

LEADERSHIP

A lifelong resident of Union County, I felt Leadership Union opened my eyes to many things I was not aware of and showed me the real inner workings of our economy. – **Mike Chandler, Logistics Manager, ATI Allvac, Class of 2005-06**

Leadership Union showed me how big and at the same time small Union County is. We have an international presence, but we are all connected in one way or another”– **Michael Jordan, Manager of Imaging, CMC-Union, Class of 2007-08**

Leadership Union was instrumental to me, as a newcomer, in understanding the people and what the county has to offer. – **Debra Chestnut Reed, Director of Human Resources, City of Monroe, Class of 2005-06**

The benefits are immeasurable. – **Stuart Wasilowski, Dean of Workforce Development & Continuing Education, SPCC, Class of 2005-06**

I would never have imagined the sophistication or range of services and industries available in Union County until the Leadership Union class showed me. – **Pamela Collins, Community Relations Coordinator, Hospice of Union County, Class of 2008-09**

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***Providing Leadership
for Union County***

What is Leadership Union?

An independent, non-profit organization established in 1994, Leadership Union operates an annual, 10 month leadership development program in which a select group of participants meet with community leaders, explores key issues impacting our region, receives leadership training, and undertakes class service projects. Leadership Union is an initiative of the Union County Chamber of Commerce in collaboration with South Piedmont Community College.

What is the program content?

Leadership Union seeks to give participants a well-rounded perspective on the people, places, and issues affecting our community, as well as enhancing their leadership skills. The program includes an orientation, a weekend retreat designed for team-building and exploring leadership styles, full-day monthly programs addressing topics as Union County's history and heritage, arts and culture, politics and government, diversity, human services, a Raleigh trip to meet with legislators, and a graduation dinner in June.

Who participates?

Twenty-five class members are admitted into the program each year. Class members are selected from the community at-large through a competitive application and interview process. Applications are accepted through June and all applicants will be notified of their acceptance by mid-July.

Applicants must demonstrate leadership ability and/or potential, community interest and involvement, and desire to take an active role in the community.

For information on applying to Leadership Union, contact Jordan Burrell at the Union County Chamber of Commerce at 704-289-4567 or jordan@unioncountycoc.com. You can also visit the chamber website for an application at www.unioncountycoc.com.

As a participant, what am I expected to do?

Participants are expected to attend all sessions August-May. No more than **two** absences are allowed. Attendance at the retreat is required. Participation in Chamber activities and events is encouraged.

The Leadership Union class will take a leadership role in planning and implementing chamber and community projects throughout the year. The projects will be determined by the class at the retreat.

Do I receive continuing education credits?

Graduates are eligible for 6.2 CEUs. CPAs receive 60 CPEs.

Is there a charge to participate?

Yes. The cost of the program is \$600. This includes all expenses for the retreat, monthly sessions (including lunch), graduation dinner and a Leadership Union shirt. A limited number of scholarships are available.

Leadership Union Dates

The Leadership Union class meets the third Tuesday of each month beginning in September.

See below for specific dates and programs. (Dates and monthly programs are subject to change.)

August 11 – Orientation, Union County Chamber

August 14 & 15 – Retreat, Tree Tops, Lancaster, SC

September 22 - History & Arts

October 20 – Entertainment, Leisure, & Tourism

November 17 - Education

December 15 – Human Services

January 19 – Industry

February 16 – Healthcare

March 16 – Law Enforcement

April 20 - Agribusiness

May 18 – Local Government

June 8* – State Government – Raleigh Trip

Graduation dinner will be held in June 17*

***These dates are subject to change.**