LEADERSHIP OBJECTIVES:

♦ Identify and select qualified leaders to participate in the program.

♦ Provide the participants with an understanding of the opportunities and needs of the community through a series of issues oriented programs using local leaders as well as regional and national authorities from academic, business, and industrial communities.

♦ Educate the participants in management/leadership skills & the application of those skills to volunteer in community leadership positions.

♦ Develop interpersonal relationships among the participants to provide a common ground for working together on community projects.

♦ Create lines of direct communication between participants and existing community leaders.

♦ Identify organizational and individual opportunities for community involvement.

TESTIMONIALS:

"Leadership Ohio Valley is an opportunity to network, learn, and contribute to the community. The program made a huge difference in my life and provided many connections and contacts for me. As a result, WV Northern Community College values the experience and encourages employees to participate. Lifelong learning is important, and Leadership Ohio Valley is a great way to gain information about the area and meet other professionals."

-Lisa Soly, Class of 2008; West Virginia Northern Community College

"Being in Leadership has given me so much. We started in 2019 and then got hit with COVID but had to prove that we can still "LEAD" this team to our finish. I had forgotten that I was that person. Leadership brought out a part of myself that I tucked away. You learn more about yourself and learn so much more about or community. It opens up many different paths of networking that you never knew you needed. You find friends, you never knew you had."

-Sarah Farran, Class of 2020, Administrative Assistant, City of Weirton Fire Department

"Being a part of Leadership was a great learning experience. I really loved getting to know others of different professions and seeing how they are a leader in our community. There are so many aspects to the business community that people may not realize, and Leadership does a great job at highlighting those to the class. Each session throughout the class is an opportunity for growth and development. I will always recommend one to take advantage of this!"

-Emily Byers, Class of 2023, Marketing Representative/ Community Liaison, Apollo Pro-Cleaning & Restoration

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2024

LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

(all are required)

- **Thursday, November 2, 2023; 3pm**: Ice Breaker & True Colors Session followed by the Kick-off Dinner-

- **Friday, November 3, 2023; 8am to 4pm**: SIMSOC

- **Volunteerism**: 6 hours We will provide you with a list of available options

- **Teamwork**: Work together to give back to the community– MUST be completed before graduation

- **December 2023**: Health & Human Services – Clayton Henderson, Weirton Medical Center

- **February 2024**: Government – Paul Cowey; Hancock County Commission

- **March 2024**: Education - Crystal Harbert; West Virginia Northern Community College

- **April 2024**: History & Culture - Advisor TBD

- **May 2024**: Business & Economic Development – Marvin Six, Business Development Corporation

- **June 2024**: Graduation Banquet

- Attend one (1) Government meeting **AND** one (1) Civic meeting

  - **Government:** e.g: City Council, County Commission, Board of Education

  - **Civic Groups**: e.g: Rotary Club, Kiwanis

*Meetings **CANNOT** be a group of which you are already a member.

*Return all attendance forms to the Chamber. Forms must be signed by a Civic or Government Representative.

LEADERSHIP METHODS:

- Action Group Assignments

- Panel & Small Group Discussions

- Field Trips & Simulations

- Management Style Workshops

- Interviews with Community Leaders

SELECTION PROCESS & WHO CAN PARTICIPATE:

- The program is open to all area citizens

- First 20 to apply and pay tuition in full

HOW TO APPLY & INVEST:

- Contact the Weirton Area Chamber of Commerce for an application

- $350 for Chamber Members and $400 for non Chamber members

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Due to the costs involved with program participation, once an applicant has been accepted into the program and confirms their commitment to participate, tuition becomes non-refundable. Withdrawal from the program due to extreme circumstances (hospitalization, military duty, death, or other extreme situations) can be appealed to the Weirton Area Chamber for a case-by-case review.

- Advisors are available to offer guidance and answer questions. It is the responsibility of the participants to plan their assigned session and make the necessary arrangements. Any problems in this area should be brought to the attention of the *Leadership Ohio Valley* Coordinators or Chamber Office immediately.

- Sessions are to be scheduled on the day of the month selected by the participants. The length of the sessions are determined by each sub-committee. They should try to be a full work-day.

- The History and Culture sub-committee participants are responsible for updating the *Leadership Ohio Valley* Scrapbook. Please take at least two (2) candid and close-up pictures of each participant at each session. Please email the pictures to the Chamber no later than the end of the May session. The scrapbook must be finished by graduation. Anyone willing to help with the scrapbook is welcome to do so.

- To ensure that SIMSOC continues to be a rewarding experience, participants are asked to refrain from discussing that session.

"Leaders don't create followers, they create more leaders." -Tom Peters