

## Leadership Clayton Program Overview

Leadership Clayton is a nine-month program (September-May) designed to help participants become effective leaders and to facilitate increased involvement in the Clayton County community. Class participants develop an understanding of critical issues facing Clayton County, gain knowledge to enhance their leadership skills, and become actively involved in making a difference in their community.

The Leadership Clayton program is structured to provide class participants with a wide variety of experiences. Program completion is based upon active participation.

The Leadership Clayton program includes the following activities:

***Kick-off Retreat/Program Orientation*** - The retreat serves as the first Leadership Clayton session and introduces participants to the Leadership Clayton experience. Participants meet and network with their class, alumni and Leadership Clayton Advisory Board members. The retreat is a mandatory overnight stay for all class participants and is held in September of each year.

***Program Sessions*** - Class participants will learn about Clayton County, the Metro Atlanta region and the State through monthly sessions. Sessions will focus on improving the quality of life in the Clayton County community in the areas of economic development, education, healthcare and social services, state and local government, regionalism, criminal justice, law enforcement, and public safety.

***Class Projects*** - The class projects are typically community service oriented and are a fundamental part of the Leadership Clayton program. The class projects engage participants in the community and facilitate involvement with various groups while empowering participants to develop team and individual leadership skills. Each project team is responsible for creating and implementing a project for the community.

***Community Involvement*** - Class participants are required to attend various county, municipal and community meetings throughout the program year. These meetings provide you the opportunity to learn and understand issues impacting our county, cities, education system and business community. Meetings include the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, City Councils, Clayton County Board of Education, Clayton County Chamber of Commerce and a local non-profit organization.

Visit the Clayton County Chamber of Commerce website ([www.claytonchamber.org](http://www.claytonchamber.org)) for additional Leadership Clayton information, including a list of past graduates and class projects.

Don't miss your opportunity to get involved!