

A program of the Plano Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Plano is dedicated to educating, developing, and empowering current and future leaders for the community and motivating them to serve civic, charitable, and business organizations.

Leadership Plano Class 36: Tentative Curriculum and Calendar for 2018-2019

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| Sept. 15-16, 2018 Saturday & Sunday | MANDATORY OPENING RETREAT Class members meet for the first time and begin their leadership journey with an overnight retreat. Participants spend the first day discovering their own leadership strengths and learning how to utilize their strengths most effectively. On the following day, the class participates in a series of outdoor initiatives involving team-building, problem-solving, trust, and risk-taking. |
| Oct. 18, 2018 (3rd Thursday) | CITY HISTORY, GOVERNMENT & CITY SERVICES SESSION This session provides a perspective of Plano's past along with a "State of the City" overview from elected or appointed officials. Participants also gain insights into city programs and services that contribute to the quality of life in the community. |
| Nov. 15 2018 (3rd Thursday) | EDUCATION SESSION Visits to educational facilities and presentations by representatives from Plano ISD and higher educational institutions explore topics such as curriculum, school finance, technology, community partnerships, and current educational issues. Participants also gain a greater understanding and appreciation of Plano's population diversity. |
| Dec. 13, 2018 (2nd Thursday) | BUSINESS/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SESSION (INTRODUCTION OF CLASS PROJECT) Through presentations and tours, participants gain an understanding of the impact of business and economic development on the city's budget and quality of life and the challenges facing small and large businesses. |
| Jan. 17, 2019 (3rd Thursday) | SIMSOC ("Simulated Society") 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" address issues affecting their neighbors while trying to keep a "balance" in the society. |
| February 21, 2019 (3rd Thursday) | NORTH TEXAS REGIONAL LEADERSHIP DAY Class members join other DFW leadership program participants to explore and discuss major issues impacting their communities such as water and transportation that require regional perspectives and collaborative efforts to create solutions. Participants also have an opportunity to "connect" and network with their counterparts in other nearby communities. |
| Mar. 21, 2019 (3rd Thursday) | HEALTH SERVICES SESSION Presentations by local healthcare providers and tours of medical facilities provide a look into patient care and wellbeing and issues affecting healthcare institutions and treatment. Participants also gain awareness of community agencies that meet the healthcare needs of the indigent and uninsured and those facing physical or mental challenges. |
| Apr. 18, 2019 (3rd Thursday) | PUBLIC SAFETY & CRIMINAL JUSTICE SESSION Representatives from police, fire and the criminal justice system provide an overview of crime prevention, emergency response, and public safety. Participants also tour local facilities, including the Collin County Justice Center and Juvenile Detention Center. |
| May 16, 2019 (3rd Thursday) | SERVANT LEADERSHIP, THE ARTS & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SESSION The closing session provides a guide for effective non-profit and civic board membership and includes a nonprofit agency fair. Participants also gain an awareness of cultural arts in the community. The session concludes by looking at "The Year in Review" and challenges participants to reflect on their leadership journey and envision their future involvement. |
| May or June 2019 | Leadership Plano Class 36 GRADUATION (Date TBA - in late May or early June) |

Class topics and dates are subject to change based on speaker and facility availability. All sessions, except the opening retreat, begin at 8:00 a.m. (with breakfast served at 7:30 a.m.) and end at 5:00 p.m. The agenda for each session is sent to program participants at least one week prior to the session with detailed instructions including program location(s). Dress is business casual unless otherwise noted.