

PROGRAM GOALS

- **CONNECT** ~ Participants will meet and connect with proven leaders from the Mecosta County community.
- **LEARN** ~ Participants will receive a continuing education opportunity in the field of leadership as well as gain a better understanding of various sectors of Mecosta County's businesses, government and non-profit organizations and explore their strengths and challenges.
- **SERVE** ~ Leading means Serving, so each participant will be taught the principles of Servant Leadership and given the opportunity through a Class Project to give back to the community.
- **LEAD** ~ Build personal leadership skills and relationships applicable to positively influencing the Mecosta County business and community setting into the future.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

Leadership Mecosta participants receive the opportunity to become better acquainted with fellow community leaders as well as discover the community in which we live, work and serve. As they become connected this creates a pathway for a thriving future for Mecosta County.



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsorships are a great way for you, or your business, to be an example of leadership by partnering with Leadership Mecosta. Four different levels of sponsorship are available with varying degrees of support and benefit to you and to your organization.

Friends of Leadership Mecosta = \$250

A LM sponsorship to simply give back to a great program that is developing future leaders.

Food & Beverage Sponsor = \$500

A LM sponsorship to provide the lunch and beverages for monthly Leadership Mecosta classes.

MENTOR Level Sponsor = \$695

A LM sponsorship in the amount of the registration costs for a participant.

LEADERSHAPE Sponsor = \$1000+

A LM sponsorship helping cover specific costs of Transportation, Photography, Orientation, Leadership Retreat, or Graduation



CONTACT US

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2020 – 2021



Leadership Mecosta aims to provide the knowledge, skills, connection and motivation needed to serve and lead our community into the future.

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QUALIFICATIONS

Leadership Mecosta invites applicants who are interested in developing their leadership skills and community connections, as well as learning how those skills can be implemented to help meet the needs of Mecosta County.

Participants must commit to attending all scheduled sessions and activities. Session topics & dates can be found at leadershipmecosta.com

TUITION

Tuition is \$695. Tuition includes the cost of materials, lunches, snacks, and other program costs.

Leadership Mecosta is a continuing education program and your employer may sponsor your tuition.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications are available online at leadershipmecosta.com, info@mecostacounty.com, or at the chamber office

Early Consideration Deadline – May 23, 2020

Final Consideration Deadline – Aug 24, 2020

Applications received later may be placed on a waiting list.

See LeadershipMecosta.com for Scholarship Assistance.



CURRICULUM GUIDE - 1 Session Per Month, 2nd Thursday of Each month, 9:00am – 5:00pm

ORIENTATION SOCIAL

Enjoy an evening out together to socialize with new class members and their guest, board members and LM Advisory Committee Members and a brief overview of the curriculum.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT RETREAT

An overnight retreat. Topics of the retreat include team building activities, dynamics of Leadership, personal leadership styles, a Mecosta regional overview and an opportunity to get to know their fellow LM classmates. They will also set goals for their year in the Leadership Mecosta program.

MONTHLY CLASSES

2ND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH - 9:00AM TO 5:00PM October - May

MONTHLY TOPICS & ORGANIZATION FOCUS VISITS INCLUDE:

EDUCATION

How has education evolved and what does the future hold for tomorrow's students and educators? A respected panel of educators will discuss the many issues facing educational institutions in our community (FSU, MOISD, BRPS, CCA, MSPS, CHPS).

NON-PROFITS, HUMAN SERVICES & PHILANTHROPY

Participants will understand how non-profits are structured and how they contribute to our community and how philanthropy plays a vital role in Mecosta County. Through experiential activities, they will get a close look at human service agencies and discover how they function as valuable resources.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This session will look at the local and global economy and the economic impacts facing the region and state.

HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

Understand the key issues and challenges facing the health care industry our local health institutions as well as industry growth and innovations. Explore environmental topics from a variety of perspectives.

LOCAL & STATE GOVERNMENT

For this day we will meet with local, regional and state officials that will share information on governmental structures, key issues and responsibilities in the state and region.

ARTS, CULTURE & MEDIA

We will focus on the significance of maintaining and nurturing a broad spectrum of arts & cultural activities in our community. We will also discuss and look at media and its impact upon the community. On-site visits and presentations allow LM participants to experience the value of arts, culture and media first hand.

JUSTICE SYSTEM & PUBLIC SAFETY

Hear first hand from those involved in the criminal justice system. This session will explore the process, as well as the challenges facing the adult and juvenile justice systems in Mecosta County.

GRADUATION

MAY 2021

Leadership Mecosta participants and their guests are invited to celebrate the completion of the 2020 - 2021 Leadership Mecosta Program and the participant's commitment to continued leadership throughout Mecosta County.

LM CLASS PROJECT

Each year the Leadership Mecosta Class develops a project that gives back to the community. It is hoped that this cohort's project will be an endeavor that can continue to give back to the community and develop leaders and the community of Mecosta County.