fooled—his mind is always abuzz with thought!

With an adventurous spirit, Lord Daniel is renowned for his remarkable ability to explore new places on foot, often logging the most miles in his travels. His unique knack for mapping out environments quickly makes him akin to a personal “never lost” system, guiding friends through unfamiliar territories with ease.

In his leisure, he indulges in political podcasts, fueling his intellect, while also passionately supporting his girlfriend, Penny, as she conquers marathons, bike races, and triathlons across the United States.

Keep a watchful eye on this talented gentleman; he may very well be Arkansas’ next Land Commissioner, poised to make a significant impact on the future of our state. With his quiet determination and keen insights, Lord Daniel Phillips is a true gem in the landscape of leadership.



Lord Wendell Scales Jr.

Dearest readers, let us turn our attention to the industrious Lord Wendell Scales Jr., a remarkable figure in the realm of education and economic development. Initially gracing us as the deputy director of innovation for Arkansas Lighthouse Charter Schools, he has since evolved into an esteemed Education/ Economic Development Consultant, juggling no fewer than ten projects with grace and flair.

During his travels across the state, Lord Wendell found time to marry his beloved wife, Whitney Burgess Scales, and together they make their home in Little Rock. This past year, he was honored as an inaugural Mosaic Templar Trailblazer, a recognition that speaks volumes of his contributions to the community.

Looking ahead, he plans to embark on a PhD program at the University of Arkansas this January, further solidifying his commitment to education and leadership. Known for his exceptional networking skills, Lord Wendell is a master connector, fostering relationships that drive meaningful change.

With his ambitious spirit and dedication, Lord Wendell Scales Jr. is poised to continue making significant strides in Arkansas, ensuring that the future of education and economic development remains bright and promising.



Lady Christel Taylor

Dearest readers, it is with great delight that I introduce the vivacious Lady Christel Taylor, the esteemed director of workforce and downtown development for the Newport Economic Development Commission. If ever there were an ambassador for the splendor of Jackson County and northeast Arkansas, it is undoubtedly Christel.

Her tireless efforts in workforce development have transformed Newport, bringing vital job training and programs that make a profound impact on her community. With an infectious spirit, she has dedicated herself to enhancing the Delta Arts Festival each year, ensuring that the event not only celebrates local talent but also fosters community spirit.

Should you find yourself in Newport, Lady Christel is your go-to guide, ready to unveil the best dining spots, charming accommodations, and venues where one can revel in excellent live music.

Residing in Newport with her husband, Lady Christel takes great pride in her two adult sons, who are thriving in the vibrant landscape of northeast Arkansas. With her passion for community and culture, Lady Christel Taylor is a true gem, embodying the heart and soul of her beloved region.



Lady Priscella Thomas-Scott

Dearest readers, allow me to present the illustrious Lady Priscella Thomas-Scott, the reigning queen of all things 4-H green! As the extension instructor and 4-H events coordinator for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture, she has become a beacon of inspiration for young people throughout the state.

Lady Priscella's dedication to expanding programs like 4-H O'rama has enriched the experiences of countless youth on their 4-H journeys, allowing them to explore new horizons and develop invaluable skills. Her tireless efforts ensure that the spirit of learning and community thrives among the next generation.

Beyond her professional pursuits, Lady Priscella is a proud mother. Her eldest daughter is navigating the collegiate landscape, while her youngest delights in her school dance team and, of course, continues to shine in 4-H. With her passion for youth development and unwavering commitment to her community, Lady Priscella Thomas-Scott exemplifies the true essence of leadership and nurturing spirit. She is not only a champion of 4-H but a cherished figure in the hearts of those she serves.



Lord Dan Villamor

Dearest readers, let us delight in the presence of the charming Lord Dan Villamor, a distinguished research scientist for the University of Arkansas System Division of Agriculture. Hailing from the Philippines, he brings a refreshing and unique perspective to our gathering, enriching discussions with his insights as an immigrant to the U.S.

Not your typical plant pathologist, Lord Dan defies expectations with his lively spirit and sense of humor, bringing joy to our group as he often has us laughing until we cry. His warmth and wit make him a cherished companion, lightening even the most serious topics.

A devoted father, he adores his two young children, both of whom are gifted musicians, adding to the vibrant harmony of his family life. When not immersed in his scientific pursuits, you might find him savoring a good glass of red wine, a delight he seldom turns down.

Now residing in Rogers, northwest Arkansas, Lord Dan Villamor exemplifies the balance of intellect and levity, reminding us that life—and science—can be as enjoyable as it is enlightening. He is a true gem, weaving together the threads of culture, family, and laughter.



Lord Stacy Walley

Dearest readers, allow me to introduce the esteemed Lord Stacy Walley, a southern lumber sales manager for Weyerhaeuser Company. Residing in Benton with his lovely wife, he takes great pride in his two adult daughters, who reflect the values of family and dedication that he holds dear.

A true son of Arkansas, Lord Stacy is a wellspring of expertise in the forestry industry, passionately advocating for the endless careers and opportunities it creates within Arkansas agriculture. His deep love for the state shines through in every conversation, as he eloquently shares the importance of sustainable practices and the beauty of our natural resources.

With the charm of a true southern gentleman, Lord Stacy is not only a knowledgeable resource but also a cherished friend to all in our cohort. His kindness and approachability foster a sense of camaraderie that enriches our gatherings.

In a world where connections matter, Lord Stacy Walley stands out as a beacon of wisdom, warmth, and genuine friendship. He embodies the spirit of Arkansas, nurturing both the land and the bonds that unite us all.



Lord Anthony Whittington

Dearest readers, it is with great pleasure that I introduce the charismatic Lord Anthony Whittington, affectionately known by his playful alter ego, Jeremy. As the director of parks and trails for the City of Hot Springs, he embodies the spirit of his hometown, passionately showcasing its many treasures to all who visit.

During our class's delightful excursion, Lord Anthony took great pride in highlighting the vibrant offerings of Hot Springs, revealing the beauty and charm of his beloved city. Alongside his wife and son, he revels in the thrill of exploring new hiking trails and uncovering hidden waterfalls across the United States, embracing the great outdoors with infectious enthusiasm.

An ardent supporter of Razorback athletics, he brings laughter and camaraderie to every game, ensuring that fun is always on the agenda. His dedication to improving the parks and trails experience for Hot Springs residents is evident in his remarkable success in securing grant funding, enhancing the community's connection to nature.

In a world where joy and nature intertwine, Lord Anthony Whittington shines brightly, reminding us all of the beauty in exploration and the importance of community. Truly, he is a treasured asset to both his city and our cohort.

LeadAR Class 20 Diamonds of the Season

Rachel Bearden	Most likely to get fired up about ag education
Sherry Beaty-Sullivan	Most likely to listen attentively and take interest
Chelsea Boozer	Most likely to yell at you for drinking bottled water
Arnetta Bradford	Most likely to sing
Sylvia Brown	Most likely to rep Hempstead County & bust a move to Proud Mary
Harold Clark, Jr.	Most likely to help when others need
Angelique Cooper	Most likely to bring good energy
Meagan Davis	Most likely to plan your estate and paint your portrait
Jody Harris	Most knowledgeable about classmates and their lives
David Long	Most likely to find a deal
Michael Mangrum	Most well traveled
Desarae Nelson	Most likely to solve a problem or have a gadget to solve it
Winfrey Norton	Most likely to ask a great question
Daniel Phillips	Most likely to keep himself and others on the right path
Wendell Scales Jr.	Most likely to connect and network
Christel Taylor	Most likely to be the life of the party
Priscella Thomas Scott	Most likely to have gum and hand sanitizer
Dan Villamor	Most contagious laugh
Stacy Walley	Most quintessential southern gentleman
Anthony Whittington	Most likely to name any plant

