

Fox Cities Chamber: Welcomes 2020-2021 Leadership Fox Cities Class

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APPLETON, Wis. (September 16, 2020) – The Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce is welcoming a new group of professionals to its long-standing Leadership Fox Cities program which begins at a full-day retreat at Stone Prairie in Brillion on September 17.

Leadership Fox Cities is a community-based leadership program which allows participants to grow as leaders and get engaged in the Fox Cities communities. The class gathers each month from October through May to learn about community accolades and challenges.

This year's class is comprised of 31 professionals from both non-profit and for-profit organizations, large and small.

Leadership Fox Cities Class of 2020-2021:

Dale Bushman, Old National Bank

Brittany Call, Business Lending Group

Jodi Carlson, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh MBA Program

Kristin Comerford, Appleton Area School District

Sarah Cooper, BLC Community Bank

Amanda Dix, Miller Electric Manufacturing LLC

Lucas Dorow, East Wisconsin Savings Bank

Kimberly Gehrke, Network Health

Chad Hackbarth, Nicolet National Bank

Brittney Hagenow, American National Bank Fox Cities

Adam Hatlak, Miller Electric

Joni Heinz, City of Neenah

Rebecca (Becca) Jakubek, Menasha Packaging

Danielle Johnson, Community First Credit Union

Matthew Kasriel, Town of Grand Chute Fire Department (Wisconsin)

Amanda Knueppel, Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Wisconsin

Taylor Metcalf, Country Financial

Amy Molitor, Neenah Public Library

Kelsey Parry, Heckrodt Wetland Reserve

Dawn Pennington, Nicolet National Bank

Karly Potratz, VF Outdoor

Kimberly Prophett, Heid Music

Ashley Schutte, The Boldt Company

Kimberly Smart, Capital Credit Union

Amy Smits, Bank First

Mariha Stewart, Ogden & Company, Inc

Rebecca Tellock, ThedaCare

Kirk Vandenberg, ThedaCare

Mike Voss, Miron Construction

Laina Wydeven, Employment Resource Group, Inc.

Sarah Wylie, Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity

“During this unprecedented time due to COVID-19, we recognize now more than ever there is a tremendous need for strong leadership,” shared Amy Schanke, Director of Leadership Fox Cities at the Fox Cities Chamber. “Along with the dedicated Leadership Fox Cities Steering Committee, we are adapting the program as needed to ensure an impactful experience for this year’s participants.”

Each monthly Leadership Fox Cities session highlights a different community focus, from human services to arts and education. Participants are immersed in full-day sessions which include guest speakers, hands-on experiences, tours and relationship building. The goal of each session is to challenge thinking and inspire participants to get further involved in the community. Monthly sessions will be adjusted as deemed necessary due to the impact of COVID-19. Most sessions throughout the 2020-2021 class will be a hybrid of both in-person presentations and virtual tours.

Participants are assigned to small groups at the kick-off retreat and are charged with the task of identifying an issue or program in the community that needs attention. These groups then plan and execute sustainable community projects which are presented at the Leadership Fox Cities commencement in May.

The 2020-2021 Leadership Fox Cities program is made possible through the generous support of its presenting sponsor, Bergstrom Automotive.



For information on Leadership Fox Cities, please contact Amy Schanke, Director of Leadership Fox Cities at the Fox Cities Chamber, at (920) 734-7101 or aschanke@foxcitieschamber.com.