



LEADERSHIP WICHITA

WICHITA REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Leadership Wichita provides an immersive experience that identifies 30 local achievers then provides the information and inspiration to take increasingly significant roles in the community. Participants craft a vision for the community; gain valuable insight into local government, economic development, education, and media; and interact with the key community and business leaders working to make progress in each area.

Since Leadership Wichita was introduced in 1983, more than 1,000 local business, community, government and military persons have completed the program and have committed to becoming stronger leaders for our community.

Individuals interested in participating must be nominated by another person and submit an application, providing one reference. The one reference must either submit a letter of recommendation OR complete an online form. A diverse class will be selected based, in part, on:

- Potential for expanding their leadership roles
- Past community involvement and evidence of a future commitment
- Interest in gaining awareness about issues facing the community
- Interest in establishing relationships with peers from diverse industries and backgrounds
- Evidence of personal and professional improvements
- Work experience
- Personal interests

A \$900 tuition is charged to cover program costs. Limited financial assistance is available.

Nominations can be made online at wichitachamber.org/leadershipwichita.

See a list of the 2019 Board of Trustees at wichitachamber.org.

2019 PROGRAM DATES

- Nominations due May 17
- Applications due May 31
- Class announced July 29
- Program runs Aug. 22 - Nov. 20

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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PROGRAM WITH A PURPOSE

1. Provide a **framework** for introducing and discussing important issues
2. Identify and develop **opportunities** to address those issues
3. **Inspire** participants to make a difference in our community



2019 TOPICS & SCHEDULE

THE STRATEGIC WICHITA VISION - PART I 7:45 A.M. TO 5 P.M. • AUG. 22

The class will receive an orientation to the overall program. The Wichita region will be discussed from an economic perspective and team building exercises will be a part of this session.

THE STRATEGIC WICHITA VISION - PART II 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M. • AUG. 23

Participants will complete a visioning process for Wichita. Community advancement strategies will be discussed, and Leadership Wichita Trustees will join the group for a part of the session.

WORKING PARTNERSHIPS WITH MEDIA 7:30 A.M. TO 5 P.M. • SEPT. 9

Learn about the integral role the news media have in our community. Then, develop skills needed when partnering with media. The session includes on-camera interviewing techniques and guidance for incorporating social media into a media relations program.

PRINCIPAL FOR A HALF DAY TIMES TBA • AUG. - SEPT. 20

Class members will individually shadow USD 259 school principals for half a day to understand what leadership in Wichita's largest school district looks like on a daily basis.

AN EDUCATION RESPONSIBILITY 7:30 A.M. TO 5 P.M. • SEPT. 20

A highly-educated, world-class workforce is vital to the future of our community. The class will hear from education leaders and discuss current educational policies and governance issues.

FIREARM SIMULATION & RIDE ALONGS NOON TO 3 A.M. • SEPT. 27 2:30 P.M. TO 3 A.M. • SEPT. 28

The entire class will participate in a firearm simulation experience. Then, each class member will have a second shift, weekend experience with a city or county law enforcement officer or fire department official.

THE BUSINESS OF GOVERNMENT 7:40 A.M. TO 5 P.M. • OCT. 11

Consensus building is key to government. Learn and discuss current issues facing government and the importance of consensus. Meet our city and county leaders and discuss the future of our community.

MAKING DEVELOPMENT HAPPEN 7:45 A.M. TO 5 P.M. • OCT. 18

The cornerstones of a competitive economic community and the challenges and opportunities we face as a greater Wichita area will be discussed. A focus will be the economic development strategies of the Greater Wichita Partnership, downtown development and job creation through entrepreneurship.

SHAPING A CARING COMMUNITY 7:45 A.M. TO 4:45 P.M. • NOV. 1

Human services and inclusiveness are essential elements of our community. Major issues in these areas, including visits with various agencies, will be discussed. The session will end with an inspiring story on servant leadership.

SPECIAL ACTIVITY

Participants will visit nonprofit organizations in small groups prior to this session.

SIMSOC: A SIMULATION EXPERIENCE 4 P.M. TO 6 P.M. • NOV. 7 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M. • NOV. 8

An exercise in conflict resolution, communications situations, and social change as a method of developing leadership skills will be conducted. Participants will experience a variety of interactive situations demanding decisions.

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE DEBRIEF 1 TO 4 P.M. • NOV. 20

In this session, the class will participate in facilitated discussions about information given during the program, personal reflections and takeaways, and post-program action items.

**The program will officially conclude at 4 p.m.
A class recognition celebration will begin at 6 p.m.**