

## EXECUTIVE PROGRAM HONORED



Leadership Lackawanna is proud to announce the 11 graduates of its 2022 Executive Program. This program deeply engaged high-level professionals in the area, broadened their social network, and increased their overall knowledge of the community. Participants met key business and community leaders as they received an overview of Lackawanna County's history and culture, economic and political structures, community events, civic groups, recreational activities and nonprofit organizations. Sessions were held one evening per week for six consecutive weeks at various locations and included cocktails and dinner. Participants in the Executive Program are all professionals in an executive-level (director or higher) position, with extensive industry experience and demonstrated career progression, who live, work and/or play in Lackawanna County. Our Executive Program is made possible through the generous support of Comcast.



Front (l to r): Candy Frye, LR Costanzo Construction Company; Talia Walsh, Quest Studio; Lori Cotrone, The Wright Center for Community Health; Alyssa Venezia, Tri-Star Academy

Back (l to r): Eugene Munley, Leadership Lackawanna Board Chair; Maggie Donato, PS Bank; Marsha Pigga, Children's Advocacy Center; Patrick Ayers, Noble Biomaterials; George Aulisio, The University of Scranton; Sarah Wodder, Scranton Counseling Center; Nicole Morrstell, Leadership Lackawanna Executive Director

Missing from Photo: Renee Blakiewicz, Geisinger; Shane Powers, NeighborWorks NEPA

## CORE PROGRAM CLASS OF 2023 SELECTS FIVE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS

Each year, Core Program class participants engage in community service projects as part of their Leadership experience. In addition to enhancing skills like teamwork and problem solving, participation in a group project develops resourcefulness and engenders a sense of accomplishment through the impact such projects have on the community. Ultimately, the overall purpose is enhanced leadership skills and community engagement. The Leadership Lackawanna Core Program Class of 2023 will support five outstanding local nonprofits this year. They are:

### Children's Advocacy Center of NEPA



The team is renovating the waiting area in the Teen Advocacy Center. They will provide new furniture, flooring, paint, décor and much more! To learn more about the CAC visit [CACnepa.org](http://CACnepa.org).

### Indraloka Animal Sanctuary

This team will create a dedicated walking trail around the property, which will serve as both an educational and inspirational experience for those who visit. To learn more about the sanctuary, visit [Indraloka.org](http://Indraloka.org).



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## NEW BOARD MEMBERS ANNOUNCED

At our annual meeting this past June, and in accordance with our by-laws, several new members were elected to the Board of Directors. These individuals are an experienced group of business men and women from the greater Scranton area committed to the growth and development of our organization. We warmly welcome the following to serve a three-year term: Jennifer Azarowicz, The AZEK Company; Kenrick Brewster, Greater Scranton YMCA; Terry Deitz, Times Shamrock; Tiffany Ferguson, Goodwill Industries of Northeast PA; Angela Ferri, PNC Bank; Leon John, Jr., Lead On Team, LLC; Steve Matthews, Noble Biomaterials; Jessica Meoni, The Honesdale National Bank; Danielle Weinschenk, Tobyhanna Army Depot.

# TLT CLASS ANNOUNCED



The Tomorrow's Leaders Today (TLT) program class of 2022-2023 met on Thursday, October 20, 2022 for their first session which included an orientation and introduction to the program. TLT is proudly supported by NBT Bank. Specifically in the 7-month TLT Program, participants gain leadership, interpersonal and managerial skills. It provides real-world experiences in the areas of health care, STEAM, history and heritage, crime and corrections, financial literacy, philanthropy, non-profit organizations, and community service. Sessions are held one full weekday each month. The TLT Program accepts applications from high school sophomores who wish to improve their personal skills and impact their local community. The TLT Program participants include:



Adrian Agnello, Western Wayne HS  
 Riley Aquilino, Valley View HS  
 Brittain Banull, West Scranton HS  
 Braden Beecham, Riverside HS  
 Brooke Beemer, Abington Heights HS  
 Brooke Bilski, Holy Cross HS  
 Katherine Boykin, Abington Heights HS  
 Caden Brennan, Carbondale Area Jr/Sr HS  
 Jocelyn Brown, Carbondale Area Jr/Sr HS  
 Dinello Capalongo, West Scranton HS  
 Rhayni Carroll, Western Wayne HS  
 Megan Cosklo, Carbondale Area Jr/Sr HS  
 Elizabeth Cummings, Old Forge HS  
 Haylee Czyzyk, Commonwealth Charter Academy  
 Kate Evans, West Scranton HS  
 Natalie Fuller, Valley View HS  
 Roger Getts, Scranton Prep  
 Madeline Herold, Abington Heights HS  
 Andrew Houseknecht, Commonwealth Charter Academy  
 Dane Huggler, Abington Heights HS  
 Mae Kaufman, Mid Valley Secondary Center

Alexandra King, Scranton HS  
 Geanna Kirchner, Dunmore HS  
 Corrina Maldonado, West Scranton HS  
 Odin Marrow, Commonwealth Charter Academy  
 Patricia McAndrew, Lakeland Jr/Sr HS  
 Brian McCormack, Scranton HS  
 Natalie Micknick, Lakeland Jr/Sr HS  
 Mason Miluszusky, Carbondale Area Jr/Sr HS  
 Connor Peters, Valley View HS  
 Mason Peters, Valley View HS  
 Julia Possanza, Lakeland Jr/Sr HS  
 Grace Rodriguez, Scranton HS  
 Emily Romanowski, Western Wayne HS  
 Carolena Ryon, Lackawanna Trail Jr/Sr HS  
 Paris Santee, West Scranton HS  
 Emily Stefani, West Scranton HS  
 Gavin Walsh, Scranton Prep  
 Ethan Warring, Scranton HS  
 Alexa B. Williams, Riverside Jr/Sr HS  
 Mary Zabielski, Valley View HS  
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## RAFFLE FUNDRAISER A SUCCESS

The lucky winners were:

Jess Meoni  
 Nicole McDonald  
 Tyler Day  
 Anna Arvay  
 Brian Martin  
 Gene Munley  
 Kelley Laird  
 Ryan McGowan  
 Karen Durkin  
 Kelly Lindsey

Thank you to everyone who purchased Holiday Raffle tickets. This easy, but successful fundraiser raised much needed funds for our organization and six programs.

## UPDATE YOUR ALUMNI INFO

Our website is an important component of our re-invigorated efforts in alumni affairs and in connecting with those whose lives have been enriched by Leadership Lackawanna. Take a moment to visit our website and update your contact information. We hope you'll come back regularly, not only to see what's new, but to remain involved – by keeping in touch with classmates and fellow community leaders, staying current on news, participating in events, and more. Thank you for investing in the future of the Greater Scranton area and its community by staying connected to Leadership Lackawanna!

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## LL HOSTS HOWL AT THE MOON FUNDRAISER



Thank you to everyone who attended our Howl at the Moon dueling pianos fundraiser. More than 250 people were in attendance and we raised nearly \$5,000 to support LL programs.

## JANUARY ENROLLMENT

Applications for five of the six Leadership programs will be available earlier in 2023 - January 9th to be exact. Interested candidates should visit our website [LeadershipLackawanna.com](http://LeadershipLackawanna.com) to apply for either the Core, TLT, Collegiate, LF 2.0 or Welcome Scranton! programs. Executive Program applications will be available in the summer, like usual. Moving these programs to a January start date will allow for more time in recruiting and selecting qualified candidates, and ultimately make for a smoother process overall.

## CORE PROGRAM PROJECTS CONTINUED

### North Pocono Dandy Lion Little League



The team is upgrading the concession stand. Improvements include new cabinets, counters, food warmer appliances and organization of the stand. In addition, minor improvements to outdoor landscaping will also be made. To learn more about the Little League association visit [northpoconolittleleague.com](http://northpoconolittleleague.com).

### United Neighborhoods Center of NEPA



The team is creating a plan and then designing the development, site clean-up, and renovation of a vacant plot in the Pinebrook section of Scranton. The team will also help create a template for future "Vacant Spaces to Vibrant Places" sites and engage the public and sponsors in what type of spaces they would like to see developed. This project is consistent with UNC's five-year Pine Brook Community Revitalization Plan approved by the Department of Community and Economic Development and Pennsylvania Downtown Centers for the Elm Street Designation. It is in the spirit of the Creative Placemaking model for re-imagining public spaces. The goal is to create one successful "Vibrant Place" to use as a pilot to expand throughout the community, and perhaps beyond in the city of Scranton. To learn more about UNC, visit [uncnepa.org](http://uncnepa.org).

## 40TH ANNIVERSARY: CORE CLASS OF 2023

The Core program class of 2023 met on Thursday, September 8, 2022 for their first session which included an orientation and an introduction to leadership basics. This marks the organization's 40th year. LL strives to enhance the skills, connections and knowledge of emerging and established leaders, hence strengthening our communities, workplaces and organizations. In our 10-month Core Program, participants gain direct and indirect leadership, interpersonal and managerial skills,



as well as an enhanced understanding of the issues relevant to the Greater Scranton region, through monthly sessions. Areas of focus can include community development, economic development, government, health care, law, education, quality of life, sustainability, history and media, with sessions featuring widely recognized specialists. The Core Program is proudly supported by The Honesdale National Bank.

Front: Lisandra Garcia, PNC Bank; Taylor Lewis Carito, Benco Dental; Jasu Acharya, Community Bank, NA; Alissa Weiss, The Honesdale National Bank; Alexandria Small, Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine; Kristin Bender, Gertrude Hawk Chocolates; Brianna Larose, Procter & Gamble; Ciera Grimsley, Procter & Gamble; April Martinborough, Real by Nature, LLC; Nikki Paolicelli, Penn State Scranton; Drew Kirby, Montage Mountain Resorts, LP; Alyssa McQuillan, NBT Bank; Joy Hubshman, United Neighborhood Centers of NEPA; Tressa Parker, Greater Scranton YMCA; Ariana Argust, Allied Services

Back: Carmelo Rivera, El Coqui Construction LLC; Anthony Portanova, Tobyhanna Army Depot; Joel Perkins, Penn State Scranton; Hannah Gaul, Tobyhanna Army Depot; Karla Perks, Empower Retirement; Rebecca Cerra, Lackawanna College; Jennifer Aglialoro, Children's Advocacy Center of NEPA; Sarah Sorrells, Penn East Federal Credit Union; Kelley Dougherty Laird, Fidelity Bank; Jessica Mislinski, Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA; Kyle Gattuso, PNC Bank; Jim Warren, Warren Construction; Dee Desai, Hilton Scranton & Conference Center; Paul DePrimo, Tobyhanna Army Depot; Thomas Chairge, Prudential Financial; Joseph Cholko, Sordoni Construction Services; Gerard Walsh, The Azek Company - Vycom; Paul Ballard, Marywood University; Caleb Hicks, Northeast PA Youth for Christ; Jennifer Thomas, FNCB Bank; Ted Kowalick, FNCB Bank; Patrick Ruane, Tobyhanna Army Depot. Absent from the photo: Kristin Armstrong, NBT Bank.



### West Scranton Junior Invaders

The team is revitalizing the press box of The West Scranton Junior Invaders. The organization provides recreational and competitive programs for its participants by organizing players by age, weight, or grade according to the sport chosen (football or cheer) to compensate for the variety of physical and mental maturity levels of players involved. The press box is used as the location for the announcer to manage the junior football and cheerleading events. Our goal is to restore the press box that will be utilized by the organization for years to come.

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