



2024

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Thank you for your interest in the future of our community!

The Oglethorpe Rotary Club has joined with the Oglethorpe County Chamber of Commerce and multiple supporting organizations and businesses to present the Leadership Oglethorpe program. The objective of Leadership Oglethorpe is to, in a rapidly changing economic environment, increase leadership capacity in our rural county. Also, because of Oglethorpe's location and proximity to Athens, Georgia, it has become increasingly more important for the county to develop a new generation of career minded leaders who will work to build entrepreneurship, networks, and community organizations that are critical to expanding employment opportunities in the county, as well as supporting a vibrant and healthy economy and community. While agriculture is the primary economic engine in Oglethorpe County, the current leadership is focused on rebuilding the central commercial core and refocusing citizen support of businesses, that generate both retail and service income in our county. In developing this generation of new leaders, we must provide vocational and financial literacy, thus creating a team mindset, and encourage entrepreneurship in such areas as farm to table marketing in surrounding retail areas of demand. The measurable outcomes will include: enhanced community networks and improved social capital through contact with fellow program participants and program facilitators; an increased application of leadership skills and new knowledge in community nonprofit, civic and corporate sectors; and participants will understand and be more willing to undertake leadership roles in the community.

The skill and knowledge transfer will involve multiple sessions over a 26-week period. The topics will include: Socio-demographic, Understanding Values and Diversity, Communicating Effectively, Economic Development, Making Group Decisions, Elected Officials, Building Communities Through Collaborations, Volunteerism/Nonprofit, Grooming Future Leaders, Education/Youth Development, Comprehensive Plan, Local Government, Leading Community Change, Community Growth, where do we go from here. All these topics are included in the curriculum of the Fanning Institute. In addition, the participants of Oglethorpe Leadership will be networked with, and mentored by members of the local community as well as individuals from across the state who will be involved in the Fanning Institute's program. Follow up support for sustainability will be conducted in conjunction with the Fanning Institute.

We encourage you to join in this effort and commit members of your organization to this initiative, helping to develop the future leaders of our community.

Please review the additional attached information and join us!

Attachments:

- ✓ Program schedule and topics
- ✓ Application for Program Participation
- ✓ Participant Agreement Form



LEADERSHIP OGLETHORPE

 <p>J.W. Fanning Institute for Leadership Development UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA</p>	<p>Rotary</p> 	<p>Oglethorpe County</p>  <p>CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</p>
		
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2024 Program Schedule and Topics

- ✓ **Meet and Greet** – Late January at OC County Library
- ✓ **Exploring Leadership** – February 15-16 (two day)

Join us for the **Leadership Retreat** on campus at the UGA Fanning Institute and Continuing Education Center. Topics include *Teambuilding/Understanding Leadership* and *Effective Communications*. You will all develop an *Emergenetics Profile*.

- ✓ **Economic Development** – Late February

We will travel to the Fanning Institute (Georgia Power Classroom) for this session with Andrew Carnes, Georgia Power Regional Community and Economic Development

- ✓ **Valuing Community Diversity and Local Education** – Early March

Superintendent Beverley Levine will host this session at the Oglethorpe County Board of Education offices. We will examine *Multigeneration Understanding* and visit our local education units.

- ✓ **Exploring Group Decision Making and Local Government** – Late March

County Commission will host us (@ Library?) for *Group Decision Making* skills, plan for the team project, and examine our Local Government and Brand. Tours of facilities and discussions with officials as time permits.

- ✓ **Business and Industry including Agriculture and Forestry** – Early April

The Chamber of Commerce will host us at the Crawford Depot or UGA Extension. Visits to various Oglethorpe businesses and agricultural sites. We will also spend time on the team project.

- ✓ **Exploring Community Collaboration** – Late April

We will focus on Community Development and the Non-profit activities in Oglethorpe County as we examine *Building Communities through Collaboration*. (Crawford Depot?)

- ✓ **Exploring Conflict and Healthcare** – Early May

Our focus will be on the Healthcare community (Piedmont Athens Learning Center/Bogart) and discuss *Managing Conflict, Sensitive Topics, Difficult Conversations*.

- ✓ **Exploring Change** – Late May

Our final meeting will focus on the future as we discuss *Leading Change at the Depot*. We will set priorities for individual team members and the group after graduation.

- **GRADUATION** – Early June (Tuesday or Wednesday) at Historic Smithonia Farm





APPLICATION for ADMISSION

PLEASE CLEAR ALL SCHEDULE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW

All applications are confidential, and selection is anonymous. Please provide sufficient information allowing the Selection Committee to make a determination of your eligibility based on your current skills and commitment to community involvement. To ensure that those selected reflect the diversity of the community, you are asked to specify your sex, race, and/or ethnicity. All questions are optional.

PERSONAL

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE INITIAL NICKNAME (FOR NAME BADGE)

BUSINESS / HOME (CIRCLE) MAILING ADDRESS CITY ZIP

BUSINESS / HOME (CIRCLE) PHONE CELL FAX EMAIL

YRS. IN OGLETHORPE COUNTY AGE MALE/FEMALE RACE/ETHNICITY

EMPLOYMENT (if applicable)

PRESENT EMPLOYER DATE BEGAN

EMPLOYMENT AUTHORIZATION (if applicable)

I approve the submission of this application, the time and financial commitment required to participate in this program.

SIGNATURE OF EMPLOYER TITLE NAME (PRINTED) DATE





Which of the following best describes your present position? Please check one.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS | <input type="checkbox"/> PROFESSIONAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION (PRIMARY, SECONDARY, HIGHER) | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL SERVICE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY | <input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NON PROFIT | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER |

How did you learn about Leadership Oglethorpe? _____

Describe your most significant volunteer commitment/s to date:

List your strongest leadership characteristics. How can you benefit from further leadership training & development?

State what you expect to learn about Oglethorpe County – its resources and community leaders.

What are the three most pressing issues facing the Oglethorpe community and why?

Describe how you plan to apply your enhanced skills and knowledge to benefit the Oglethorpe community.





PARTICIPANT AGREEMENT

I have cleared my calendar on the appropriate dates, and if I am selected to participate, I understand that the **Leadership Retreat** is **mandatory** and that I am **expected to attend** all sessions. I also understand that the program tuition is due prior to the **Leadership Retreat** and that I am personally responsible for any portion of the tuition not paid by my employer.

Tuition for Leadership Oglethorpe is \$350.00. A limited number of partial scholarships may be available in amounts of up to half of the tuition.

Do you need to be considered for a partial scholarship for the program? YES NO

In order to graduate from Leadership Oglethorpe, the retreat is mandatory, and attendance is required at all program sessions. Regular homework assignments and a class project will require additional hours outside of normal class meetings.

Will you be able to meet this requirement? YES NO

My signature below certifies that I have read this entire application and that I live and/or work in Oglethorpe County.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Original application must be postmarked no later than **January 15, 2024**.

DO NOT include any attachments or fax your application. Please do not call to inquire about the status of your application. We will notify you as soon as the selection process is complete.

MAIL OR DELIVER TO:

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