

CORE PROGRAM GRADUATES 39TH CLASS

Celebration of Leadership, our signature, year-end event, was held Wednesday afternoon, June 22. This event honors our organization's 39-year history of visionary leadership, commitment to excellence and impact on Northeastern Pennsylvania. Over 175 people attended this event which included networking, raffles, a community service project showcase, and the presentation of certificates to our graduating participants. In addition, a short video highlighting our 2021-2022 program year was unveiled at the event and can now be found online at LeadershipLackawanna.com.

In addition, the event recognized three individuals with special awards. Danielle Weinschenk received Alumni Leader of the Year, Mike Fedorisin received Class Leader of the Year and Donna Kane received the 2022 Shining Star Award.

This event was made possible by the generosity of Maximus Foundation, The AZEK Company, NBT Bank, PPL, FNCB Bank, Brian J. Cali and Associates, Luzerne County Community College, Marywood University, Blue Eagle Logistics, The Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, Benco Dental, Twenty Five Eight Studios and Gertrude Hawk Chocolates.

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CORE PROGRAM CLASS PROJECTS HAVE AN IMPACT OF OVER \$55,000

With great success, the Class of 2022 is proud to announce the results of their class projects. As part of the Leadership 10-month Core Program experience, participants devote a large portion of their time to develop and implement community projects, hence enhancing their leadership abilities, fostering teamwork and benefiting local nonprofit organizations. Leadership Executive Director, Nicole Morrstell, commented, "I am so proud of the Core Program Class and firmly believe their projects will not only impact our community forever, but have left a lasting impression on each participant. In total, these four projects had a combined community investment of over \$55,000. Talk about a great year!"



Camp Freedom – Camp Freedom is an outdoor adventure healing camp located in Carbondale, PA that serves Veterans, First Responders, their families, and Gold Star families. The facility consists of over 1,800 acres, 26 miles of which, are hiking trails. Our team assisted in developing a more user-friendly trail and mapping system to provide easier navigation and accessibility for all who experience the beauty and splendor of this amazing facility. More specifically, our team cleared and blazed miles of hiking trails, installed 96 signs throughout camp, and clearly labeled several ponds, hunting blinds, and food plots. In addition, our team held an awareness walk at the camp, not only to raise funds to help support this effort but to bring additional awareness to this much-needed facility and outdoor space.



Dolly Parton Imagination Library – Leadership Lackawanna worked with the United Way of Lackawanna and Wayne Counties, along with several local Foundations, to launch the Dolly Parton Imagination Library here in Lackawanna County. This international book gifting program mails free, high-quality books to children from birth to age five, no matter their family's income. Our Leadership team focused their work on research, outreach, awareness, development, and training. They also held several pop-up events to bring even more awareness of this initiative to Lackawanna County and date have enrolled over 3,300 local children.



Mercatili-Segilia Park – The Mercatili-Segilia Park is a quaint, community park nestled off Birney Avenue in Moosic, PA. Time has taken a toll on this outdoor space, therefore our team assisted in the revitalization and rehabilitation of the park by completing a variety of tasks and improvements. This included purchasing and waterproof sealing 21 new picnic tables, constructing four new serving tables, providing the park with all new signage, and refurbishing 4 benches with new wood. In addition, the team enhanced the 30-year-old gazebo by giving it a major facelift – a new roof, new shingles, and new paint! In total, our team, along with 50 other community volunteers, invested more than 100 hours improving this community asset for the citizens of Moosic – and beyond!



NeighborWorks of NEPA – Leadership Lackawanna is thrilled to have assisted in the development, volunteer recruitment, and launch of a new initiative called Cutting with Care. This is a volunteer program that provides free grass cutting and light lawn maintenance to older adults in the Scranton / Lackawanna County area. Not only does this service address a major need, but it allows these adults to stay safe and healthy in their homes, and it boasts pride and respect for the community. Our partner in this initiative was NeighborWorks Northeastern Pennsylvania – a local nonprofit organization dedicated to revitalizing neighborhoods and improving lives by addressing housing needs, resident empowerment, neighborhood revitalization, sustainable homeownership, and public-private partnerships.

PROJECTS NEEDED - SUBMIT AN RFP

Area non-profit organizations are invited to submit a Request For Proposal (RFP) to Leadership Lackawanna for implementation as a class community service project. The Leadership Lackawanna organization will select multiple projects for the incoming class to work on throughout the program year (October 2022 through June 2023). This year marks the 40th year of the Leadership organization.

For nonprofit organizations and community groups, this invitation to submit an RFP presents an opportunity to use the services of a talented team of professionals. The group can help you with a project you have had in mind, but lacked the human resources to accomplish. At the same time, you can expose a group of established and emerging leaders to your organization's mission and goals. This is a mutually beneficial experience for your agency and these emerging professionals. Projects must have a reasonable scope and budget and cannot include capital campaigns, rebranding/branding/marketing campaigns or raising large sums of money.

For more information on submitting a proposal to Leadership Lackawanna, visit www.leadershiplackawanna.com. Questions may be directed to Leadership Lackawanna Executive Director, Nicole Morrstell at 570.342.7711 ext. 125 or nmorrstell@scrantonchamber.com. The deadline to submit an RFP is August 31, 2022.

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, update your contact information and share ideas. We hope you'll come back regularly for updates, not only to see what's new, but to remain involved – by keeping in touch with classmates, friends and fellow community leaders, staying current on Leadership Lackawanna news, participating in alumni events, and so much 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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EXECUTIVE PROGRAM APPLICATIONS NOW AVAILABLE



The Leadership Lackawanna Executive Program is designed to assist professionals in becoming more engaged in the community, broadening their social network and increasing their overall knowledge of the greater Scranton area.

Applications for the Fall Cohort are due by September 16.

Through weekly sessions, participants meet key business and community leaders and receive an overview of Lackawanna County's history, economic/political structures, cultural affairs, community events/activities, civic groups, and recreational/leisure amenities. Sessions are conducted one evening per week, for five consecutive weeks, at various locations throughout the community. Each session is held from 5:00-8:00 p.m. and includes cocktails and dinner. The program is open to public and private sector administrators/professionals in an executive level position. Candidates must have extensive industry experience that demonstrates a steady career progression. In addition, candidates must either live, work or play in the greater Scranton area and should possess an interest in learning how Lackawanna County functions.

Executive Program Applications Now Available

- Expanded networking with key business and community leaders
- Increased knowledge of the greater Scranton area
- A commitment to enhancing the area's economy and quality of life

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SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT NEEDED

Due to the generosity of previous supporters, we annually offer over \$4,000 in scholarships to candidates who participate in our various programs. These funds help reduce the cost of tuition, allowing a plethora of participants - from small business owners, to nonprofit participants to companies needing some financial support - to experience our program. However, we need more contributions. Please consider supporting one of our Scholarship Funds. A complete list of funds can be found below. With your support, we will continue to build our organization into the best source for community leadership and professional development training in NEPA!

The **Margaret Briggs Leadership Lackawanna Fund** is awarded annually to an individual from the social services community who has demonstrated leadership ability, is interested in community affairs, and has a desire for an increased commitment to community and professional service. The **Karen O'Connell Welles Leadership Lackawanna Fund** shall be awarded annually to an individual based on potential for leadership and need. Special consideration will be given to individuals who are interested in promoting equality. Karen was a participant in our inaugural Core Program class. The **William P. Rinaldi Leadership Lackawanna Fund** is awarded to an individual who works in the field of education and displays the same passion of the late William P. Rinaldi in education and all aspects of life. The fund was established by the Voluntary Action Center and the Leadership Alumni Association. Bill was a Core Program Class of 1984 graduate. The **William W. and Mary L. Scranton Leadership Lackawanna Fund** shall be awarded annually to an individual who has displayed leadership qualities with a giving spirit to the community. Governor and Mrs. Scranton are considered Founders of Leadership Lackawanna and credited with holding the initial fundraiser that raised \$15,000 in seed money to start our organization. The **H. Leigh Woehling Leadership Lackawanna Fund** was established to honor the late H. Leigh Woehling, a co-founder of Leadership Lackawanna. Each year it is awarded to an incoming participant aspiring to become an emerging leader.

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