

GROWTH IN ACTION



"...the intelligence, skill and commitment of many, many people is what makes Portage County a great place to live."
- Jerry Lineberger, UWSP



"...we have a responsibility to become informed in areas outside of our expertise."
- Deb Knippel, Ministry Health Care

"...it is better to know someone through sharing experiences than just names."
- Rusty Mitch, Portesi Italian Foods



"Every session helped [gain a better understanding of Portage County]. I never would have been exposed to all this on my own."
- Robert J. Stack, Portage County Library

"...leadership involves all facets of life and community."
- Paula Cummings, Portage County Planning & Zoning

2016 - 2017 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Each full-day session (7:45 am - 4:30 pm) combines character traits and leadership skill development with exploration of community issues. Sessions are held at various businesses and public facilities which provides an inside look at Portage County.

August 18 & 19	Opening Retreat – History of Portage County
September 16	Business, Industry & Technology
October 20	Agribusiness
November 17	Government & Community
December 15	Human & Public Services
January 19	Legal System
February 16	Education & Workforce Development
March 16	Economic Development & Infrastructure
April 20	Health, Wellness & Community Service
May 2	Spring Celebration
May 18	Putting Knowledge into Action

For a more comprehensive list of skill development, session objectives, and an application form visit www.PortageCountyBiz.com.



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CULTIVATING LEADERS FOR

A CONNECTED COMMUNITY

2016 - 2017

Mission: Leadership Portage County challenges participants to broaden their understanding of Portage County and develop their leadership skills through networking, education, activities and community involvement.

Vision: Leadership Portage County improves quality of life for Portage County through inclusive leadership.

Values:

- Diversity
- Leadership
- Relationships



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APPLICATION

- A maximum of 28 applicants are selected each year to create a diverse class representing business, education, the arts, religion, government, and community based organizations.
- Applications are due June 1, 2016.
- Applicants will be notified by July 1, 2016 of their acceptance into the program.
- A waiting list is established if applications exceed program space.

TUITION

If accepted into the Leadership Portage County program, you or your employer/sponsor will be responsible for the \$975 tuition fee which covers all program materials, meals, transportation and graduation expenses. **A limited number of scholarships are available.** Tuition is refundable if the participant withdraws prior to August 3, 2016.

COMMITMENT

LPC participants spend approximately 150 hours on LPC related activities during the program. The monthly sessions dates are listed on the back of this brochure. The remaining program components require time outside of the monthly sessions, but are developed to provide flexibility and choice so that participants can select the options that best fit their schedules.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Leadership Skill and Character Trait Development

Each month LPC participants build skills through interactive sessions.

Community Tours & Speakers

LPC participants hear from local experts on topics pertinent to the community and tour local businesses.

Networking

Participants utilize ample opportunities to network with other participants, over 475 alumni, & community leaders that assist the program.

Interim Assignments

Participants experience how the leadership skills are actually used in the different facets of Portage County.

Community Class Projects

Community class projects provide participants with the opportunity to practice their leadership skills & teamwork while giving back to the community.

LEADERSHIP SKILLS

- Personal leadership styles
- Responsibility of leadership
- Situational and strategic leadership
- Servant leadership
- Networking
- Business etiquette
- Social media & personal branding
- Communication
- Difficult conversations
- Negotiation
- Public speaking & presentations
- Project & time management
- Change management
- Event planning
- Productive meetings
- Boardmanship
- Diversity
- Managing & resolving conflict
- Performing teams
- Consensus building
- Creative problem solving
- Delegation
- Values & ethics
- Vision & Foresight

"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become more, you are a leader."

- John Quincy Adams

PROGRAM GOALS AND BENEFITS

- Enhance, develop and practice leadership skills
- Encourage involvement in leadership roles at work and in the community
- Expand business and community networks
- Identify and explore community issues & challenges
- Promote an appreciation and awareness of Portage County's resources, institutions, cultures and concerns
- Apply individual strengths to effectively serve businesses, organizations and communities.

LPC'S IMPACT

- LPC deepens participants' knowledge in Portage County.

