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SAMA ANNOUNCES ADDITIONS TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Loretto – The Southern Alleghenies Museum of Art is pleased to announce the additions of Kashana Kopac and Chantel Ventura to its Board of Trustees.

Kopac, of Hollidaysburg, is the owner of multiple businesses. A mother of three, she enjoys gardening, traveling and collecting art and has a passion for contemporary fashion. She is a member of the Blairmont Club and the Founder's Circle of Penn-Mont Academy, as well as the Ford Plantation in Georgia. She has been involved in SAMA-Loretto's Gala and also serves on the committee for SAMA-Altoona's *Think Pink* fundraiser.

Ventura, of Duncansville, graduated from Mount Aloysius College with a Bachelor's degree in Nursing. She is co-owner of Ozzven, LLC in Altoona and is involved with Hollidaysburg Area Women's Club and Easter Seals of Central Pennsylvania, among other organizations. She has been involved with SAMA for nearly ten years and will serve as Chair of SAMA-Altoona's annual fundraiser, *Think Pink*, in November.

"We are pleased that Kashana Kopac and Chantel Ventura have joined our leadership team," said SAMA Executive Director G. Gary Moyer. "Fellow board members and the Museum staff look forward to working with them to address the challenges we face and to capitalize on the opportunities that are ahead. Both Kopac and Ventura bring a combination of business savvy, community involvement and an interest in the arts that will serve them well as trustees. We are fortunate to have talented individuals like Kopac and Ventura leading the Museum and helping us to establish a legacy for the people of this region."