

Leadership Canton 2016

Program Schedule

Nature of Leadership – February 4, 2016

An introduction to leadership and our community, this session will assist you in gaining insight into your own leadership styles and understanding the group dynamics of this course. Session activities include speakers, team building, and True Colors personality profiling.

Education & Canton Public Library – March 10, 2016

Get ready to explore one of the largest school districts in the country, Plymouth-Canton Community Schools. This session is designed to give you a better idea of the vision that will produce tomorrow's leaders. With a focus on the campus setting at the high schools, you will hear from those who have the responsibility for preparing our youth for the workplace. In addition, the session will end with a behind-the-scenes tour of the Canton Public Library, the busiest public library in the state.

Local and County Government & Economic Development – April 7, 2016

In this session, you will meet county and local government officials. You will learn firsthand how they work together to ensure that Canton continues to prosper. You will also gain a better insight as to what each governmental unit is responsible for and why it is vital to work together for a common goal.

The growth of Canton is very fast-paced and challenging; how is that being managed? Maintaining a strong vision with planning and economic development is a key aspect in any successful community. This session brings you into the processes that are in place, and will teach you how Canton promotes economic growth. You will also enjoy a bus tour to two of Canton's big businesses, along with an exploration of how Canton has developed from a farming community to the vibrant destination it is today.

Health and Human Services & Canton Leisure Services – May 12, 2016

This session will give you a look at the health and human services that are available and also a look at a couple of facilities and programs that enhance the health of our community. You will explore how Canton continues to increase its resources on all levels.

Next you will learn all about Canton's nationally accredited Leisure Services Division, getting an inside look into the program, special events, and facilities that make Canton Township a great place to live. You will be amazed at everything Leisure Services provides for our community.

Public Safety – June 2, 2016

You will see firsthand why our community is safe, and the steps being taken to ensure that safety. During this session, you will interact with Public Safety personnel and see how the department works up-close and personal. As a homework assignment, you will ride along with a Canton Police Officer or with the Fire Department – you don't want to miss this exciting opportunity!

Other Points of Interest:

Graduation

A formal graduation dinner will be held to acknowledge your completion of the program. You will receive a certificate and plaque, and also a chance to share the personal impact of the Leadership Canton program. Graduation date is tentatively set for June 8 at 6 p.m.

Key Events Guide

You will be given an itinerary of key events for the Canton Chamber of Commerce and Canton Township. You can choose to attend as a participant and give feedback, or sign up to volunteer. Examples include Canton Chamber of Commerce special events, Canton Leisure Services special events, A Salute to Canton Community Awards Banquet, and Relay for Life.

Shackleton's Way

This book is an excellent example of leadership and perseverance. You will be given the book on the first day as a reward for committing to the program.

Linked In

There is a Leadership Canton Group on Linked In, and we invite you to join! This group is great exposure to many distinguished alumni that are leaders in our community.

Meals

Food is an important part of any gathering! You will be given breakfast and lunch at each session. Breakfasts will be light – bagels, fruit, or pastry type offerings, along with coffee, juice and water. Lunches will be a full meal. Breakfast will be served between 8 and 8:30, before the start of each session. Lunch times will vary based on the session schedule. If you have any special nutrition needs, please let us know in advance.

Communications

It will be important that you provide an email address that you will check often as email will be our main form of communication with the class. The starting location for each session will vary, so participants must be diligent about confirming where to go prior to each session.

Travel

There are times when a session will begin in one location then move to another. You will need reliable transportation to get from place to place. There may be chances to carpool, and one session will offer a bus tour due to the amount of businesses and developments we will visit. We will try to limit the driving, and all destinations will be in Canton.

Attire

The dress code for each session is business casual unless you hear from us in advance. Please wear comfortable shoes as most sessions involve a lot of walking.

Questions?

We welcome any questions you may have about the program. You can call the Canton Supervisor's Office at 734-394-5185 for more information, or email info@leadershipcanton.com.

We look forward to a great program!

Next, you will gain insight into Canton's Municipal Services Division. You will get a behind the scenes look at community development, from the planning stages all the way through to maintenance and preservation. An activity based on planning a community in a group setting will continue to enhance your leadership skills.