

Beginning in September, a select group of people will embark on a ten-month odyssey through the inner workings of the Greater Concord area. Their travels will take them from its beginnings as a small town by the railroad tracks to the city it is today—and identify what’s being done to prepare for the future.

Along the way, the Leadership Greater Concord Class of 2012 will poke their noses into the activities that make Concord tick: they’ll ride “shot-gun” with a police officer, go back to school for a day, visit the Merrimack County jail, spend a morning in court, sit in on an editorial meeting at the *Concord Monitor*, attend a legislative hearing, visit one or more businesses, and get involved in activities that offer insights into the Greater Concord area.

Beginning with a retreat, the program is a series of day-long sessions focusing on important aspects of civic life in Greater Concord. Using Concord and the surrounding towns as the “classroom,” the sessions are designed to offer first-hand information from—and dialogue with—leaders of businesses, organizations, and government.

By the end of the program, participants will know more about Greater Concord than most—and they’ll have the tools and contacts they need to better contribute to the quality of life in the Greater Concord community.

WHO SHOULD APPLY?

Individuals who have a commitment to the community and are likely to assume greater responsibility in the future are encouraged to apply. A selection committee will conduct interviews of prospective participants. The participants chosen will ideally include those from business, government, education, civic groups, the arts, religion and community groups. The class is representative of the Greater Concord area in nature and balance is important to foster a greater understanding and knowledge of the community.

Session 1: RETREAT

September 9 & 10, 2011

The program begins with a facilitated overnight retreat acquainting you with your classmates and the program—you’ll learn what to expect and how to maximize your experience.

Session 2: HISTORY, CULTURE & THE ARTS

September 28, 2011

This day offers a historical overview of Concord as well as introducing you to the cultural venues and opportunities that make Greater Concord a great place to live and do business.

Session 3: ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABILITY

October 12, 2011

This day offers a unique view into the environmental issues facing our communities as they relate to economic growth.

Session 4: LIVABLE COMMUNITIES & SMART GROWTH

November 9, 2011

This day focuses on how Concord attracts business and plans economic development, balancing that with smart growth, livability and visioning.

Session 5: COMMUNICATION & THE MEDIA

December 14, 2011

This session offers presentations, discussion and interactive role-playing with newspaper, radio, television, internet and other communication professionals.

Session 6: CRIMINAL JUSTICE

January 11, 2012

This session will provide you with a better understanding of the criminal justice system. You will visit a courtroom and a correctional facility. Lawyers, police officers, and others from the criminal justice system will share their thoughts, experiences and predictions about the system.

Session 7: GOVERNMENT AND POLITICS

February 8, 2012

You will learn the relationship between local, county and state government by attending legislative hearings and participating in candid and interactive conversations with local and state political leaders.

Session 8: EDUCATION

March 14, 2012

You will be acquainted with the tough decisions made by educators as they grapple with issues they face daily, and visit area schools to meet the people making those decisions.

Session 9: HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

April 11, 2012

This session offers you an opportunity to learn more about the health and human service resources in Greater Concord and have a better understanding of the delivery of those services and the challenges faced as Greater Concord grows.

Session 10: REFLECTIONS AND MOVING FORWARD

May 9, 2012

This day has two parts: the first focuses on your inner self—what do you do to re-fuel, how do you balance all you do, and what spirituality means to you. In the second part of the day, you will revisit your Leadership experiences and have a better understanding of how you can use them to accomplish your goals.

Graduation Luncheon Ceremony - June 2012

Note: If you are selected to participate, you will be expected to attend all sessions of the program (starting at 7:30am and ending by 5:00pm), you will be asked to help with the program in future years, and you and/or your employer will be expected to pay tuition of \$900 (some financial assistance is available).

To receive an application for the 2012 Leadership Greater Concord program, complete this form and mail or fax to the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce. Applications are also available online at www.concordnhchamber.com. To be considered for the 2012 program year, applications must be received by May 13, 2011.

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WHAT OUR LEADERSHIP GRADUATES HAVE TO SAY...

The retreat was the best experience to meet and bond with my classmates. We learned a lot about each other and ourselves right from the beginning. We worked as a team, helping each other and taking on leadership roles when needed. In a few short days we came together as a group looking forward to the program with great anticipation of the year ahead. I will carry this wonderful learning experience with me always.

Anna-Marie Sparks, 2007

I am a graduate of the Leadership Class of 2004. I was impressed and moved by many of the days presented, but none more than Education Day. This, in turn, led to my "hosting" Education Day the following year and ultimately to participating in my local District by running for School Board. I am currently the Bow School Board Chair for the 2009-2010 year. Imagine the cascade effect this program has had in other areas!

Deb McCann, 2004

The Criminal Justice Session day was a particularly good example of the way that each of this program's sessions demonstrates the indispensability of that aspect of our community to the vitality of our community as a whole.

Jeremy Eggleton, 2009

Leadership Concord challenged me to think about Concord in ways I had not previously done. The professional relationships made with the other participants during the Leadership program have been lasting and helpful to this day. I highly recommend the program to anyone interested in pursuing an active role in the Concord community.

Fred Keach, 2001

I really appreciate the varied perspectives that our diverse group brings to each session. My understanding of the critical issues affecting our community has been broadened by the programs and course material but even more so by the shared experiences and knowledge of the participants.

Sandy Brien, 2009

The connections that I have made through Leadership Greater Concord continue to spring up and provide new opportunities for me to build community both professionally and personally. And that's the TRUTH! It's really fun and so helpful to continue to find ways that we can help each other and enhance our individual work through collective vision.

Ruth Smith, 2007

Every session day is engaging and informative, but the homework and session on History and Culture were outstanding. The unique insight about Concord's landscape, architectural spaces, and historical background lends new admiration for our beautiful community. To think that Rumford...er...Concord was almost a part of Massachusetts...wow! This session was inspiring because we saw just how involved an average citizen can be in determining the course of our city's growth and development. It's definitely a call to become more active and more engaged.

Jim Finney, Class of 2009

THE MISSION:

The Leadership Greater Concord program fosters civic awareness in the community and participants are equipped with information they need in order to become more involved in activities that will enhance the region.

THE GOALS:

The program gives participants the opportunity to expand their horizons...for themselves, their organization or their business. As part of that effort, we seek to:

- Identify individuals with leadership potential, drawing from diverse personal and professional backgrounds.
- Enhance knowledge, commitment and effectiveness of participants, better enabling them to lead and /or participate in the greater Concord community.
- Educate participants on issues, opportunities and problems that affect the community through presentations by individuals who are directly involved in them.
- Build a network of participants which will expand the range of each member's relationships and will be developed beyond the scope of the program.
- Generate a high level of involvement by the participants in civic and community affairs.



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LGC Class of 2011 at the fall retreat at Attitash Grand Summit Hotel.

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