

LEADERSHIP

OVERLAND PARK

Leadership Overland Park is a civic leadership program that educates participants about the critical issues facing Overland Park, Johnson County and the metropolitan region, and provides opportunities to engage in organizations that resolve these issues. The program focuses on information, education and discussion of local and regional assets, challenges and opportunities.

Founded in 1983 as a program of the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce, the program is now a program of the Chamber's educational foundation. Leadership Overland Park has graduated more than 850 alumni who provide leadership in Overland Park's business community, as well as in private, public and non-profit organizations.

Leadership Overland Park is a **6-month program, with 10 full-day sessions**. Sessions focus on specific aspects of Overland Park such as city, county and state government, history, education, politics and current issues facing the city, county, metro area and state.

The program's primary focus is on the Overland Park community, its opportunities and challenges. Emphasis is given to the City of Overland Park, Johnson County, the Kansas City Metro Area and the State of Kansas. During each session participants will learn to use the skills necessary to be leaders in Overland Park.

At the conclusion of Leadership Overland Park, participants:

- Understand the community
- Know community leaders
- Recognize interactions between private citizens and public organizations
- See Overland Park in terms of the "big picture"
- Know more people – from classmates to presenters to participants in activities
- Have valuable networking contacts
- Are aware of engagement opportunities to become active in the community
- Are ready to serve the community

Nominees/Applicants must meet all of the following criteria:

- Live or work in the City of Overland Park or submit a statement of relevance indicating his/her connection to Overland Park
- Be 21 years of age or older
- Have decision-making responsibility within his/her business
- Show evidence of leadership in the workplace and/or community
- Be willing to commit the required time to Leadership Overland Park
- Be committed to utilizing his/her leadership skills and knowledge for the long-term benefit of the community

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Re: Nomination for 2018 LOP

I would like to nominate the following individual for Leadership Overland Park.

Nominee: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

Nominator: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone: _____

Email address: _____

All nomination forms are due to the Chamber office by noon on Friday, September 8, 2017.

Application forms will be mailed out after September 8th to all nominees. Applications are due Friday, October 13, 2017. LOP Class of 2018 will be announced on or before December 1, 2017. Candidates are selected on the basis of written applications submitted to the selection committee. Criteria include leadership ability or potential ability, along with evidence of a strong commitment to the community. The selection committee will seek a class representing diverse backgrounds, affiliations and goals.

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