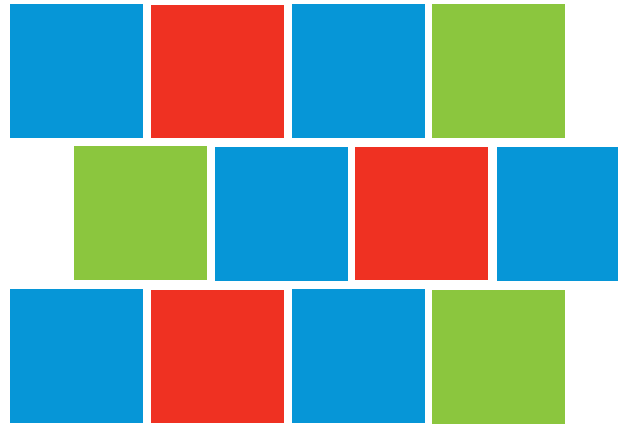


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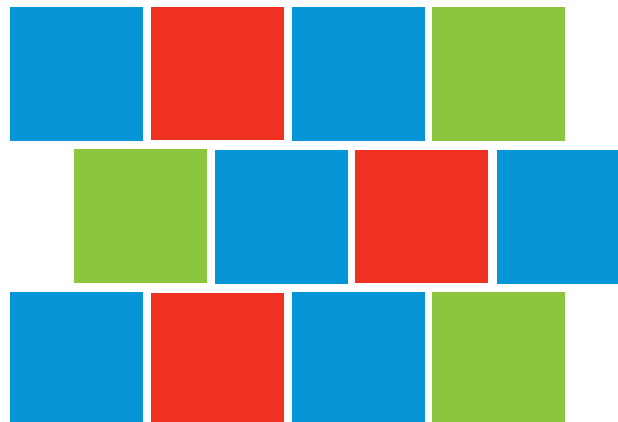


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## Leadership Greater Topeka Greater Topeka CHAMBER

Celebrating 31 Years of Leadership Classes: 1984-2014



## The Program

Leadership Greater Topeka brings together a broad cross section of both acknowledged and aspiring leaders from every corner of the community. For the Greater Topeka area to grow and prosper, we need leaders from all backgrounds and vocations who will help make progress on challenges we care about. Many of these issues are deep, daunting and adaptive challenges. The goals of the Leadership Greater Topeka program are to challenge and motivate traditional and non-traditional leaders to address these challenges in new ways that will involve the “usual” and “unusual” voices.

The leadership competencies, advocated by the Kansas Leadership Center, will influence the core curriculum. The class will explore in depth the competencies of Diagnose the Situation, Manage Self, Intervene Skillfully and Energize Others.

Leadership Greater Topeka gives participants the opportunity to develop a close understanding of the issues at hand, to increase their ability to influence decision making on those and other concerns, to set ambitious goals for renewal and to harness the many resources of the community.

In place since 1984, Leadership Greater Topeka has over 900 alumni with nearly 70% actively involved in the Topeka community. Leadership Greater Topeka alumni are challenged to apply their talents throughout the community in volunteer, appointed and elected positions.



Leadership Greater Topeka Class of 2013

## Who Should Participate?

Anyone interested in making a difference in the community can apply. Ideally, every class reflects a cross section of the Greater Topeka area, including representatives from business, labor, education, health, human services, government, elected officials, non-profit agencies, students, community volunteers and neighborhood and religious groups.

Leadership is an activity, not a role or a position. The program is open to anyone wanting to move the needle on tough challenges in the civic arena.

### Leadership Greater Topeka impacts

- ...the community by:**
  - developing committed, knowledgeable men and women prepared to accept key positions in the community;
  - encouraging creative partnerships and initiatives between the public and private sectors.
- ...the participants by:**
  - providing broad general knowledge and sensitivity about people, systems, assets and problems of the community;
  - teaching leadership capacities and competencies that will help transform our community;
  - building friendships and working relationships with diverse members of the community.
- ...the employers by:**
  - developing employees with increased organizational, leadership and problem-solving skills;
  - giving companies and employees new insights into the community;
  - expediting employees' development.

## Program Structure

The program consists of a two-day retreat, eight daylong sessions between February and May and a graduation luncheon in May. Sessions will focus on leadership competencies through training, discussions, interactive presentations, tours and speakers. The sessions will cover key community challenges in such areas as quality of life, government, crime, business and economic development, community services, education and health care. Participants will graduate from the program with a greater understanding of how to effect change and get results from their community involvement.

### Woven throughout the program are concepts of:

- **21st Century Leadership Skills** – learning styles, collaboration, consensus, facilitation, visioning, adaptive/technical leadership skills and steps to a performing community.
- **Community Trusteeship** – working for the common good of the whole community.
- **Servant Leadership** – the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve first. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead...to make sure that other people's highest priority needs are served.



## Selection Process

The selection process starts with an appeal to the general public to recommend people who they feel have demonstrated leadership potential. **Individuals are also encouraged to nominate themselves.** All nominees will be sent an application that must be completed and returned to the Chamber of Commerce office by 3:00 p.m., Friday, October 11, 2013. Each applicant will be asked to visit with two LGT alumni in an informal setting. This meeting is intended to acquaint applicants with the scope of the program and allow alumni the opportunity to visit with applicants about their goals and vision for the Greater Topeka area. The Selection Committee, comprised primarily of program alumni, will have the difficult task of selecting a class representative of the entire community.

Applicants should demonstrate an increasing level of responsibility and evidence of personal growth along with the willingness to address issues in the Greater Topeka community. Work experience, scope of personal interests and community involvement will have a significant impact on the selection process.

Because diversity in age, gender, ethnicity, occupation, religion, education, residential zip code and volunteer involvement is an important element in the selection process, some applicants who might otherwise meet the Selection Committee's criteria may not be selected. Applicants not selected are encouraged to apply for the program in subsequent years. Many graduates of Leadership Greater Topeka applied more than once.

In addition to the individuals selected in the formal selection process, up to ten individuals may be designated by Sponsoring Firms. The class will have approximately 36 participants. There will be a maximum of two participants from any one firm or organization.

Nomination and application forms are available from the Chamber office, 785.234.2644, or on the Chamber's website at [www.TopekaChamber.org](http://www.TopekaChamber.org) or [www.LeadershipTopeka.org](http://www.LeadershipTopeka.org).



*"Knowledge is power. I've been feeling my way through Leadership and it's nice to have some new tools to use."*

Ryan Hellmer  
Goodell, Stratton, Edmonds & Palmer, LLP  
Class of 2013

*"So many perspectives...the formal training, the locations we visited, the classmates I got to know."*

Chris Fisher  
WIBW Channels  
Class of 2013

*"LGT is better than other training courses because participants have the time to practice, reflect and consider the skills presented."*

Beth Martino  
U.S. Food and Drug Administration  
Class of 2004

*"I've learned lots of diverse information I will utilize going forward, both personally and professionally."*

Keith Tatum  
CASE, Inc.  
Class of 2013

*"The information I learned in LGT was so much more than I could have ever imagined---such a valuable experience."*

Janel Warmington  
U.S. Bank  
Class of 2013

## Tuition & Scholarships

The tuition is \$875.00 per participant and includes all program materials, meals, social functions and transportation. Scholarships are available for applicants that may see the tuition as a deterrent to applying for the program.

## Important Dates for 2014 Program

- Nomination Deadline . . . . . Tuesday, October 1, 2013
- Application Deadline . . . . . 3:00 p.m., Friday, October 11, 2013
- Conversations with Alumni (scheduled individually) . . . . . November 4-5, 2013
- Selection Announcement. . . . . Friday, December 13, 2013
- Participant Orientation . . . . . 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, January 21, 2014
- Two-Day Retreat . . . . . Thursday-Friday, January 30-31, 2014
- Session #1 . . . . . Friday, February 14, 2014
- Session #2 . . . . . Friday, February 28, 2014
- Session #3 . . . . . Friday, March 14, 2014
- Session #4 . . . . . Friday, March 28, 2014
- Session #5 . . . . . Friday, April 11, 2014
- Session #6 . . . . . Friday, April 25, 2014
- Session #7 . . . . . Friday, May 2, 2014
- Session #8 . . . . . Friday, May 16, 2014
- Graduation/Alumni Luncheon . . . . . 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 21, 2014

Leadership Greater Topeka requires attendance and participation in the orientation, two-day retreat and all class activities, sessions and luncheons. The two-day retreat will be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 30, 2014, and 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 31, 2014.

**Sessions 1-8** will be from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Only one excused absence (a total of 9 hours) from Sessions 1-8 will be permitted. **Class members can expect to spend up to 15 hours outside regular class times with class assignments and implementing a class project.**

