



LEADERSHIP BOCA 2009

“Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it.”

- Dwight Eisenhower

The Program

The single most important ingredient for building a successful, thriving community is an investment in leadership. The future of our community depends on well-informed and involved leaders. Cultivated, trained and motivated community leaders will shape and determine the future of Boca Raton.

Leadership Boca represents the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce's effort to ensure that our community leaders possess the knowledge that will enable them to meet the challenges of the future. The eight-session program is designed to educate civic-minded individuals in the greater Boca Raton area with regard to issues and concerns facing our community. You will develop an awareness of business issues and challenges facing your community. The program develops a pool of leaders available to become involved in creating, maintaining and enhancing the quality of life of Boca Raton. You will discover your personal leadership strengths and find new areas where you can make meaningful contributions. It involves meeting with experts in the fields of government, health care, environment, education, social services, business, public safety, the arts, the media and more. Participants are given the opportunity to learn about civic issues, question situations and formulate solutions by looking at the big picture.

Benefits

Leadership Boca participants will become part of a growing network of community and business leaders with whom they will interact for the remainder of their careers. Participants will become a more valuable asset to their employer by providing face-to-face contacts with current community leaders, identifying concerns and issues, and preparing themselves to assume future leadership roles. Perhaps the most important benefit is that **Leadership Boca** graduates have the opportunity to contribute to their community some of what the community has given to them.

Eligibility

The program is open to outstanding individuals who have demonstrated a sincere commitment, motivation, and interest to become more involved in the greater Boca Raton community and the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. Participants should be just approaching or already at the decision making level in their organizations. Individuals who have the potential for advancement to the top leadership positions within their organization and who may play a significant role in the future of Boca Raton should also apply.

Selection Process

Leadership Boca participants are chosen by a selection committee from applications submitted to and received by the Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce. **Preliminary applications must be received no later than Tuesday, January 20th.** Space is limited! The second application will be sent immediately after the preliminary application is received.

SCHEDULE OF LEADERSHIP BOCA 2009:

ORIENTATION (Mandatory):

- Thursday, March 12, 2009 - 5:30pm to 7:30pm

SIMSOC - Simulated Society (Mandatory):

- Friday, March 13, 2009 - 8:00am to 6:00pm

STRATEGY AND LEADERSHIP SEMINAR:

- Wednesday, March 18, 2009 - 9:00am to 12:00pm

FULL-DAY SESSIONS (Mandatory):

- Wednesday, March 25, 2009 - 7:30am to 6:00pm
- Wednesday, April 8, 2009 - 7:30am to 6:00pm

FULL-DAY SESSIONS (Continued):

- Wednesday, April 22, 2009 - 7:30am to 6:00pm
- Wednesday, May 6, 2009 - 7:30am to 6:00pm
- Wednesday, May 20, 2009 - 7:30am to 6:00pm
- Wednesday, June 3, 2009 - 7:30am to 6:00pm
- Wednesday, June 17, 2009 - 7:30am to 6:00pm

GRADUATION:

- Wednesday, June 24, 2009 - 11:45am to 1:30pm

For more information, contact Kristen Coleman at kcoleman@bocaratonchamber.com or call 561.395.4433 ext. 233.

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LEADERSHIP BOCA 2009 CHAIRS

"I'm very honored to be chosen as co-chair for the Leadership Boca Class of 2009. As a recent graduate and native Boca Ratonian, I can assure you, there is no better way to get an up close & personal view of what makes the City of Boca Raton and Palm Beach County some of the best places to live, work, and play. Not only is Leadership a great way to see the ins & outs of our area, but it also provides an unconventional approach to networking with fellow leaders who share a similar sense of social responsibility. The experience you will have with Leadership Boca will prove to be invaluable."

**- Rob Rollins, Class of 2008
Leadership Boca 2009, Co-Chair**



Rob Rollins, Class of '08 & Kristen Bomas, Class of '07 are prepared to lead the new class of leaders.

"As the Chair of this program, I will be experiencing Leadership Boca for the 3rd year. Each year has offered a magical experience in: community (local and extended) development; economics and resources; nonprofit resources and their needs; healthcare resources and their needs; business insight and education; personal growth and friendships; and, networking. As an entrepreneur and healthcare professional, Leadership Boca has allowed me the privilege of growing my business, resources, and friendships. I have been in several Leadership programs. Leadership Boca excels in the effectiveness and depth of its program. Last year, my experience and learning built upon the first year. I am sure this year will have even more to offer!! It is an honor to be a one of the leaders in this great community."

**- Kristen Bomas, Class of 2007
Leadership Boca 2009, Chair**

Investment

The cost of investing in **Leadership Boca** is time and tuition. The program begins in March and continues through June. Only one excused absence will be permitted. **Attendance at orientation, SIMSOC (simulated society), and all full-day sessions are mandatory.** If you are absent from more than one session, you will not be a candidate for graduation*. **Tuition for Leadership Boca 2009 is \$995.** If accepted into the program, participants are responsible for paying their own tuition or for making arrangements for payment by their employer and/or sponsoring organization. **The secondary application must be submitted prior to Friday, February 6, 2009. If accepted into the program the tuition payment must be submitted prior to Friday, February 20, 2009**.** A limited number of scholarships may be available for non-profit participants (proof of 501 (c) (3) status must be submitted along with the application). To apply, please contact Kristen Coleman at kcoleman@bocaratonchamber.com or call 561.395.4433 ext. 233.

*If more than one session is missed, you will have the opportunity to finish the current program and make up the missed session(s) the following year. You will not graduate with the current class, but with the class the following year.

**If, after accepted into the program, you withdraw from Leadership Boca 2009 after February 27, 2009, you will be refunded the cost of tuition minus a \$150 processing fee.

Yes - I'm Interested!

- I would like to be considered as a candidate for **Leadership Boca 2009**. Please send me the second application (*please note that the second application will be sent via e-mail*).
- I would like to nominate a candidate for **Leadership Boca 2009**. (*Candidate has agreed to participate if selected*).

Candidate's Name

Candidate's Company/Organization

Position/Title

Address

E-mail

City/State/Zip

Phone

Fax

Complete if Nominating a Candidate:

Nominated by

Company/Organization

Reason for Nomination

Please return application before **Tuesday, January 20th** to: Greater Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce
Attn: Leadership Boca 2009, 1800 North Dixie Highway, Boca Raton, FL 33432
or fax to: 561.392.3780