

## MISSION

*The mission of Leadership Elk & Cameron is to educate its participants in the strengths and weaknesses of the region in order to develop informed, civic-oriented volunteers to help direct the future of Elk & Cameron Counties.*

## GOALS

- ❖ Establish a network of community minded individuals
- ❖ Develop a group of civic oriented volunteers
- ❖ Encourage participation in local government
- ❖ Foster economic/industrial leaders
- ❖ Provide the skills for community board service

## CURRICULUM TOPICS

- ❖ Communication skills/team building
- ❖ Public issues
- ❖ Local/regional history & culture
- ❖ Diversity/tolerance
- ❖ Class/small group projects
- ❖ Governance (formal & informal)
- ❖ Personal/organizational leadership styles

## BENEFITS: *Sponsors and Employers*

- ❖ The program cultivates more informed and responsible employees who can use new skills, knowledge and contacts for the benefit of their places of employment and community support organizations.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

*Sessions are the second Wednesday of each month. 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.*

- ❖ Make up day (if necessary) March 21

### September 11: *Evening Social*

### September 12: *Orientation, Team-Building & Leadership Skills*

- ❖ Preview program expectations
- ❖ To explore leadership styles and theory and develop an understanding of group dynamics

### October 10: *Tourism & the Environment*

- ❖ To explore the role of tourism in our future
- ❖ To explore the balance between environment and economic progress

### November 14: *Communication & Community Engagement*

- ❖ To enhance public speaking and presentation skills
- ❖ To explore board structures and meeting management
- ❖ To review personal leadership skills and group dynamics focusing on how individual behavior influences group process

### December 12: *History & Preservation*

- ❖ To realize and appreciate the historic significance of our area and how that history effects present day attitudes and actions

### January 9: *Health & Human Services*

- ❖ To present an overview of the available health/human service agencies in Elk & Cameron Counties
- ❖ To identify opportunities to volunteer within those agencies

### February 13: *Local Government*

- ❖ To gain insight into the political process and the structuring of local government
- ❖ To explore ways to become involved in local government issues

### March 13: *Arts & Education*

- ❖ To explore the educational opportunities and obstacles facing our counties
- ❖ To identify the role of citizens in the educational process
- ❖ To gain appreciation of the arts and cultural events available in our area
- ❖ Community Outreach

### April 10: *Economic and Community Development*

- ❖ To identify the economic strengths and weaknesses of our area
- ❖ To identify local economic development initiatives

### May TBA: *Harrisburg Trip*

*(Date to be announced) usually the first week of May, this needs to be scheduled with the legislators. (2-day trip)*

### June 12: *Project Presentation/Graduation*

## LEADERSHIP ELK & CAMERON

*was developed by a team of community representatives with diverse perspectives and roles in Elk & Cameron Counties.*

### FORMAT

- ❖ September – June
- ❖ 10 sessions over 10 months
- ❖ Meet monthly
- ❖ Full-day, interactive sessions
- ❖ Varying locations throughout the communities within the counties
- ❖ Harrisburg trip in May

### TARGET AUDIENCE

- ❖ 12-20 participants per class
- ❖ Must be at least 18yrs old, unless referred by your school
- ❖ Limit attendance of 1 or 2 participants per company or organization
- ❖ Personal interviews with program applicants will be conducted prior to the start of the program.
- ❖ Live or work in Elk & Cameron Counties

### COST

- ❖ **Early bird registration** by June 15 for \$595; or \$695 per participant after June 15; Application must be received by July 13, 2018.
- ❖ Limited partial scholarships may be available

### PROGRAMMING INFORMATION

LEC requires a *total* commitment from all participants enrolled. In order to achieve all objectives, the successful candidate is expected to attend all scheduled sessions and complete all assignments.

*If you are interested in participating in Leadership Elk & Cameron Counties as a participant, or would like to sponsor someone to participate, please contact the program developers for an application.*

## CLASS PARTICIPANTS

2017-2018

Morris Coudriet	MaryAnne Lindgren
Pamela FinGado	Mamie Mader
Brittany FinGado	Marsha Meyer
Tina Gradizzi	Kate Morgan
Aaron Holsopple	Courtney Pahel
Ginette La Strapés	Liz Scacchitti
	Dan Vollmer

### DID YOU KNOW?

The LEC program cultivates a more informed and responsible employee who can use new skills, knowledge and contacts for the benefit of their organization and community support organizations.

### Could someone in your organization benefit from Leadership Elk & Cameron?

The mission of LEC is to educate its participants in the strengths and weaknesses of the county in order to develop informed, civic oriented volunteers to help direct the future of Elk & Cameron Counties.

Leadership Elk County (LEC) was established in 2007 with support from a grant from The Stackpole-Hall Foundation. Ten classes have been completed to date with 159 participants finishing the yearlong program successfully. Over the past ten classes Elk County specific projects have been completed to assist the non-profits in our county with fundraising events, developing new programs and providing support to local neighborhoods. LEC is sponsored by local businesses, industries and non-profits with financial support, by opening their doors of their businesses to the LEC participants and in planning each of the monthly sessions. The LEC program successfully expanded to Cameron County.

**COMMUNITY LEADERS OF TODAY  
PREPARING THE COMMUNITY LEADERS  
OF TOMORROW  
2018-2019**



### PROGRAM DEVELOPERS

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