



Connecting Nicollet County

Leadership through Learning

2016-2017 Leadership Program

Our Mission:

Connecting people, creating awareness of resources and building leadership throughout Nicollet County.

What is the Need?

Complex challenges are impacting the communities in which we live. Addressing these challenges requires leaders equipped with new tools and resources for decision making and citizen action.

How the Program Works

Participants gather one day each month in the communities throughout the county. Each day includes leadership training, meeting with community leaders, and tours of businesses and facilities in that particular community. Participants will tour together, study together and dine together. Each day ends with reflection and discussion on application of the information learned.

Who Can Participate?

Each class is comprised of a maximum of 25 participants who either live or work in Nicollet County. Participants can be either current or emerging leaders who demonstrate an interest in the future of our county. Selected participants are notified in August.

What is the Cost?

Tuition is \$450 which includes all training materials, meals and refreshments. (Note: actual cost for the nine-day program is over \$1,100!) A limited number of scholarships are available for those who need assistance. Please indicate your need by checking the appropriate box on the application.

Program Dates, Location & Theme

September 8, 2016

Nicollet

Beginning the Leadership Journey

October 13, 2016

St. George/Klossner

Leadership through the Generations

November 10, 2016

Courtland

Enhancing Community through Collective Leadership

December 8, 2016

North Mankato

Leading in a Multicultural World

January 12, 2017

Lafayette/Bernadotte

Leading through Conflict

February 9, 2017

St. Peter

Leadership for the Common Good

March 9, 2017

North Mankato

Visionary Leadership

April 13, 2017

Norseland/New Sweden

The Changing World of Agriculture

May 11, 2017

St. Peter

Integrating Leadership & Celebrating the Journey





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Why Should a Business Sponsor an Employee?

- Increase employee's personal leadership, communication and team skills
- Provides understanding of the demographics, economics and opportunities in Nicollet County communities
- Improve visionary leadership and ability for "big picture" thinking
- Build professional networks and promote their respective business or organization
- Increase capacity to address critical issues and challenges



Participants Benefit By...

- Developing a base of leadership knowledge and skills including effective communication, facilitation and conflict management
- Gaining an in-depth understanding of your personal leadership style and how to work with others more effectively
- Building personal and professional networks with community leaders and organizations throughout the county
- Acquiring confidence and skills necessary to serve in leadership roles

For More Information or to Apply...

www.connectingnicolletcounty.com

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Applications are available on the website

Leadership Workshop Topics

Developing Exceptional Personal Leadership

Critical Thinking

Enhancing Ethical Leadership

Building Shared Focus for Action

Bridging Generational Trends

Navigating Conflict Successfully

Effective Committees and Boards

Dealing with Change

World Cafe: Discovery Through Dialogue

Building Your Intercultural Competency

“*The Connecting Nicollet County experience has been so much more than I ever expected. The leadership sessions were so eye-opening, seeing the different ways in which culture, personality, age and gender can influence how we lead and are led.*”

