



# SIGNATURE PROGRAM

## CLASS OF 2021 RECRUITMENT

### **ABOUT LEADERSHIP COLUMBUS:**

The mission of Leadership Columbus is to develop, connect and inspire diverse leaders who serve as catalysts in building a strong and vibrant community.

Since 1974, Leadership Columbus has been the premier training ground to educate, empower, equip and prepare more than 2,900 individuals to become the current and future trustees in and for our community. In addition to completing more than 200 community impact projects, Leadership Columbus alumni have assumed positions of leadership in government, banking, business, industry, nonprofit sectors, politics, journalism, education, philanthropy, law and neighborhood development. In addition, graduates populate the boards of the arts, health care and innumerable other nonprofit organizations in Greater Columbus.

### **ABOUT THE SIGNATURE PROGRAM:**

The Leadership Columbus Signature Program is a unique combination of relationship-building, learning, problem-solving, civic engagement and personal growth. The program is a 10-month experience designed to give participants the tools they need to become active and influential leaders in the community. Tuition for the Signature Program is \$4,975. Scholarship opportunities are available. [Learn more and apply for the Class of 2021 beginning January 6 at leadershipcolumbus.org.](#)

### **WHAT THE PARTICIPANT WILL LEARN/RECEIVE:**

- Strengthen your sense of personal vision and influence
- Develop your awareness of issues and challenges facing Greater Columbus
- Assist in your discovery of leadership strengths and help you direct your unique skill sets to community endeavors
- Increase your ability to articulate a personal mission for your community service and translate that into action
- Provide opportunities for you to build relationships with a diverse group of community leaders
- Help you make a commitment to your community as a steward and trustee of Greater Columbus
- Customized leadership assessments
- Experiential learning through eight facilitated program days
- Access to the community's top leaders

### **BENEFITS TO THE PARTICIPANT'S EMPLOYER:**

- Program graduates bring a better understanding of their leadership skills back to the office, where they can apply them immediately.
- They gain deep community awareness and establish meaningful connections that help you retain valuable employees.
- They develop collaborative relationships with peers in other organizations and sectors, learning new approaches to problem solving and uncovering new resources they can call on.
- They become confident leaders by working on real-world projects in task force teams with tight time frames and limited resources.
- They accomplish challenging goals by collaborating with other whose backgrounds, skills, beliefs, appearance and approach are different from their own.

# SIGNATURE PROGRAM IMPORTANT DATES

**Friday, February 14, 2020**  
Early application deadline

**Friday, April 10, 2020**  
Final application deadline

**Friday, August 28, 2020**  
Tuition payment deadline

**Monday, January 6, 2020**

Applications available on [leadershipcolumbus.org](http://leadershipcolumbus.org)

**Monday, June 1, 2020**

Acceptance letters will be mailed

## Class of 2021 Program Year

**September 9, 2020**

Welcome Reception  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

**October 15, 2020**

History of Columbus Program Day  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**December 10, 2020**

Health & Human Services Program Day  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**February 18, 2021**

Education Program Day  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**April 15, 2021**

Public Safety & Justice Program Day  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**June 10, 2021**

Closing Retreat & Graduation (MANDATORY)  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**September 15-17, 2020**

Opening Retreat (MANDATORY)  
1 p.m. to 1 p.m. (Tuesday-Thursday)

**November 19, 2020**

Simulated Society Program Day (MANDATORY)  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**January 21, 2021**

Economic Development & Government Program Day  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**March 18, 2021**

Quality of Life Program Day  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**May 20, 2021**

Community Trusteeship Program Day  
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**June 24, 2021**

Board Governance Training (OPTIONAL)  
8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## CONTACT US

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