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Leadership  
South Kansas City  
Class of 2024



## History of the Program

With the first class graduating in 1993, Leadership South Kansas City is in its 31st year. The program has consistently had 15-24 participants each year and has provided leadership development for many people who have gone on to serve as the current leaders of our community.

## Purpose

Leadership South Kansas City was developed to strengthen the vitality of the Kansas City community by providing a forum to educate participants about the uniqueness of our community and to develop their leadership abilities while preparing them for leadership roles in the community.

## Goals

- Educate and motivate potential leaders for volunteer positions in the South Kansas City community and the metropolitan community at large.
- Provide a systematic program to familiarize participants with the community's opportunities, needs, problems and resources.
- Provide a base for present and future communications between participants and community leaders.
- Highlight and observe leadership dynamics that move people and ideas.

## Cost

### Chamber Members:

\$850/First attendee  
\$825/Each additional attendee

### Non Chamber Members:

\$975 per person

Fees include all class materials and meals.

**Application Deadline - December 29, 2023**

# 2024 Schedule

Please note that dates are set, however times and program content are subject to change.

DAY	DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
#1 Orientation/Team Building	January 3, 2024	9am-3pm	Overview of class, Chamber 101, What is Leadership?, Team Building
#2 Regional Partnerships	January 17, 2024	8am-3pm	Presentations from MARC, KCADC and Port KC followed by a Dining Etiquette Lunch
#3 City & County Government	January 31, 2024	8am-3pm	Meet the Mayor, City Manager and Council Representatives, experience the City Hall observation deck, meet our County Legislators, Prosecutor, and Public Defender and tour the Emergency Operations Center
#4 Transportation	February 14, 2024	8am-3pm	Tour and presentations from MoDOT, KCATA, KC Streetcar, and Kansas City Aviation Department/KCI
#5 Energy	February 28, 2024	8am-3pm	Tour Hawthorne Power Plant and Evergy Connect. Presentations from Evergy and Spire regarding Energy Efficiency programs
#6 Arts and Culture	March 13, 2024	8am-3pm	Learn more about the arts in Kansas city such as the Kansas City Art Institute, ArtsKC, the Arts Asylum and Starlight Theatre
#7 State Government	March 27, 2024	7am-7pm	Watch House/Senate debate, meet State Senators/Representatives, presentations from Missouri Chamber of Commerce and various state agencies.
#8 Education	April 10, 2024	8am-3pm	Meet area school superintendents, presentations about the needs for post high school education opportunities, mentorship programs and internship programs
#9 Public Safety	April 24, 2024	8am-3pm	Presentations and tours of the KCFD and KCPD Training Academies
#10 Health Care/Life Sciences	May 8, 2024	8am-3pm	Learn more about healthcare and life sciences in our city from a panel of healthcare experts, tour the Stowers Institute, and the MCC Virtual Hospital
#11 Entrepreneurship	May 22, 2024	8am-3pm	Tour/meet various successful Kansas City entrepreneurs as well as hear presentations from UMKC SBTDC, Kauffman Foundation and KCSourcelink
#12 Community Service	June 5, 2024	8am-3pm	Presentations from several area service organizations and spend the afternoon volunteering.
#13 Professional Sports	June 19, 2024	8am-3pm	Learn about the wide variety of professional sports offered in Kansas City and tour select venues.
#14 Manufacturing & Industry	July 10, 2024	8am-4pm	Presentations and tours of various Kansas City manufacturers.
#15 Graduate Recognition Lunch	July 24, 2024	11am-1pm	Program completion ceremony

## Graduate Experiences

*"Participating in LSKC gave me a view of Kansas City that I did not have prior. This program really gives a strong overview of all aspects of Kansas City, not just those that I or my company are personally interested in. The knowledge gained through this program helped by become a better employee, by realizing the community's successes and limitations, as well as a better citizen and vocal support of Kansas City."*

Michelle Wood  
Technical Manager  
Honeywell FM&T

*"I can't compliment this program enough. The South KC Leadership program has been invaluable on a personal and professional level. As a non-profit we rely heavily on fellow businesses to support our endeavors, and before I even graduated this program I used the connections of my fellow classmates to help our organization create partnerships throughout the city as a healthcare provider of choice. I've made great friends and excellent professional contacts and highly recommend this program."*

Amy Kuhnlein  
Manager Development & Community Affairs  
Swope Health Services

*"The Leadership class offered a great opportunity to meet professionals at other area organizations and learn about the institutions that make Kansas City a unique place to live and work."*

Tyler Keel  
Staff Industrial Engineer  
Burns & McDonnell

*"Leadership South Kansas City was a great program that helped me learn more about the community I live and work in, as well as make many valuable business connections. Professionally, I am a stronger leader and member of my organization, and personally I am grateful for all the wonderful friendships and new experiences."*

Melissa Black  
Communications Manager  
MoDOT