NETWORKING

An important part of developing community leaders is providing networking opportunities during and outside of the monthly session. Networking mixers allow participants to discuss the activities of the day and provide time to make connections in a non-formal setting. Networking mixers also allow them to learn more about each other's profession as well as similar interests that could spur leadership action beyond the academy.

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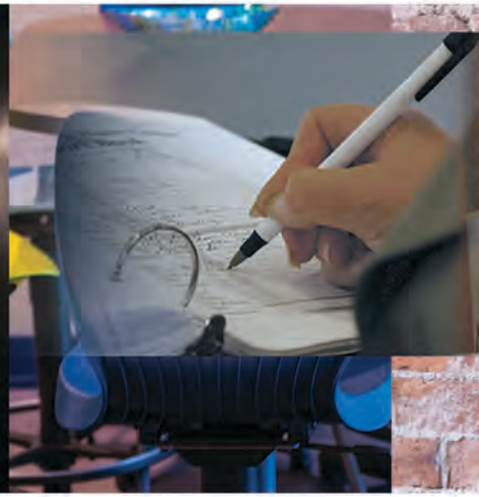

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ABOUT OTTUMWA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

OTTUMWA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY offers a 10-month, tuition-based program that provides participants an "MBA" in Ottumwa and Wapello County with targeted leadership development strategies.

The Mission of OTTUMWA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY is to develop effective leaders for the betterment of our community.

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PARTICIPATION

Application Process
Completion of an application is required to be considered for class participation. Class size is limited. Participants are selected based on leadership potential and demonstrated community interest. Candidates who are not selected are encouraged to apply again for future classes.

Successful completion of the program requires:
Attendance at the opening retreat, closing retreat, and graduation are mandatory, as is attendance at 9 of the 10 monthly sessions in between.

Attendance at one community meeting must be done to complete graduation requirements. A report about the experience is due to the Executive Director prior to graduation. Community meetings can take place in Ottumwa, Wapello County, or near-by city or county.

Community meetings can include:

1. City Council Meeting
2. Board of County Supervisors
3. Legislative Town Hall Meeting
4. School Board Meeting

The completion of group projects: Topics are identified and project groups formed during the first 3 months of the academy. Groups are expected to work outside of the scheduled monthly sessions on their projects.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Opening Retreat
2 Half-day sessions with an overnight stay

Quality of Life
Presentations from professionals representing county tourism, arts & culture, recreation, & other civic organizations

Media, Public Relations, & Communications
Interacting with the media, public relations, and speaker training

Criminal and Civil Justice Systems & Public Safety
Perspectives from a judge, prosecutor, police chief & fire chief. Tours of law enforcement center & fire station

Human, Community, & Health Services
Presentations from human, community, & health services organizations followed by a poverty experience with local service agencies

County & Municipal Government Planning & Development
Jurisdiction roles and responsibilities – mayor, city administrator, city council & county supervisors
Presentations on growth, land use and development

State Government
Trip to the statehouse. Meet with local representatives

Education
Presentations from area educators

Business, Industry and Agriculture
Panel discussion – Chamber, Economic Development, Main Street, OPRC. Tours of area agriculture, manufacturing and business facilities

Closing Retreat & Graduation
Morning retreat
Presentation of group projects &
keynote speaker at graduation

*Classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Lunch is provided.
**O.L.A. has the right to change curriculum topics and/or detail. This is to provide a general road map for the upcoming year.