

The purpose of Leadership Plano is to identify, educate and develop future leaders for the community of Plano and to motivate these potential leaders for civic, charitable and community involvement.

LEADERSHIP PLANO CURRICULUM

(The order of session topics may change based on availability of facilities and presenters.)

Leadership Plano is a program of the Plano Chamber of Commerce

OPENING RETREAT (Mandatory Attendance)

Class members meet for the first time and begin their leadership adventure with a two-day retreat. Participants spend the first day discovering their own leadership style and learning how to best utilize style differences. The next day members participate in a series of outdoor initiatives involving team-building, problem-solving, trust and risk-taking.

CITY HISTORY & LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A look at the past helps participants understand the present and envision the future. The class gains insight into local government and explores the political process as elected and appointed officials address current issues and future challenges facing the city.

EDUCATION

Classroom visits and presentations by representatives from Plano ISD, Collin College and other educational organizations cover topics such as curriculum, school finance, technology, work force development, community partnerships and challenges facing educational institutions.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Tours of adult and juvenile justice facilities and presentations by representatives from all sides of the legal spectrum provide participants with an overview of public safety, the criminal justice system, and issues impacting public safety officers and the judiciary.

HEALTH SERVICES

Presentations and discussions with local healthcare providers and facility tours offer a “real life” view of health services, treatment centers and major health care issues.

BUSINESS & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT and ARTS & CULTURE

This session provides an overview of programs and services provided by the Plano Chamber of Commerce and examines issues affecting small and large businesses. The session also provides an overview of cultural arts opportunities available in our community.

SIMSOC (Simulated Society)

To “walk in the shoes” of others can have a major impact on our lives. This simulation raises the participant’s awareness of all levels of society through role-playing, conflict resolution, trust, and crisis management. Members of the “society” must address issues affecting their neighbors, while keeping a “balance” in the society as a whole.

RELATIONSHIPS/UNDERSTANDING DIVERSITY

Through a variety of interactive activities, class members will learn effective bridge-building skills to combat intergroup conflicts. Class members will develop skills needed to resolve tensions and address prejudice that can help them become stronger and more effective leaders.

LEADERSHIP CAPACITIES

This program focuses on individual leadership competencies to enhance the participants’ effectiveness in their business, community and personal life. Through small group activities, presentations and problem-solving initiatives, the session explores effective communication, consensus building, meeting management and leadership responsibilities. The afternoon session looks at “The Year in Review” and challenges participants to develop a personal vision focusing on their individual commitment to community and future involvement.

Graduation

The Opening Retreat is generally held on the third weekend in September (Saturday and Sunday). Monthly sessions beginning in October are usually held on the third Thursday of the month. All sessions, except the opening retreat, begin at 8 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. Order of topics and program format may vary. Session dates will be provided upon acceptance.