



2015-2016 Agenda Summaries

Leadership Twin Cities program days are planned and executed by program alumni. Speakers and topics can and do vary from year-to-year based on the desired outcomes, timeliness and the interests of the cohort. The following is provided as a sample of the agendas for one program year to give a sense of the types of speakers and topics covered.

Kick-Off Retreat

Desired Outcomes: To build relationships, promote personal growth, and foster engagement by gaining a deeper understanding of the Twin Cities community.

- ❖ *The Biggest Problem in MSP Land*, Curt Johnson, Publisher, Citiscope
- ❖ Brown Bag Exercise Intro & Part 1
- ❖ *Welcome from the Chamber*, Todd Klingel, President & CEO, Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ Brown Bag Exercise Part 2
- ❖ *Paying It Forward in the Twin Cities and Beyond*, Danny Walter, Director of Programs, Students Today Leaders Forever
- ❖ *Ethical Leadership*, Chad Weinstein, President, Ethical Leaders in Action
- ❖ Living Graph Exercise
- ❖ *Alumni Perspective*, Duchesne Drew, Community Network Vice President, Bush Foundation
- ❖ *Regional Indicators Dashboard*, Peter Frosch, Vice President, GREATER MSP

Metropolitan Issues Day

Desired Outcomes: To explore the history & immigration that has created the region while developing an understanding of current community development initiatives.

- ❖ *Welcome to Mill City*, Laura Salvesson, Mill City Museum
- ❖ *Tour of Mill City, and Minneapolis in 19 Minutes Flat*
- ❖ *Walking Tour of Little Earth*
- ❖ *Neighborhood House and the Immigrant Experience Panel*,
Moderated by Nancy Brady, President, Neighborhood House
Chanida Phaengdara Potter, Little Laos on the Prairie
Jessie Ramirez, Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio
Said Sheik-Abdi, American Refugee Committee
- ❖ *Arrive at Neighborhood House, Positive Leadership* discussion
- ❖ *St. Paul Tour*, David Lanegran, Macalester College
- ❖ *North: Our History, Our Thriving Communities, And Our Future Successes*
Moderated by Matt Halley, Executive Director, Cookie Cart
Rev. Alfred Babington-Johnson, Stairstep Foundation
Heidi Barajas, Urban Research and Outreach Center (UROC)
Tawanna Black, Northside Funders Group
Andre Dukes, Northside Achievement Zone



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Economic Development Day

Desired Outcomes: To illustrate the partnerships between business, government, and communities as they pertain to economic development; to provide an overview of sustainable planning for our region's future.

- ❖ *Metropolitan Council Overview*, Adam Duininck, Chair, Metropolitan Council
- ❖ *Positive Leadership Discussion*
- ❖ *Panel: Regional Economic Development*
Moderated by Cathy Polasky; Panelists: Cecile Bedor, EVP, Greater MSP, Katie Clark Sieben, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Monte Hilleman, VP of Real Estate and Development, Saint Paul Port Authority and Tim Tripp, Assistant Director, University of Minnesota Office of University Economic Development
- ❖ *MSP Airport and the region's economy*, Jeff Hamiel, CEO, Metropolitan Airports Commission
- ❖ *MSP Airfield Tour*, Jeff Hamiel & Mitch Kilian, Director of Governmental Affairs, Metropolitan Airports Commission
- ❖ *Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Minnesota*, Melissa Kjolsing, Director, MN Cup, Shawntera Hardy, Co-founder, Civic Eagle and Ben VandenWymelenberg, Founder and CEO, Woodchuck

Public Safety Day

Desired Outcomes: To become aware of key public safety issues; to gain insights into how local agencies work with one another and with businesses and citizens to keep our communities safe.

- ❖ *Introduction to American Red Cross*, Carrie Carlson-Guest, Chief Communications Office
- ❖ *US Marshals*, Sharon J. Lubinski, U.S. Marshal, District of Minnesota and Seth Malinski, Deputy U.S. Marshal, District of Minnesota
- ❖ *American Red Cross demonstrations*, Barb Ernst and Jason Viana
- ❖ *Hennepin County Sheriff's Office*, Richard Stanek, Hennepin County Sheriff
- ❖ *Public Safety and Community discussion, Ride along & call to action discussion*
- ❖ *American Red Cross Tours*
- ❖ *Mall of America Security: Not Your Average Mall Cops*, Ashly Helser, Special Operations Manager, Mall of America, Will Bernhjelm, Security Patrol Captain, Mall of America
- ❖ Positive Leadership Discussion: Purpose
- ❖ *911 Operations*, Christine McPherson, Assistant Director, Minneapolis 911, Maryam Williams, Supervisor, Minneapolis 911
- ❖ K9 Unit demonstration/presentation, Officer Mike Perron, Bloomington K9 unit



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Healthy Communities Day

Desired Outcomes: To explore issues of hunger, homelessness and housing as it relates to healthy communities.

- ❖ *Introduction*, Allison Liuzzi, Research Scientist, Wilder Foundation
- ❖ *Living with Cents Activity*
- ❖ *Improving Health through Ending Hunger*, Rob Zeaske, CEO, Second Harvest Heartland
- ❖ *Food Packing Activity*
- ❖ *Home Street Home*, zAmya Theater
- ❖ *Healthy Housing = Healthy Communities*, Cristen Incitti, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, Andriana Abariotes, LISC Twin Cities, Dr. Randy Warren, HealthPartners
- ❖ *Youth Homelessness*, Laura Kadwell, Heading Home Minnesota Funder's Collaborative, Dr. Heather Huseby, Youthlink, Anne Mavity, Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, Kate Searls, Catholic Charities

Government Day

Desired Outcomes: To gain a deeper understanding of our state and local government system; discuss timely political issues; and learn about candidate experiences.

- ❖ *2016 Session Overview*, Rich Forschler, Faegre Baker Daniels
- ❖ *Elected Representative Forum*, Elected Representative Forum, Moderator – Shannon Watson, Definitely Someday, Rebecca Noecker, St. Paul City Council, Ward 2, Peggy Flanagan, State Representative, District 46A, Linda Higgins, Hennepin County Commissioner
- ❖ *Regional Council of Mayors*, Moderated by Jay Lindgren, Dorsey & Whitney, Mayor Mary Giuliani Stephens, Co-Chair of RCM, City of Woodbury, Mayor Jim Hovland, Co-Chair of RCM, City of Edina, Mayor Gene Winstead, City of Bloomington
- ❖ *"Wrong About Everything" podcast*, Brian McDaniel, host, WAE, Javier Morillo-Alicea, host, WAE
- ❖ *Carin Mrotz*, host, WAE Amy Koch, host, WAE
- ❖ *Tour*, Minnesota Senate Building
- ❖ *Political Reporter Panel – Current Political Issues*, Moderated by Professor Larry Jacobs, U of M Humphrey School, Patrick Condon, Star Tribune, Brian Bakst, MPR, David Montgomery, Pioneer Press

Education Day

Desired Outcomes: To reach a greater understanding of the challenges and opportunities facing today's K-12 schools; To identify and recognize Minnesota's achievement gap; To learn how the Minneapolis Public Schools and local organizations are working to close the gap.

- ❖ *Welcome to Patrick Henry*, Yusuf Abdullah, Principal
- ❖ *Minneapolis Public Schools*, Michael Thomas, Chief of Schools, MPS
- ❖ *The Innocent Classroom*, Alexis Pate, Founder, Stephanie Webster, Educator
- ❖ *The Achievement Gap Update*, R.T. Rybak, Executive Director, Generation Next
- ❖ *Positive Leadership: Community Building*



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- ❖ *MPS Nutrition*, Ifran Chaudhry, Assistant Director of Culinary and Nutrition Services, Minneapolis Public Schools
- ❖ *The Collective Impact Model*, Amy Hertel, The Minneapolis Foundation
- ❖ *Education Reform Discussion*, Moderator: Anne Krocak, AchieveMpls, Madaline Edison, Educators 4 Excellence, Chris Stewart, Education Post, Ryan Vernosh, Saint Paul Public Schools
- ❖ *College Possible and The Brand Lab*, Kumar Balasubrahmanyam, College Possible, Laverne McCartney, The Brand Lab, Wilmarie De La Cruz, Student, *Padee Vue, Student*
- ❖ *Advocating for Education*, Daniel Sellers, MinnCANN

Arts & Culture Day

Desired Outcomes: To experience the diverse artistic and cultural opportunities available in the Twin Cities; to understand the economic impact the arts play in a strong community; to emphasize the importance of arts and cultural organizations in our community.

- ❖ *Economic Impact of the Arts and the Legacy Amendment*, Sheila Smith, MN Citizens for the Arts
- ❖ *Positive Leadership discussion-Reason*
- ❖ SPCO rehearsal/ Tour of the Ordway tour
- ❖ *Saint Paul Conservatory for Performing Artists*
- ❖ *Promoting Art in the Community*, Carl Atiya Swanson, Director of Movement Building Springboard for the Arts
- ❖ *Arts Organizations and their Role in the Community*, Dominic Papatola, Moderator
- ❖ Jennifer Bielstein, Managing Director, Guthrie Theater, Jamie Grant, President and CEO, the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts, Jon Limbacher, Managing Director and President, The Saint Paul Chamber Orchestra
- ❖ *Ananya Dance Theatre –performance and discussion*, Ananya Chatterjea, Founder, Artistic Director, Choreographer, and Dancer

Vision Day

Desired Outcomes: To explore ways to take knowledge and ideas from Leadership Twin Cities and turn them into action; to inspire a commitment to make a difference in the community.

- ❖ *Reflection on the LTC Journey, Part 1*
- ❖ *City of Minneapolis*, Betsy Hodges, Mayor of Minneapolis
- ❖ *Positive Leadership-Gratitude*
- ❖ *Service Projects Reports*
- ❖ *Tour of Mayo Clinic*
- ❖ *The Secret of Kid Creativity*, Jeff Freeland Nelson, CEO, YOXO
- ❖ Reflection on the LTC Journey, Part 2
- ❖ *What's next? Stay Connected & Involved*
- ❖ *Northside Achievement Zone*, Sondra Samuels, President and CEO