Leadership Sacramento is a program of the Sacramento Metro Chamber Foundation that develops community-minded business and civic leaders of tomorrow. This year-long interactive program provides a behind-the-scenes view of the issues that impact the region’s economy and culminates in the completion of a community project.

WHY APPLY?

**Personal and Professional Development:** Leadership Sacramento is an amazing program designed to surround you with like-minded, yet totally diverse individuals you wouldn’t otherwise have a chance to interact within your daily work or personal lives. Many of your classmates will become friends for life.

**Service:** Participate as a group in a community service project benefitting a local nonprofit that leaves a lasting mark on our region.

**Connection:** Expand your understanding of what is happening across Sacramento’s various sectors from some of the most influential leaders in our region.

**Inspiration:** The people you meet, the places we go, and the industries we learn about contribute to what makes Sacramento a healthy region. Leadership Sacramento is your foot-in-the-door to help you identify what role you want to play in it.

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Class of 2017

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CLASS PROJECTS

Each class works collectively to select and complete a community service project to benefit a nonprofit organization, project or cause. Past projects have included:

- **Wind Youth Services:** Renovated the Common Ground Emergency Shelter, supporting youth experiencing homelessness.
- **Habitat for Humanity:** Implemented “Rock the Block” to make community repairs and improvements in local low-income neighborhoods.
- **La Familia Counseling Center:** Creating a STEM lab for children and adults at La Familia’s Maple Neighborhood Center.
- **WellSpring Women’s Center:** Renovated outdated kitchen serving nearly 200 women and children in Oak Park.
- **Courage Worldwide:** Assisted organization focused on combating human trafficking with additional housing, services and the start of new café to support victims.
- **Mustard Seed/Loaves & Fishes:** Repurposed a storage area to a multi-use room for children facing homelessness to learn life skills and explore future career paths.
- **Boys & Girls Club:** Renovated seven rooms at downtown location to include a dance studio, recording studio, technology lab and fashion design arts studio.

MONTHLY SESSIONS

Each month, Leadership Sacramento explores a new subject. The goal for each day is to give class participants a unique behind-the-scenes experience that furthers their knowledge of each subject, demonstrating the impact the subject has on the region and providing information and connections to enable immediate community action.

Monthly sessions have included:
- Regional History
- Law & Order
- Health & Wellness
- Arts, Culture & Entertainment
- Government
- Business & Innovation
- Communications
- Education
- Nonprofit

SELECTION CRITERIA/REQUIREMENTS:

The Leadership Sacramento program accepts approximately 40 individuals after an extensive application review process by volunteer leaders, Metro Chamber staff, and the alumni committee. Applicants must live and work in the six-county Sacramento region (El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo or Yuba county). A conscious effort is made to select participants who represent a cross-section of the community in terms of experience and occupation to build a diverse class with various backgrounds.

IDEAL CANDIDATES INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS WHO EXHIBIT:

- A strong interest in learning about business and community in the Sacramento region and what makes it all work together.
- A passion for finding a place to help yourself and others build Sacramento’s leadership pipeline.
- A strong sense of community and the desire to enhance our region through a demonstrated involvement in volunteer or program participation.
- Shows potential for advancement into leadership roles or an entrepreneurial spirit within their industry.

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO MEET THE FOLLOWING COMMITMENTS:

- Attend one applicant informational session. There will be five sessions held in October for you to choose from.
- Attend an overnight retreat.
- Attend at least 9 of the 11 regular monthly sessions, held the second Thursday of each month from March to February at various locations throughout the region.
- Complete assignments that serve to enhance the participant experience.
- Actively participate in the class community service project, which will require additional time commitments (the extent of which depends on the project chosen by the class).