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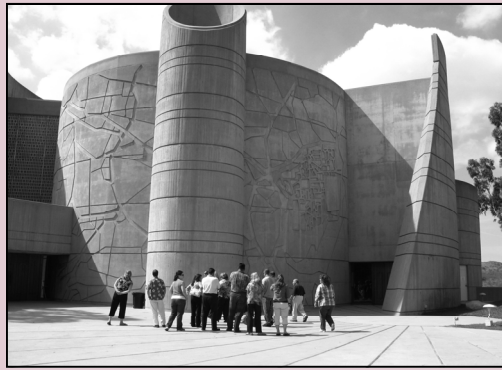
Strong, energetic and ethical leadership is a key to any community. Since their incorporation in 1969, the City of Simi Valley has been fortunate to have dedicated, responsible leadership. As the community grew, the need for additional leadership became apparent.

After attending nine fascinating sessions in stimulating programs designed to inform and cultivate participant's abilities, each class is prepared to share their knowledge and expertise with others as they assume new leadership roles in our community.



The Leadership Program...

Every Leadership Simi Valley Class begins with a dynamic two-day retreat where the concept of leadership is discussed, explored and experienced. Class members also discover more about themselves and begin to learn about and bond with their fellow class members during the work sessions that follow. Following the retreat in September, class members meet one Friday a month from October through June and end with an evening graduation ceremony. The full day meetings involve visitations and hands-on participation in the following areas:



Simi History & Parks

Class Members learn the history of the city and tour the many historical buildings at Strathearn Park. At the end of the day the class learns about the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library where they tour the private quarters, archives, Discovery Center and main library.

Local Government & Business Interaction

Class members spend part of the day at the Courthouse learning the functions of our legal system and then to City Hall to take part in a mock City Council meeting. Business & Government Day begins with participation in a Chamber Networking Breakfast, meeting all branches of Government and government agency tours.

Law Enforcement



The class prepares for this day by participating in a "ride along" with local police officers. Discussions on the class day range from the structure of the various Simi Valley Police Department divisions, local crime prevention & K-9 demonstration.

Media

The class hears perspectives from both print and electronic media on such topics as how deadlines affect content, the editing process, getting the media's attention, photo tips and a tour of press printing plant.

Education

School District officials present an overview of education in Simi Valley. The class travels to several local area schools where they make campus observations, have lunch with student leaders and participate in a principal's forum.



Family Balance

The session is about the importance of balance in a family. The Class observes various programs offered at Simi Valley Adult School and special programs offered at Apollo High School. The end of the day is spent learning about the churches and private schools in the area.

Health & Social Services

Hospital officials offer overview of health care in Simi Valley with tours of departments. A visit to several non-profit agencies that provide social services acknowledging their importance in the community.

Ethics

The Leadership Simi Valley class concludes with a day devoted to Ethics. Actual case studies are examined which empowers the participants to integrate moral leadership into their professional lives in a more conscious and intentional way.

Graduation/Alumni

The class receives a diploma at the graduation ceremony with LSV Alumni in attendance. Upon graduation, they join more than 410 other Leadership Simi Valley graduates who are now part of a powerful and growing alumni group.

A Legacy of Class Projects

Each class participates in a project benefiting the community.

- 2010 - Free Clinic of Simi Valley Renovation
- 2009 - Sarah's House Renovation
- 2008 - YMCA Preschool Playground at Royal HS
- 2007 - Corriganville Sign Refurbishing
- 2006 - Battered Women's Shelter
- 2005 - Teen Center
- 2004 - Hearing Aids for Classrooms
- 2003 - Safe Harbor Shelter
- 2002 - PlanetSimi.com (Youth Web Portal)
- 2001 - Youth Summit

The Selection Process

Leadership Simi Valley seeks a broad base of participants from all sectors of the community. Anyone living or working in Simi Valley may apply for participation in the program by completing an application. Participation is limited. Applicants not selected this year are encouraged to reapply the following year. A diverse group of participants is selected by a committee of community leaders through the application process.

Tuition

Tuition is \$100 per month with an initial deposit of \$95 due in August payable to the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce or total tuition of \$995 can be paid by credit card, employer or sponsor. The monthly option must be paid by graduation in June. Tuition covers the cost of transportation, lodging, meals, instructors and material.

The Leadership Simi Valley program was designed by the Simi Valley Chamber of Commerce to identify and develop effective community leaders.

Student Quotes

"Participation in this program has filled in the blanks on how to become a vehicle for support and growth in the community. Understanding the "Big Picture" sets a vision on how I can participate in maintaining the strength and character of an already great city. This program has strengthened my resolve to be a leader for the betterment of the community. Great cities don't just happen, they are the culmination of quality leadership utilizing the proper tools to create a community that serves the needs of its residents. The program was absolutely amazing and truly a gift for those of us fortunate enough to participate."

~ Greg Seymour, Class of 2010

"Leadership Class has provided me an opportunity to learn about our community, develop new friendships and relationships but most importantly, participate in a community service project. This program has enriched my understanding and appreciation for community involvement and the benefits that it provides. I also have learned more about myself and know that I can be a positive influence in our community."

~ Lisa Hemenway, Class of 2009

"Leadership Simi Valley is an amazing program unlike any other in our community. Participants graduate having experienced a comprehensive overview of the best our city has to offer, and as a result of the knowledge gained, the graduates will be able to continue making a positive contribution to our community for many years to come."

~ Michelle Foster, Class of 2003



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