



**LEADERSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY**
Building the Future One Leader at a Time

Alumni Directory of the
Class of 2014



CHESTER COUNTY CHAMBER
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Leadership Chester County is a partnership between United Way of Chester County,
Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry and West Chester University.



"Leadership Chester County transforms people with a passion into individuals with the fundamentals and experience to enter a nonprofit board and deliver value to its organization."

Jody N. Allen
Global Account Manager, CenturyLink

Skills/Attributes: Sales and marketing, IT, leadership, entrepreneurial minded and highly resourceful

Volunteer Service: Financial Independence

Interests: Education and financial independence
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"Leadership Chester County has enriched my knowledge of board governance, responsibilities and development. The topics learned throughout the year are essential to fulfilling an engaged board member role. The project experience has prepared me with real-world experience in dealing with real-world problems."

Molly L. Brown
Systems Analyst, Bentley Systems, Inc

Skills/Attributes: Community involvement with a growing network; tech-savvy with a young, fresh mindset

Volunteer Service: Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern PA, Habitat for Humanity

Interests: Education, financial independence and health



"Serving on a board when I began the program, Leadership Chester County has helped me become a productive board member who understands how to contribute to the success of a nonprofit."

Thomas L. Bailey
Director of Retail Delivery, Citadel Federal Credit Union

Skills/Attributes: Financial expertise with significant relationship management and business development experience

Volunteer Service: Good Works, Inc.

Interests: Financial independence and eliminating poverty



"LCC has been invaluable in teaching effective leadership skills and understanding the particular needs of the nonprofit, including governance and fundraising. I look forward to putting those new skills to use."

Lauren B. Capaldo
Attorney, Gawthrop Greenwood PC

Skills/Attributes: Legal knowledge with analytical and practical problem-solving skills, dedication, enthusiasm, compassion and diligence

Volunteer Service: Brandywine Health Foundation

Interests: Education, financial independence and health



"The LCC experience opened my eyes to the challenges in our community and the organizations working to address them. It also provided me with the knowledge and tools to contribute to these organizations as a leader."

Ted Bredikin
Senior IT Director, UnitedHealthcare

Skills/Attributes: Extensive experience in strategy development and execution, project management and improving team dynamics, with foundational knowledge and experience in engineering, manufacturing, finance and IT

Interests: Education and helping people break out of poverty to financial independence



"LCC provided a solid base of understanding in what a nonprofit organization needs to succeed and emphasized the support that it needs from the board."

Andrew C. Eckert
Attorney, Buckley, Brion, McGuire & Morris LLP

Skills/Attributes: Hands-on, personal approach with legal expertise and local connections for fundraising

Volunteer Service: Support of Lancaster County United Way and active participant in Chester County Mock trial

Interests: Education and health





"It's hard to put the value of this program into a few sentences. I've learned the components of running a nonprofit and the great deal of good organizations that exist."

Derek Christopher Fiorenza
COO/CCO, Summit Group Retirement Planners, Inc.

Skills/Attributes: Working to end hunger globally

Volunteer Service: President/CEO, F4; on Brandywine YMCA Advisory Board

Interests: Food security

Sponsored by LCC Scholarship & Fiorenza's Food For Friends



"LCC has provided an in-depth exposure to the practicalities of board service with understanding of the theoretical, legal and social underpinnings of the nonprofit sector of our local and regional economy."

Michael S. Gill, Esquire
Partner, Buckley, Brion, McGuire & Morris LLP

Skills/Attributes: Community connections, legal expertise, writing and editing skills

Volunteer Service: The Hickman Board of Directors, County of Chester Mental Health/Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board Chairman, Assistant Solicitor for Republican Committee of Chester County, West Side Little League Team Manager

Interests: Education reform

Sponsored by The Hickman



Casey Fritz
Relationship Manager, South Eastern Economic Development Company of Pennsylvania

Skills/Attributes: Experience in the financial industry, understanding the story behind the numbers and board development

Interests: Education



"There were several sources of value to LCC. The lectures provided technical information around the workings of nonprofits. The group project gave us an opportunity to apply what was learned. I also believe my classmates will be valuable contacts in the years to come."

Carl S. Gregory
Commercial Business Manager, Sunoco

Skills/Attributes: Technical and business background

Volunteer Service: Good Works, Inc. and local Downingtown initiatives

Interests: Education, financial independence and health



"The program is highly valuable for giving members nonprofit board skills in mission, strategy, finance, legal, fundraising and social entrepreneurship."

Ronan W. Gannon
Head of North America Business Operations, CSL Behring

Skills/Attributes: Corporate business experience including marketing, operations, sales, strategy development, execution, recruiting and team building

Volunteer Service: Adult literacy

Interests: Education and health, specifically West Chester University, Chester County Hospital and La Comunidad Hispana





"I have thoroughly enjoyed the LCC program and have found the information, ideas and presenters to be interesting, knowledgeable and thought-provoking."

Wendy C. Hoffman
Executive Director, Chester County Bar Association & Chester County Bar Foundation

Skills/Attributes: Nonprofit leadership and financial services experience with connections to the local legal community

Volunteer Service: The Barn at Spring Brook Farm Board; Rotary Club of West Chester; President-Elect of PA Association of Bar Executives; Treasurer of Conference of County Legal Journals; Advisory Board of WSFS Bank

Interests: Education and cultural opportunities

Sponsored by Brandywine Valley Heating & Air Conditioning



"The Leadership Chester County program has provided me with the tools and knowledge to enhance my skills as a board member and leader."

Paul F. Huberty
Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning and Marketing, Chester County Hospital

Skills/Attributes: Forward-looking executive with extensive experience in health care and in building strong coalitions to achieve community-wide goals

Volunteer Service: Chairman, board of La Comunidad Hispana; Co-Chair, Road MAPP to Health; Co-Chair, Cultural Competency in Health Care

Interests: Prenatal health care in disadvantaged communities; Hispanic community



"Leadership Chester County has strengthened me as a leader and has provided me with the knowledge and resources to better serve my community."

Andrea J. Hogg
Account Manager, Communications Test Design, Inc.

Skills/Attributes: Experience in marketing, sales and project management

Interests: Education and health



"LCC provided exposure to the areas of nonprofit governance which are critical to understand to be a contributing board member. I've already put information learned in this course to use in my current role as treasurer of VFMA. It cannot be overlooked that participating in this program has linked me with other like-minded individuals and an expanded network."

Teresa L. Jurgensen
Attorney, Saul Ewing LLP

Skills/Attributes: Legal expertise helpful in analyzing situations; experience allows for wide ranging views along with a love of the Chester County community

Volunteer Service: Valley Forge Mountain Association

Interests: Education and health; particularly with kids and women's organizations



"This course provides hands-on opportunities to learn the specifics of how to be a great board member."

Matt Holliday
Chief of Staff for State Representative Dan Truitt

Skills/Attributes: Collaboration and community connections

Volunteer Service: Vice President, West Chester Public Library Board; Vice President, West Chester Downtown Foundation Board; Rotary Club Board, West Chester University Alumni Association Board, Vice President, Friars Society Alumni Association Board; West Chester Senior Center Board, Knight of Columbus, committee work for The Arc, Greater West Chester Chamber and local fundraising events

Interests: Education, financial independence and health

Sponsored by The Rotary Club of West Chester



"LCC has provided a series of great speakers who have enlightened my understanding of how nonprofit boards function and how the board members can strengthen the organization. The initial tour of Chester County nonprofits as well as the poverty simulation were extremely rewarding. As a 30-year resident of Chester County it's sad to say I was never really aware of the magnitude of services for people in need."

Neil Liebman
Principal, Bernardon Haber Holloway Architects

Skills/Attributes: Business acumen, community connections, professional expertise in architecture

Volunteer Service: Advisory Board of Downingtown STEM Academy, member of Uwchlan Township Municipal Authority and several township committees; past experience on boards of Downingtown Area Senior Center, Downingtown Library and a local bank

Interests: Education and health





"I had no idea a program like this existed. This Leadership program prepares local individuals to assist local nonprofits, large and small, to help make a difference for those in need in our community."

James McCrudden, Jr.

Vice President, Investment Services, Citadel Federal Credit Union

Skills/Attributes: Significant financial background with 25 years in the not-for-profit sector

Interests: Financial independence



"Coming into the course with extensive knowledge from for-profit work experience, it was eye-opening. The course has helped me in my current role as Board Chair to focus on priorities and to be a more informed contributor to the nonprofit efforts in Chester County. The presentations are delivered by experts and covered the many aspects of the nonprofit world while sharing their insights into effective board management."

Beverly L. Moyer

Project Manager, The Vanguard Group

Skills/Attributes: Leadership, expertise in governance and controls, information security, contingency, project management, complex problem solving, team building, workflow analysis; FINRA licensed

Volunteer Service: Board President of Maternal & Child Health Consortium

Interests: Prevention of low birth weight in babies

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"How do you place a value on something that is priceless? This has been such an eye-opening and humbling experience for me and one of the most rewarding. I entered with a passion to help but no direction and leave more determined and passionate to help with endless directions. LCC and my classmates have truly made this a positive learning experience."

Shawn Andrew McDonald

IT Project Manager, Citadel Federal Credit Union

Skills/Attributes: Project management with organizational and presentation skills and belief in finding the win/win for clients and business; ability to work independently and in teams with integrity and courage. I believe giving back is the best gift.

Volunteer Service: Good Works, Inc., United Way, F4Hunger

Interests: I have a passion for cooking so I seek out ways to help the hungry and less fortunate.



"LCC has proven to be a unique opportunity to gain invaluable insight into the inner workings and responsibilities of nonprofit boards. The expert-led sessions provide a wealth of practical information, presented within the context of Chester County's needs, that prepare graduates for success in future community service opportunities."

Ashley N. Orr

Systems Analyst, Chester County Health Department

Skills/Attributes: Engaged and goal-oriented public health professional with experience in data analysis and presentation, inter-agency collaboration, program planning and evaluation and strategic planning

Interests: Education, youth development and health

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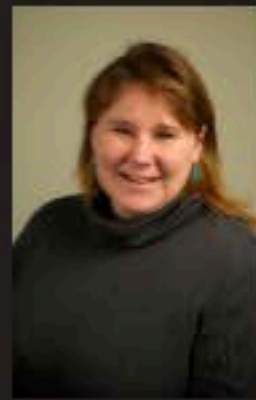
"LCC has been an extremely informative mentoring and management class that will help me be a better member of my local community."

David Mills

Sales Manager, Communications Test Design, Inc.

Skills/Attributes: Sales, marketing, contract negotiation and budgeting

Interests: Youth health and wellness



"The Leadership Chester County experience was fantastic on many levels. The tour of Chester County nonprofits was an eye opener—even after living in the County for 10 years I had no idea of all the work happening every day. Subject experts in the course live the work they teach, and that makes it very meaningful. The connections I have made are invaluable. I truly appreciate the opportunity!"

Monica Paulino

Senior Director of Home Services, Surrey Services

Skills/Attributes: Business management and development, performing arts and psychology/counseling training and experience with start-ups and large corporations. Brings a creative perspective and does not believe in status quo.

Volunteer Service: Adult Advisor, Teen Arts Council of PA; Membership Coordinator, Net-Care

Interests: Education, Fine and Performing Arts, Health





"I went into this program thinking I knew a lot about nonprofits and the inner workings of nonprofit governance. LCC taught me so much more and made me realize there were many more things involved in maintaining a successful nonprofit organization than I had previously thought. Excellent coursework and very engaging presenters. I also established many friendships and connections with classmates that I think will continue to grow in the coming years."

Toren A. Peterson

Manager of Business Relationships, United Way of Chester County

Skills/Attributes: A vast network of personal and professional relationships in Chester County with resource development experience

Interests: Health



"It has been a wonderful learning experience. It is amazing that we have so many issues here in such an affluent county. The program opens your eyes to the community needs and services that help people."

Wendy Sharpe

Manager, Corporate Accounts Payable, Bentley Systems, Inc.

Skills/Attributes: Finance, business ideas, with education in psychology; long-time Chester County resident with many connections

Volunteer Service: Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern PA, Family Lives On Foundation

Interests: Education, financial independence and health



"LCC opened my eyes to the extent of need in Chester County and the presenters showed us how effective boards can have a tremendous impact. Our team project was a great way to get to know other like-minded leaders and help. An amazing experience!"

Stephen R. Popielarski

Marketing Director, LifeScan, Inc., a J & J Company

Skills/Attributes: Business leader with expertise in strategic planning, marketing, STEM, business development and operations

Interests: Economic development, education/mentoring, and children's healthcare



"The LCC experience has provided me the opportunity to learn about nonprofit management from some of the best in the field in Chester County. I have greater knowledge and skills to increase the capacity and efficiency of the organization I lead and others with which I collaborate."

Kathryn Spurlock

Director, Coatesville Center for Community Health

Skills/Attributes: Business background in human resource management; nonprofit service delivery management; program development, marketing, event management and strategic planning

Interests: Health and human services

Sponsored by LCC Scholarship and Coatesville Center for Community Health



"LCC provided tremendous insight on critical components to run, evaluate and improve a nonprofit organization. In commitment to helping us get the most out of the program, LCC provided the tools and techniques I was able to implement immediately within YMWIC. I developed friendships and business relationships with classmates."

Richard Roberts III

CEO and President, YMWIC Foundation, Inc.

Skills/Attributes: Engineering and technical professional with experience in management, leadership and philanthropy

Volunteer Service: Founded nonprofit to increase the number of STEM leaders from economically disadvantaged or underrepresented populations; serves as a board member

Interests: Youth mentoring in academics and leadership

Sponsored by LCC Scholarship & West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.



"My participation in Leadership Chester County has helped me better understand the nonprofit landscape and human service needs of Chester County. Diverse perspectives of both presenters and fellow participants has informed my understanding of the critical leadership role that board members play in the development of organizational capacity. I feel prepared to embrace the opportunities and responsibilities of board membership."

Allison H. Turner, PhD

Assistant Professor, Assessment Coordinator, West Chester University

Skills/Attributes: Nonprofit administration and strategic management, program development and evaluation knowledge with experience in grant writing and review

Interests: Education and health

