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What is Leadership Cayuga?

The Leadership Challenge

One measure of a community's greatness is the voluntary contribution made by its leaders.

Leadership Cayuga stimulates public-minded thinking and increases the base of informed, capable leaders who are committed to using their talents to add to the vitality of our community.

For more than 20 years, Leadership Cayuga has prided itself on graduating dedicated community leaders. Without a doubt, our 500 alumni are among the most informed citizens in Cayuga County.

Leadership Cayuga Community Projects

Each year, Leadership Cayuga takes on challenges and ideas that have been developed by our community leaders.

These projects must have the potential to have a positive impact on our quality of life. Past topics have involved the Office of Tourism, Youth Volunteerism, the Property Tax System, the Owasco Watershed, and other issues of cultural, civic and economic importance. If you have an idea to submit for consideration by our committee, to be explored by an upcoming Leadership Cayuga class, please call 252-7291 or email leadership@cayugacountychamber.com

Leadership Cayuga is a program of the Cayuga County Chamber of Commerce. For information call 315-252-7291.

Leadership Cayuga Alumni Share Their Thoughts



*Lauren Chyle '10,
Curator, Cayuga
Museum of History
and Art*

Leadership Cayuga is an invaluable opportunity to learn about the community. Going through this program has exposed new avenues for me to take on new challenges and leadership opportunities as well as develop a greater investment and interest in the county.



*Kurt Kramer '09, CEO,
Auburn YMCA*

Leadership Cayuga has been a very beneficial experience. As a new person to the upstate area it provided a perfect vehicle to meet people and learn about our community. Leadership Cayuga is a great way to learn about the richness

and diversity of Cayuga County.

*Debby McCormick '89, Clerk, City
of Auburn, NY*



It's hard to believe that it has been over 20 years since I drove to Wells College on a freezing cold January afternoon to spend the night at a retreat with 20 strangers. Talk about blind faith! I really did not know what to expect that day. I had no idea what "Leadership Cayuga" would do. For me, it set the direction of my next twenty years. I'm proud to be among the hundreds of lives that Leadership Cayuga has touched.

*David Homick '08,
Web Solutions of CNY*



Leadership Cayuga was a great experi-

ence that increased my awareness of my community, and the roles that people play within it. It was a great way to bond with influential people that I may not otherwise have had an opportunity to meet.



*Andrew Fish '10,
Executive Director,
Cayuga County Chamber
of Commerce*

Leadership Cayuga has enriched my life through the connections and friendships that formed in class. The knowledge and experience of the activities have given me a broader perspective of this region...I look forward to using what I've learned to benefit Cayuga County"

Program Success is Key for Sponsors of Leadership Cayuga

"...over time, I believe the participants play a more active community stewardship role. Familiarity with local governance structure and community characteristics make that possible. I have seen many previous participants engage in community activity..."

*Robert Brower, CEO, Institute for
the Application of Geospatial
Technology*



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"What we have here are some breathtaking opportunities disguised as insoluble problems."

*John W. Gardner, recipient of
Presidential Medal of Freedom and
author of On Leadership, 1990*