



About Leadership Delaware

Leadership Delaware is a nonprofit that believes leaders with vision and integrity, with the commitment to affect positive change in the Delaware Community and the nation, are all too few.

Since 2009, Leadership Delaware Fellows participate in a transformational, year-long program, where they meet and hear from approximately 150 speakers, each a prominent and accomplished Delaware leader. This series of two-day, monthly industry and issue-oriented forums and experiences are based on the belief that knowledge is a key element and prime motivator of leadership.

Last year, LDI expanded its offerings to include a 6-module Leadership Development Series, focused on teaching important leadership skills for today's workplace.

Vision

The vision of Leadership Delaware is to ensure that Delaware has strong and diverse leadership now and into the future by empowering Fellows to achieve the highest levels of impact throughout the First State.

Mission

The mission of Leadership Delaware is to recruit and mentor the best and brightest outstanding Delawareans, who can and will transform their communities and the state.



Alumni

Leadership Delaware mobilizes the talent of the private sector to serve the community. Post graduation, our 353 Alumni continue to make an impact in their communities.



70%

OF ALUMNI HAVE BEEN
PROMOTED SINCE
GRADUATION

83%

OF ALUMNI
STILL LIVE IN
DELAWARE

200

COMPANIES
WITH
ALUMNI

102

BOARDS AND
COMMITTEES WITH
ALUMNI

316

NONPROFITS
SUPPORTED BY
ALUMNI

Community Partnership

Leadership Delaware is proud to grow our impact in the community by partnering with local organizations.



Easterseals Volleyball

Our Fellows raised over \$29,000 for Easterseals Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore through their Volleyball Challenge

DE Turf Kickball

We partnered with the DE Turf to co-host their annual Kickball Tournament fundraiser.

LDI Junior

We continued our state-wide mentoring program in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of DE.

American Heart Association's STEM Goes Red

LDI Fellows volunteered at this year's STEM Goes Red event to encourage young female leaders to work in STEM fields.

Intern Delaware

For the second year in a row, LDI Fellows & Alumni partnered with Intern Delaware to give networking advice to young professionals in the state.

Excellence in Education

LDI Fellows and Alumni were invited to the Daily State News Excellence in Education luncheon, which highlights Kent County educational assets and promotes workforce development.

Events

LDI hosts multiple events throughout the year for LDI Fellows, Alumni, Board Members, Speakers, Partners, and the public.



3rd Annual Fall Workshop

In September, in partnership with Goldey-Beacom College, LDI hosted our 3rd Annual Fall Workshop. over 100 people gathered to learn about how to Think Differently when it comes to success.



LDI Anniversary Celebration

LDI hosted a 15th Anniversary Celebration in October at OperaDelaware. The event showcased the amazing work and impact of our Fellows, Alumni, Board, and partners.



Graduation

In December, over 300 guests gathered at the Chase Center on the Riverfront in celebration of the 29 Fellows who graduated from the Class of 2023. Attendees heard from our elected officials, our Keynote Speaker, Desa Burton, graduates, and Keisha Morris, our 2023 Strine Award Winner.

Sessions

Each month, LDI Sessions are held at various locations throughout the state to showcase what Delaware has to offer, and we welcome Delaware's most influential leaders to speak to our Fellows.

2023 Speakers:

Government & Legislative Leadership:

Director AJ Schall, Jr
Secretary Molly Magarik
Secretary Shawn Garvin
Dep. Sec. Rebecca Goldsmith
Lt. Gov. Bethany Hall-Long
Rep. Mike Ramone
Senator Bryan Townsend
Kurt Foreman
Secretary Jeffrey W. Bullock
Cerron Cade
Senator Brian Pettyjohn
Eugene R. Young, Jr.
Speaker Pete Schwartzkopf

Equity & Inclusion through Cultural Competency:

Dr. Eunice Gwanmesia
Rep. Valerie Longhurst
Michelle Taylor
Logan Herring, Sr
Benjamin Shrader
Maria Matos
Senator Marie Pinkney
Beatrice "Bebe" Coker
Claire DeMatteis
Richard Potter
Dave Skocik
Fleur McKendell
Melanie Ross-Levin
Senator Elizabeth Lockman
Dr. Lani Nelson-Zlupko

Board Governance & Non-Profits:

Michael Marquardt
Stuart Comstock-Gay
John Wellons
CMC Chuck Baldwin
Dr. Sheila Bravo
Chad Robinson
Ken Sklenar

Thère du Pont
Tynetta Brown
Molly Giordano
Patrick Carroll
Dave Tiberi
Kevin Smith

All Things Sussex County:

Dr. David Tam, MD
Rep. Ruth Briggs King
Alex Pires, Esq.
Thomas Cook
Dr. Jim Perdue, PhD
Kevin Andrade
Michael Meoli
Desa Burton, Esq.
Rep. Bryan W. Shupe
Todd Lawson
Michael Vincent
Carrie Leishman
Charles L. Burton
David Halley
Hon. Bill West
John Horner

Policing, Homeland Security, Corrections, and Leadership:

Rep. Franklin D. Cooke, Jr.
Mayor Michael S. Purzycki
Dr. Aaron Kupchik
AG Kathy Jennings
Chief Patrick A. Ogden
Dr. James Nolan
Comm. Monroe B. Hudson Jr.
Col. Nathaniel McQueen, Jr.
County Executive Matt Meyer
Col. Joseph Bloch
Col. Melissa A. Zebley
Senator Chris Coons
MG Michael R. Berry
Chief Wilfredo Campos

Healthcare, Bio Science, and Leadership:

Michael Fleming
Steven Stein
Nick Moriello
Sen. Sarah McBride
Dr. LeRoi Hicks
Cindy Bo
Tim Hopkins
Rep. Mike Smith
Ashley Petruno
Rita Landgraf
Dr. Eric Kmiec
Rep. Melissa Minor-Brown
Bryan Fisher
Dr. Andrew Cottone

Business, Banking, and Building:

Chris Baker
Rick Deadwyler
Alan Levin
James Maravelias
Rodger Levenson
Porter Schutt
Gov. John Carney
Edward Capodanno
Charuni Patibanda
Robert Perkins
Chris Kenny, Esq.
Kim Adams
Shanté Hastings
Dr. Peter Atwater

Kent County and Leadership:

Dr. Dina Vendetti
Rep. William Bush
Mariah Calagione
Shelly Checchet
James Collins
Terry Murphy, FACHE

Tonda Parks
Linda Parkowski
Shane Breakie
Patti Grimes
Sen. Tom Carper
Kim Gomes
Col. Russell Gohn

Education and Leadership

Joseph Jones, Ed.D.
Jon Sheehan
Lisa Ratliff
Alexis Stotler
Fayette Blake
Sec. Mark Holodick, Ph.D.
Kendall Massett
Rob Rescigno, Ed.D.
Julia Keleher
Stephen Sye
Dr. Mark Brainard
Hon. Laura Sturgeon
Joel Brown II
Chrissi Rawak
Angela Perry
Dr. Matt Wilson

Leadership Excellence:

Dr. Wendy Smith
Don Mell
Tariq Hook
Rod Ward
Jonathan Starkey
Robert Coupe
Doneene Damon, Esq

2023 Session Locations, Receptions, Tours, and Events:

- Buena Vista Conference Center
- New Castle County Chamber of Commerce
- EasterSeals Delaware & Maryland's Eastern Shore
- Beebe School of Nursing
- CSC Station
- Chemours Discovery Hub
- UD Whitney Athletic Center
- Legislative Hall
- Wilmington University
- Maple Dale County Club
- Food Bank of Delaware
- Habitat For Humanity ReStore
- AMC Museum
- The Peninsula Golf & Country Club
- The Rusty Rudder
- Sambo's Tavern
- Cape May Lewes Ferry
- Delaware Business Roundtable
- Pete DuPont Freedom Award

Leadership Development Series

- Last year, we launched an educational opportunity for adult professionals of any age, focused on teaching important leadership skills for today's workplace.
- Created to meet the needs of the professional community in the current workplace environment, this program is an opportunity for professionals to become involved with Leadership Delaware and focus on their own skillsets as leaders.
- Taught through classroom style-teaching, interaction, and discussion, this series focuses on the following topics:
 - Leadership and People
 - Workforce Communication
 - Leadership and Teams
 - Leading in a Hybrid Workplace
 - Public Policy 101
 - Public Speaking
- This year, 41 individuals participated in this series, over the course of three cohorts, two in Wilmington in partnership with CSC, and one in Dover, in partnership with Chesapeake Utilities and the Central Delaware Chamber of Commerce.

**THIS WAS AN EXCELLENT LEARNING EXPERIENCE.
I THINK THIS SERIES SHOULD BE A REQUIREMENT
TO ALL NEW LEADERS IN DELAWARE.**

**-DR. DEBRA MASON
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WILMINGTON HOPE COMMISSION**



Testimonials

LDI Alumni and our current partners see firsthand the value of Leadership Delaware.



Keisha Morris
Bayhealth
Class of 2023

I entered this program expecting to grow professionally, expand my network, and embrace new experiences and perspectives. What I didn't expect was the tremendous **personal growth and depth of meaningful connections** I made throughout the process. The level of support, care, and genuine desire for you to succeed by all affiliated with this program is unlike anything I have experienced and has **fostered a confidence that is now unshaken.**



Helena Rodriguez
DE State Chamber
Class of 2023

Participating in **Leadership Delaware** was truly transformative, enhancing both my personal and professional growth. The program not only broadened my knowledge of Delaware and the impact we can have, but it also initiated a significant journey of self-discovery.

I'm incredibly grateful for this experience, as it undoubtedly shaped me into a **better business leader** and a better person overall.



Noah Olson
DE Prosperity Partnership
Class of 2023

In one way or another, Delaware has always been central to my career, and through Leadership Delaware, I've been able to hone **my First State knowledge** and network, for the benefit of my professional growth. In addition to the programming, this year has united me with a class of Fellows who I now know I can equally lean on and support, as well as **work with to influence change and progress here in Delaware.**



Chris Neary
Cinnaire
Class of 2023

I came into **Leadership Delaware** expecting to learn about the issues facing Delaware and build the network I need to make Delaware a better place. What I did not expect was how the program and its Fellows would drive my personal and professional growth while **developing the skills I need to make an impact.**

Our Team



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Chief Executive
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PROGRAM PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

Leadership Delaware works to ensure Delaware has strong and diverse leadership now and into the future by empowering Fellows to achieve the highest levels of impact throughout the First State. Aligning your organization with LDI through Program Partnership is an investment in the current and future leadership of Delaware.

Customizable packages are available.



Exceptional
\$50,000

Best & Brightest
\$25,000

Grit
\$10,000

Transformation
\$5,000

Vision
\$2,500

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Opportunity to show a short video at Graduation*	✓				
Opportunity for 2 Individuals to register for the Leadership Development Series	✓				
Sponsor of the LDI Fall Workshop Includes logo placement and tickets to event	✓	✓			
Opportunity to host and/or welcome Fellows at one monthly Session	✓	✓			
Opportunity to host one LDI Alumni Virtual Lunch and Learn	✓	✓			
Opportunity to host one Session Reception	✓	✓	✓		
Opportunity to send 2 guests to attend a monthly Session*	✓	✓	✓		
Recognized in partner related social media posts and press releases	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Tickets to Graduation	16	12	8	4	2
Logo featured on LDI website, at Graduation, & each monthly Session	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Advertisement in Graduation Program	2 PG AD <small>Prime placement</small>	FULL PAGE <small>Prime placement</small>	FULL PAGE	HALF PAGE	HALF PAGE

*Guidelines apply.

Interested in becoming a Program Partner? Contact Jaimie Watts at jaimiewatts@leadershipdelaware.org

PROGRAM PARTNER AGREEMENT

Partner Contact Information:

Name of Organization or Individual Sponsor: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____

Title: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email address: _____

Please submit logo in high-quality, print-ready format, JPEG or PNG, to info@leadershipdelaware.org.

Partnership Level:

- ☐ Exceptional: \$50,000 ☐ Best & Brightest: \$25,000 ☐ Grit: \$10,000
☐ Transformation: \$5,000 ☐ Vision: \$2,500

Commitment Term:

If a multiple year commitment is selected, you will receive an invoice reminder each year for the amount selected above.

- ☐ 1 Year ☐ 3 Years ☐ 5 Years

Thank you for supporting Leadership Delaware through our Program Partnership Program!

Signature

Print Name

Date

Kindly remit payment to the address below or online at www.leadershipdelaware.org.

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