

What is the Purpose of Polk-Burnett Leadership Academy?

Current local leaders have collaborated to develop a training experience that prepares participants to work through challenges present in their communities. This intensive course will provide participants the following:

- Equips leaders with the skills to make a difference in their community.
- Provides the opportunity for personal and professional growth.
- Engages participants in their community.
- Develops civic responsibility.
- Encourages collaboration between local government, community, and private investment.

Mission

The Polk-Burnett Leadership Academy's mission is to *create opportunities* for participants to *increase their knowledge, skills, and confidence*; to *develop insight* and *become involved* leaders in their communities.

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"Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other."
JOHN F. KENNEDY

GROW personally & professionally.
CULTIVATE NEW RELATIONSHIPS.
Create a **better** *community*.



If you live or work in Polk or Burnett County, this is an opportunity to expand your leadership potential in nine days!

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Cultivating a Better Community...and Discovering New Horizons

The Polk-Burnett Leadership Academy offers individuals working and living in Polk and Burnett counties the opportunity to change their lives and lives of those in the area around them. In partnership with the University of Wisconsin Extension, participants meet once per month from September through May. Each day-long session provides the opportunity for personal and professional growth.

In the first session, you will learn to expand and perfect your leadership potential and leadership style.

You will learn how to work with others and motivate yourself to take on and solve business and community issues. Later sessions provide a behind-the-scenes glimpse into various communities within the Polk-Burnett area. You will meet and interact with leaders from the region who will present concrete information about local issues of concern.

Session locations will rotate between the two counties. The \$400 cost of the program will cover books, materials, meals, and program activities. Attendance at each session is expected. Scholarships are available to those who register early!

As a participant, you will leave these *comprehensive and hands-on sessions* with a solid understanding of who you are, what issues this region faces, and how you can make a difference on the job and in your community.

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September 11th, 2007 — Day 1

Understanding Yourself and Others

- Personality profiles – Colors
- Team building
- Leadership styles
- Differences between Generations

October 9th, 2007 — Day 2

Civic Engagement and Leadership

- Team Project and Visioning
- Roberts Rules of Order
- Parliamentary Procedure-meeting facilitation
- Conflict Resolution
- Building, managing and retaining volunteer-base

November 13th, 2007 — Day 3

Organizational Development

- Visioning 101
- Starting a non-profit
- Building capacity within your organization
- Grant writing

December 11th, 2007 — Day 4

Conflict Resolution

- Conflict Styles
- Intro to Conflict Resolution Tools
- Mapping Key Stakeholders
- Community Conflict Case Simulation

January 8th, 2008 — Day 5

Local Government Finance

- Local Government Structure
- Budgeting and Finance
- Understanding your tax bill
- County Budget Analysis

February 12th, 2008 — Day 6

Economic Development

- Economic Development in NW Wisconsin
- Roundtable with Economic Development Board Members
- Tour of Manufacturing Plant

March 11th, 2008 — Day 7

Community Development and Planning

- Balancing Private Property Rights
- Community Development Strategies
- Main Street Tour

April 8th, 2008 — Day 8

Natural Resources

- Water Issues and Knowledge
- Tour Deer Lake Conservancy
- Forestry Trends
- Forest Product Economics

May 13th, 2008 — Day 9

Graduation

- Group presentations
- Keynote speaker
- Graduation Ceremony
- Reception and Dinner

What are you waiting for?

Consider asking your community or employer to sponsor this program for you!

Call today to expand your leadership potential!

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