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## What is Leadership Champaign County?

Participants will gain in-depth and “behind the scenes” knowledge and insight in matters of Leadership, Government, Education, Health Care, Social Services, Local History, Economic Development, Quality of Life and more. In addition, participants will gain an understanding of their marketplace, community and fellow citizens in a way otherwise unavailable. Through group discussions, hands-on challenges and tours of facilities throughout the county, Leadership Champaign County will help participants become a much more informed part of the community. Participants also work with fellow classmates on community projects to enhance Champaign County.



## How does Leadership Champaign County work?

Leadership Champaign County is a community development program designed to help those who live, work, and play in Champaign County to know more about the community. Participants from diverse backgrounds and experiences will have the opportunity to broaden their perspectives, enhance their leadership skills and learn from others who are active in our community. The program is for those who wish to gain knowledge, skills and experiences needed to be effective leaders in both our community and their professions. Those attributes will then allow participants to better address community needs and opportunities. The goal of the program is to develop informed, civic-minded leaders for Champaign County.



## Testimonials

*Participating in Leadership Champaign County as a new resident allowed me to meet people and understand the community better. Since participating, I have found ways to get involved and work for a better community.*

*(Nick Christian, 2004)*

*It was amazing that I had been around Champaign County since 1978 and was still able to learn so much about it and all the surrounding towns. The knowledge you gain from this class and previous classes as well as the people you associate with through the program is priceless. I would sign up again today.*

*(Gary Ledford, 2007)*

*The Leadership Champaign County program taught me more than I expected about the county, its people and its diversity; as well as preparing us to lead in our community and careers. Leadership Champaign County shows how our strong agricultural county still has something to offer everyone.*

*(Dale Sloan, 2009)*



## Testimonials (cont.)

*I have fallen more in love with Champaign County because of all of the assets found here. Leadership Champaign County allowed me to focus on the place I live differently. I am eager to get more involved in the community and with the Chamber.*

*(Roberta Yoder, 2010)*

*Through the Leadership program, I learned more about Champaign County in nine months than I did in the previous 29 years. I also met some wonderful people, current and future community leaders. I am more convinced than ever that Champaign County is a great place to live, raise a family, and to have or start a business. Great people and great resources!*

*(Chris Cotter, 2010)*

*I really enjoyed Leadership Champaign County. It was a great way to meet people from within the community as well as learn about the history of Champaign County. The experience and knowledge gained was worth the participation.*

*(Melissa Anderson, 2010)*

## Classes meet the Third Thursday of each month - from September to May

The scheduled time for each session will be approximately 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Locations will vary month-to-month and will be announced prior to each session.

### Class Themes

#### 1. Leadership Skills 101

What are the practices that make a leader great? How can you apply them in your everyday life? Where are the holes in Champaign County?

#### 2. Agriculture

What does it mean to be a community steeped in agriculture? What are the issues local farmers face? What are the opportunities for our communities?

#### 3. Our History & Our Heritage

Learn about the history, past development, and heritage of Champaign County and the communities within. Additionally, county strengths and weaknesses will be explored.

#### 4. Educational Systems

Visit local schools, meet with administrators, understand current challenges, opportunities, how financing works, and partnerships.

#### 5. Economic Development

What does development look like? What barriers do local businesses – large and small – face? Visit local businesses and learn first hand!

#### 6. Government & Public Sector

Learn how to participate at the local level, discover the local court systems from the judges, discuss current issues with elected officials from all levels of government.

#### 7. Healthcare & Human Services

In-depth discussion on these systems with on-site visits and group experiences. The current status of available services, needs, and challenges will be debated.

#### 8. Quality of Life

Learn about factors such as housing, religion, and the arts. Experience a few of our gems that make Champaign County a great place to live, work, and play!



Leadership Champaign County requires 100% participation because a large part of the learning that occurs is based on strong discussions from the entire group. The calendar is set well in advance and each session is important toward the leadership training therefore, only one emergency absence will be allowed. If needed, arrangements can be made for a participant to graduate with the next Leadership Class.



Applications for LCC can be obtained from the Chamber office in a variety of ways:

- ▣ Visit us at 107 North Main Street, Urbana, Ohio
- ▣ Call us at 937-653-5764, or
- ▣ Visit our website at [www.champaignohio.com](http://www.champaignohio.com)

Applications are due by September 1st. The cost to participate is \$350 for Chamber members and \$400 for non-members. Limited scholarships are available. For more information, please contact the Chamber office.

### **Support for Leadership Champaign County comes from these partners:**

<i>Braden's Café &amp; Sweets</i>	<i>The Depot Coffeehouse</i>	<i>One Eleven Fashion Boutique</i>
<i>Bundy Baking Solutions</i>	<i>East Lawn &amp; Garden Center</i>	<i>ORBIS Corporation</i>
<i>Café Paradiso</i>	<i>Emergency Management Agency</i>	<i>OSU Extension Champaign County</i>
<i>Cancer Association of Champaign County</i>	<i>Family &amp; Children First Council</i>	<i>Piatt Castles, Margaret Piatt</i>
<i>Care Flight Facility (Urbana)</i>	<i>Farm Service Agency</i>	<i>Residential Administrators, Inc.</i>
<i>Caring Kitchen</i>	<i>First Christian Church/ Mike Stewart</i>	<i>Sarica Manufacturing</i>
<i>Champaign County Auditor</i>	<i>Freshwater Farms of Ohio</i>	<i>SBDC, Springfield/Clark Co.</i>
<i>Champaign County Chamber of Commerce</i>	<i>Gary Salzgeber</i>	<i>Security National Bank</i>
<i>Champaign County Commissioners</i>	<i>Graham Local Schools</i>	<i>Simon Kenton Pathfinders</i>
<i>Champaign County Common Pleas Court</i>	<i>The Hall Co.</i>	<i>Sodexo, Shelly Hall/Sarah Finch</i>
<i>Champaign County Department of Job &amp; Family Services</i>	<i>Hemisphere Coffee Roasters</i>	<i>Sparky's Pizza</i>
<i>Champaign County Engineer</i>	<i>Heritage Cooperative</i>	<i>The Spotted Cow Coffeehouse</i>
<i>Champaign County Family &amp; Children First</i>	<i>Jamon Sellman Insurance Agency</i>	<i>Stepping Stones Ministries</i>
<i>Champaign County Health District</i>	<i>Johnny Appleseed Museum</i>	<i>Suicide Prevention Coalition of Logan &amp; Champaign Counties</i>
<i>Champaign County Historical Society</i>	<i>Ken Davis</i>	<i>Tri-County Insurance, LLC</i>
<i>Champaign County Library</i>	<i>Koenig Equipment, Inc.</i>	<i>Ultra-Met</i>
<i>Champaign County Recorder</i>	<i>KTH Parts Industries, Inc.</i>	<i>Urbana Champaign County Senior Center</i>
<i>Champaign County Township Association</i>	<i>Lawnview Industries, Inc.</i>	<i>Urbana Church of the Nazarene</i>
<i>Champaign County Treasurer</i>	<i>Louden Family Orchard</i>	<i>Urbana City Parks</i>
<i>Champaign Economic Partnership (CEP)</i>	<i>Mad River Farm Market</i>	<i>Urbana City Schools</i>
<i>Champaign Family YMCA</i>	<i>Matthew Smith</i>	<i>Urbana Country Club</i>
<i>Champaign Transit System (CTS)</i>	<i>Max Coates</i>	<i>Urbana Nazarene Church/Larry Hall</i>
<i>Church of Epiphany/ Pastor Tim West</i>	<i>Mechanicsburg Exempted Village Schools</i>	<i>Urbana University</i>
<i>City of Urbana</i>	<i>Mental Health Drug &amp; Alcohol Services Board of Logan &amp; Champaign Co.</i>	<i>Vancrest of Urbana</i>
<i>Civista Bank</i>	<i>Mercy Community Hospice</i>	<i>Village of St. Paris/Joe Sampson</i>
<i>Consolidated Care</i>	<i>North Lewisburg Fire</i>	<i>Ward Lutz</i>
<i>CRSI</i>	<i>Nancy Lokai-Baldwin</i>	<i>Weidmann Electrical Technology, Inc.</i>
<i>CT Communications</i>	<i>Oakview Farm Meats</i>	<i>West Liberty-Salem Schools</i>
<i>Dale Thornton</i>	<i>Ohio Caverns</i>	<i>The Wherehouse</i>
<i>Dayton Development Coalition (DDC)</i>	<i>Ohio Hi-Point Career Center</i>	
	<i>OhioMeansJobs</i>	

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