



A Year of Challenges to Build Your Skills

Be one of the dynamic citizens selected to join Leadership Tompkins. During half-day sessions, meet with more than 50 regional leaders to examine issues of critical importance to Tompkins County. Intensive and hands-on skill building sessions will add to your leadership portfolio and will help you in your career and your community work. Site visits, roundtables, small and large group discussions, and hands-on applications allow for active engagement.

Examine topics such as economic development, diversity, education, and the environment. With nearly 400 graduates from virtually every private and public sector organization in Tompkins County, Leadership Tompkins offers participants access to an extraordinary network of area leaders and a unique opportunity to learn and strengthen leadership skills.

"I was honored to attend. Not only did we meet many of the movers and shakers of our community, but my classmates are top-notch!"

Christian Nielsen-Palacios, Assoc. Principal
The Thomas Group

Who Should Attend

Leadership Tompkins is designed for individuals who want to become well-connected in the community in which they work or live, and who wish to give back to the community. Participants should have management experience in their work history or community pursuits. Additionally, participants must have volunteer experience prior to joining this program.

Tuition

Tuition is \$800 for 11 program days, including the retreat and graduation dinner celebration. This fee may be paid by the sponsoring business or organization, the participant, or a combination of the two. A limited number of partial scholarships is available.

NOTE: Attendance at a minimum of 14 of the sessions in addition to all mandatory events, full and active participation in the Community Action Project, and full payment of tuition are required for graduation.



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Leadership Tompkins - A Community Leadership Resource

Just as organizations must develop leaders to ensure their future success, so must Tompkins County develop the awareness and skills of its future community leaders. The Leadership Tompkins program serves three critical functions for community leadership development in Tompkins County:

- educate future leaders about the civic issues facing our county
- train future leaders in skills critical to their success in the community
- provide a forum for networking between current and future leaders

Leadership Tompkins assembles a diverse group of local citizens from business, industry, education, non-profit, and government organizations who want to develop their leadership skills and improve their community. The program educates participants about the challenges of our community and the complexity of community dynamics. Participants forge strong bonds and learn to approach challenges creatively using their collective talents and experience.

Whether it's serving on a board, holding an elected position, or mentoring a child, Leadership Tompkins graduates truly contribute to our community.

"Anyone interested in becoming a community leader can benefit from the information and networking opportunities that Leadership Tompkins provides."

Ayana Richardson, Director
Graduate Student Services & Registrar
Cornell University

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Program Format

The program is comprised of three elements: a kickoff retreat, scheduled monthly sessions, and a community action project.

Retreat

The retreat quickly transforms the newly assembled group into a team and provides the basic knowledge needed to succeed in Leadership Tompkins. During the retreat, participants will focus on:

- better understanding of their strengths as leaders
- developing a sense of their leadership comfort zone and areas for growth
- how Tompkins County rates in nine facets of community health
- becoming acquainted with the business community resources within the group

Attendance is **mandatory** for this all-day Thursday and Friday event in September.

Day One - Thursday, Sept. 18 8:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Day Two - Friday, Sept. 19 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.



Scheduled Sessions and Activities

Scheduled sessions are held on the second Thursday of each month from October through June, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Activities include interviews with community leaders, research on community issues, and experiential leadership exercises. Participants are required to attend a minimum of 14 of the sessions in addition to attending all mandatory events in order to complete the program. Topics include leadership best practices, economic development, public safety, local government and others.

For details see www.leadershiptompkins.org.



Community Action Project

A key element of our programs is the Community Action Project (CAP), which gives small groups of participants a chance to begin making a difference in the community right away, while developing an appreciation of the work required to envision and bring about change in a community. Projects are selected by the participants based on mutual interest and ability to contribute, and must be completed in time for a June graduation presentation.

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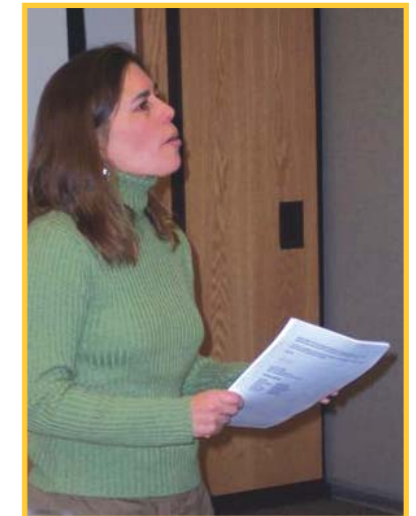


“Leadership Tompkins has given me the information and confidence necessary to make a difference.”

Dennis Bubel, Engineering Supervisor,
BorgWarner Morse TEC

Scheduled Sessions and Mandatory Events

- Retreat
- Minimum 14 Sessions
- Community Action Project Report
- Graduation Dinner



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