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Why Leadership Delaware?

Do you have the stuff of leadership? Do you have what it takes to move your career or life to the next level? How much do you know about your community and the leaders throughout your state? If you truly want to make a difference in our state, to rise to ever-higher levels of leadership, then Leadership Delaware may just be for you!

The mission of Leadership Delaware, Inc. (LDI) is to recruit and mentor outstanding young Delawareans who have the capacity, desire, and the courage to seek and excel at community, nonprofit, political, professional, and corporate leadership within the "First State."

Our program offers a series of issue-oriented forums and experiences, which are based on the belief that knowledge is a key element and prime motivator of leadership.

Leadership Delaware is a 10-month program which includes:

- An orientation session (4 hours on a weekday evening).
- Mandatory two-day sessions each month, held primarily in New Castle County (May is in Sussex, September is in Dover), for 10 months, from February through November, typically the 1st or 2nd Thursday and Friday of each month (7:45AM-8:45PM Thursday and 7:45AM-5:45PM on Friday). Free lodging will be provided to Sussex and Kent County fellows by Board Members.
- Fellows are also required to complete 2-3 small group research projects over the course of the year. Research may include reading books, interviews, or other formats which will require additional time outside of the class schedule.
- Elective events will be available (ballet, dinner theatre, opera, pig roast) for fellows to maximize the bonding experience.

Meet first hand with those in the state who make it happen every day, including: Fortune 500 CEO's, the Governor, members of the Cabinet, University Presidents, Legislators, members of the Judiciary, and experts from every area in the state, medicine, technology, education, corporate and nonprofit governance, and more. The breadth and depth of our program will be made evident by a review of the speaker section on our website, leadershipdelaware.org, showing the topics presented, the leaders addressing those topics, and their impressive credentials.

Learn More. Attend a Candidate Reception.

The first step for any prospective applicant is to attend one of our Candidate Receptions. These are free, fun, informative, and will help any young leader determine if he/she has the stuff of leadership, the drive, the intellectual heft and curiosity to become a fellow.

Class of 2017 Candidate Receptions:

- Tuesday, August 16, 6-8:30 PM
- Thursday, August 25, 6-8:30 PM
- Saturday, September 17, 1-3:30 PM
- Wednesday, September 21, Sussex, The Glade Clubhouse in Rehoboth Beach
- Thursday, September 29, 6-8:30 PM

RSVP to lora.leadde@gmail.com with the session of your choice.

What are the characteristics we are looking for in recruiting for the Leadership Delaware Class of 2017?

We are looking for candidates who have already demonstrated leadership in at least one area of the Delaware community: business and the professions; government and politics; nonprofits and foundations. Typically, new fellows are strong in one of these areas, and perhaps not so in the others. Upon completion of our program, we hope – expect – fellows to rise to significant positions of leadership in all three areas.

Last year, we surveyed our Leadership Delaware fellows, asking, "What characteristics are a 'must' with anyone you would urge to become a future fellow?"

- Willingness to commit to the course
- Intellectual curiosity
- Already-demonstrated leadership skills
- Honesty, integrity, and respect for others
- Highly (self)-motivated
- Compassionate
- Tenacious
- Visionary
- Energetic
- Good communicator
- Coachable
- Belief in the future of Delaware and the passion to make the state better

Leaders with integrity, vision, knowledge, and the ability to make a positive impact within their communities are desperately needed in Delaware and throughout the United States. In fact, the need for principled leaders has rarely been greater.

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