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**Valpo Chamber 2023
Leadership Academy**

Session Dates and Times

August 8 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
August 22 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
September 5 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
September 19 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
October 3 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
October 17 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
October 31 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
November 14 – 11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location

Various locations within Valparaiso

Mission:

Leadership Academy provides a growing leadership pool of willing and able leaders and volunteers for current and future civic, charitable, and governmental organizations in Valparaiso.

OVERVIEW:

The Valpo Chamber Leadership Academy encourages individuals to be trustees of their community – to work for the common good – and to become a leader for the entire community. The program uniquely focuses on connection and engagement in community service – specifically, leadership roles.

The Valpo Chamber Leadership Academy complements other leadership organizations with a focus on the skills and knowledge necessary to be an effective leader in the community, for example, expectations of board service, governance, fundraising, ethics, accountability, and time management.

EXPECTATIONS:

In every session each participant should be actively engaged in discussions, class work and complete any outside assignments. Your presence, energy, ideas, and questions are essential to the full Leadership Academy experience. Candidates *must* have the full support of the organization they represent.

Graduation from the Leadership Academy does not signify an end but represents the beginning of a commitment to civic involvement. Participants are expected to become continually, substantively, and actively engaged within community organizations in leadership roles.

Throughout the Leadership Academy experience, participants will be exposed to various organizations and the leadership opportunities available for future engagement. Participants will also be provided with the tools to research and apply for available leadership roles.

TUITION:

Investment of \$600 per person as a member of the Valpo Chamber. Non-members may apply to participate; however, tuition will be combined with the cost of a membership with the Valpo Chamber. Tuition includes eight (8) sessions, all meals and materials for the program and reserved seating at the Valpo Chamber Annual Meeting which will be held in January of 2024. Upon notification of acceptance in the 2023 Leadership Academy, an invoice will be sent and **tuition will be due by the first session, August 8.**

TIME COMMITMENT:

Commitment to participating in the Leadership Academy centers on involvement. Class will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. and end at 4:30 p.m. The dates for the 2023 Leadership Academy are listed below. Sessions will be held at various locations in the community. **Attendance at all sessions is mandatory.** Participants will be exposed to additional programs and events that can enhance their professional development, but they are not a requirement. The Leadership Academy may excuse absences because of extenuating circumstances. Dismissal from the program can result from unexcused absences.

Session 1 Tuesday, Aug 8
Session 2 Tuesday, Aug 22
Session 3 Tuesday, Sept 5
Session 4 Tuesday, Sept 19
Session 5 Tuesday, Oct 3
Session 6 Tuesday, Oct 17
Session 7 Tuesday, Oct 31
Session 8 Tuesday, Nov 14

SELECTION PROCESS:

The Leadership Academy seeks candidates who represent a cross section of the community and its institutions. Maximum enrollment is 25 participants. Every completed application will be reviewed. The class will include current and emerging leaders. Applicants will be notified of their participation by July 7, 2023. It is an honor to be invited to participate in the Leadership Academy. With so many qualified candidates from which to choose, the selection of each year's class presents a difficult challenge. Individuals who applied but were not selected in prior years are encouraged to reapply. A maximum of two participants from the same business are allowed to apply and participate in Leadership Academy.

CANDIDATE PROFILE:

- Available time and full employer support to participate in the program and commitment to volunteer service after the completion of the program
- A passion for the people and future of our community, and a personal commitment to help improve the quality of life in Valparaiso
- A demonstrated capacity for leadership within their own organizations through significant achievement and experience relative to age
- Active within or interested in becoming engaged in the community through volunteer service and leadership

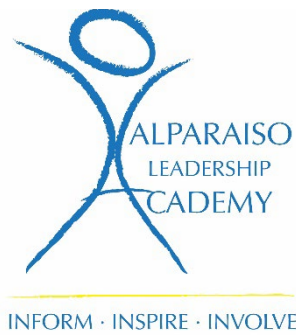
BENEFITS:

To Participants

- Develop valuable leadership skills and insights on motivation, communication, negotiation, and presentation
- Interact with regional decision-makers from a variety of professions and organizations
- Expand communication networks and business relationships within the community
- Connect with mentors who can provide resources and support
- Ensure the quality of life in greater Valparaiso

To Employers & Sponsors

- Increase leadership and problem-solving skills in employees
- Obtain new avenues to influence positive change and impact quality of life issues in Valparaiso
- Expand networking opportunities that can identify strategic alliances and business solutions
- Gain perspective of regional issues that can be used for greater organizational effectiveness
- Expand business visibility as an organization committed to supporting the continuation of leadership and stewardship development in the community



APPLICATION DEADLINE IS JUNE 9, 2023.

Applicant Checklist

- Please complete each section in full.
- Attach an updated resume.
- Attach at least one (1) letter of recommendation (additional letters will be accepted)
- A photo and brief bio (should include both work and personal interests)
- **Both the employer-sponsor (if applicable) and the candidate must sign the application.**
(Applicants must have the full support of their employers.)

Application, resume, photo, bio, and letter of recommendation must be submitted together, at one time. Please do not send items separately.

Send completed application, resume, and letter(s) of recommendation to:

Valpo Chamber
162 W Lincolnway
Valparaiso, IN 46383

Email: kurt@valpochamber.org

If you have any questions, please contact the Valpo Chamber at 462-1105.

The LEADERSHIP ACADEMY will notify candidates of acceptance on or before July 7, 2023.

APPLICATION FOR 2023 LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

PERSONAL DATA

_____		_____		_____	
Last name	First name	Preferred First name			
_____				_____	
Business				Business Phone	
_____				_____	
Business Address				Business Fax	
_____				_____	
_____	_____	_____	_____		
City	State	Zip	Email Address		

Sponsoring Employer (if applicable)					

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

_____		_____ / _____ / _____		
Employer		Date of Hire		

Occupation/Title				

Address				

_____	_____	_____	_____	
City	State	Zip		

The Leadership Academy is sponsored by the Valpo Chamber, and all admitted applicants or their employers are required to be members of the Valpo Chamber. Are you, or is your employer, a Valpo Chamber Member?

Yes No

If you answered no, a membership fee will be added to the Leadership Academy tuition. Membership fees vary by size of business.

EMPLOYMENT: List in reverse chronological order. Include active military duty.

_____		_____		_____	
Employer		Title/Responsibility		From -To	
_____		_____		_____	
Employer		Title/Responsibility		From -To	
_____		_____		_____	
Employer		Title/Responsibility		From -To	



EDUCATION

College/University	Location	From – To	Degree
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

PARTICIPATION COMMITMENT

I understand the purpose of the LEADERSHIP ACADEMY program and, if I am selected, I will devote the time and resource necessary to fully participate in the program. I know the program includes sessions on each of the following dates: Aug. 8, Aug. 22, Sept. 5, Sept. 19, Oct. 3, Oct. 17, Oct. 31, and Nov. 14 (11:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.). Sessions will be held at various locations within Valparaiso. Even though emergencies do arise, full participation is expected for all sessions, projects and interim activities. I understand that I am responsible for and will be expected to get involved with a board and/or high-level committee that has been presented by the Chamber or other entities after the Academy concludes. These activities may be chosen to fit within my abilities and schedule.

Failure to comply with this policy may result in dismissal from the program and forfeiture of \$600.00 registration fee. If you and your employer (if applicable) are unable to make this commitment, it is not appropriate to apply. Are you and your employer willing to make such a commitment? yes no

Applicant's Signature

Date

Have you previously applied to the LEADERSHIP ACADEMY? yes no

EMPLOYER COMMITMENT (NOT APPLICABLE IF SELF-EMPLOYED)

This applicant has the approval and full support of this organization. Further, the applicant will receive the necessary accommodations to fulfill the time obligations required to fully participate in the program.

Employer

Date

Signature

DEADLINE for application submission is June 9, 2023

Please refer to the instructions and submission guidelines.