



2026 CALENDAR

Opening Retreat (Mandatory)

OCTOBER 29, 2025

Kick off the program with team-building, leadership development, and an introduction to the year ahead. Participants build connections and set personal leadership goals.

Regional Overview / Education & Workforce

November 19, 2025

Gain insights into the region's history, economy, and demographics. Explore challenges and opportunities in education and workforce development.

Education & Workforce

December 17, 2025

Dive deeper into the education pipeline, workforce readiness, and partnerships between education and industry.

Healthcare

January 14, 2026

Examine healthcare access, public health issues, and the healthcare system's impact on community well-being.

Community & Economic Development

February 11, 2026

Explore regional development efforts, business growth, entrepreneurship, and community revitalization.

Public Policy / Civic Engagement

March 11, 2026

Learn how local and state policy is created and influenced. Discuss ways leaders can engage in civic life and advocacy.



Equity & Inclusion

April 8, 2026

Understand key concepts of equity and inclusion. Explore ways to foster more inclusive leadership and community spaces.

Arts, Culture and Tourism

May 13, 2026

Celebrate the region's cultural assets. Examine how arts, culture, and tourism contribute to economic vitality and community identity.

Closing Retreat and Graduation (Mandatory)

June 10, 2026

Reflect on the year's experiences. Strengthen connections, celebrate accomplishments, and discuss how to continue leadership and service beyond the program.