Applications Open for Leadership Programs to Enhance Professional Development

Finding quality professional development opportunities is important to enhancing your company's talent, as well as retaining your best team members. Whether for experienced professionals who want to develop a deeper understanding about the community or young professionals who want to hone their management abilities, the Chamber's Leadership Foundation of Greater Las Vegas programs help you build your organization's leadership and executive talent.

The Leadership Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non-profit affiliated with the Las Vegas Metro Chamber, has created a strong legacy of proven leadership development in Southern Nevada. More than 1,400 graduates have graduated from its Leadership Las Vegas and Leadership Advance programs and have gone on to serve in executive positions, as well as in elected office and non-profit boards.

Applications are open for the following programs that may be valuable to the professionals in your organization:

Leadership Las Vegas

Leadership Las Vegas, the premier executive development program in Southern Nevada, brings together 60 individuals in leadership roles within the community from a breadth of industries and local businesses for an intensive 10-month experience. Class members begin with an opening retreat in September where they get to know their fellow classmates and embark on their Leadership Las Vegas experience. Through monthly session days, class members develop new perspectives on the community by exploring the inner-workings of Las Vegas, including its greatest strengths and most challenging issues, hearing from area experts and leaders, and participating in interactive tours, simulations, and other activities. At the end of the class year, participants join a network of leaders committed to using their talents and strengths to improve Southern Nevada. Leadership Las Vegas has graduated more than 1,300 business leaders since its inception in 1986.

The program begins with an intensive three-day retreat known as Gateway. Daylong sessions on various aspects of the community are held once a month throughout the session year. The culmination of the program is a graduation gala and ceremony held in June. There will be a Recruitment Mixer on Thursday, April 25, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Discovery Children's Museum. Applications are due Thursday, May 16, at 4:00 p.m.

Leadership Advance – New version

Leadership Advance is now a 5-month leadership skills training program that is tailored specifically to professionals wanting to enhance their leadership abilities and advance their careers. Led by a professional leadership facilitator, class members gain extensive experience and insights into their own leadership strengths, and grow in understanding effective leadership, communication, and organizational management.

Leadership Advance is ideal for your up-and-coming talent who need to hone their leadership skills to become effective managers. Through Leadership Advance, companies can develop a pipeline of inhouse leadership that will drive growth in their operations.

The class meets once a month for five consecutive months. Applications are due Thursday, May 30, at 4:00 p.m. The class begins Friday, August 2, and concludes in December. The program will be offered again February – June 2020.

For more information on these leadership programs or to apply, go to LVChamber.com or contact Cara Clarke, executive director of the Leadership Foundation, at <u>cara@leadership.Vegas</u> or 702-586-3832.

You Are Invited – HR Professionals Luncheon

The Las Vegas Chamber and the Leadership Foundation of Greater Las Vegas invite you to be our guest at a special luncheon on Tuesday, April 9, from 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the Las Vegas Metro Chamber.

The purpose of the luncheon is to bring human resource professionals together for networking, camaraderie, and sharing details of several professional development programs that can help you enhance professional development in your organization. Four programs will be highlighted, including

Access Las Vegas: a two-day program for executives new to Las Vegas who need to quickly get up-to-speed on how the community works.

Leadership Las Vegas: a 10-month program for accomplished professionals who want to gain a deeper understanding of the community.

Leadership Advance: a 5-month leadership skills training program for up-and-coming professionals to help them become better leaders and managers in their companies

Vegas Young Professionals: the largest organization in Nevada of professionals between the ages of 21 and 39 with many opportunities to build professional connections, gain industry and community insights, and develop professional skills.

The Las Vegas Chamber is located at 575 Symphony Park Ave., Ste. 100 at The Smith Center for the Performing Arts. The entrance to the Chamber is next to the Discovery Children's Museum. Free parking is available in Chamber-designated spots in the parking lot across the street.

We hope you will be able to join us. Please RSVP to Nicole Lovato, program manager, at <u>nicole@leadership.vegas</u> or call 702-586-3825.