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Fox Cities Chamber Welcomes 2020-2021 Leadership Fox Cities Class

APPLETON, Wis. (September 16, 2020) – The Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce is welcoming a new group of professionals to its long-standing Leadership Fox Cities program which begins at a full-day retreat at Stone Prairie in Brillion on September 17.

Leadership Fox Cities is a community-based leadership program which allows participants to grow as leaders and get engaged in the Fox Cities communities. The class gathers each month from October through May to learn about community accolades and challenges.

This year's class is comprised of 31 professionals from both non-profit and for-profit organizations, large and small.

Leadership Fox Cities Class of 2020-2021:

Dale Bushman, Old National Bank
Brittany Call, Business Lending Group
Jodi Carlson, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh MBA Program
Kristin Comerford, Appleton Area School District
Sarah Cooper, BLC Community Bank
Amanda Dix, Miller Electric Manufacturing LLC
Lucas Dorow, East Wisconsin Savings Bank
Kimberly Gehrke, Network Health
Chad Hackbarth, Nicolet National Bank
Brittany Hagenow, American National Bank Fox Cities
Adam Hatlak, Miller Electric
Joni Heinz, City of Neenah
Rebecca (Becca) Jakubek, Menasha Packaging
Danielle Johnson, Community First Credit Union
Matthew Kasriel, Town of Grand Chute Fire Department (Wisconsin)
Amanda Knueppel, Big Brothers Big Sisters of East Central Wisconsin
Taylor Metcalf, Country Financial
Amy Molitor, Neenah Public Library
Kelsey Parry, Heckrodt Wetland Reserve
Dawn Pennington, Nicolet National Bank
Karly Potratz, VF Outdoor
Kimberly Prophett, Heid Music



Ashley Schutte, The Boldt Company
Kimberly Smart, Capital Credit Union
Amy Smits, Bank First
Mariha Stewart, Ogden & Company, Inc
Rebecca Tellock, ThedaCare
Kirk Vandenberg, ThedaCare
Mike Voss, Miron Construction
Laina Wydeven, Employment Resource Group, Inc.
Sarah Wylie, Greater Fox Cities Area Habitat for Humanity

“During this unprecedented time due to COVID-19, we recognize now more than ever there is a tremendous need for strong leadership,” shared Amy Schanke, Director of Leadership Fox Cities at the Fox Cities Chamber. “Along with the dedicated Leadership Fox Cities Steering Committee, we are adapting the program as needed to ensure an impactful experience for this year’s participants.”

Each monthly Leadership Fox Cities session highlights a different community focus, from human services to arts and education. Participants are immersed in full-day sessions which include guest speakers, hands-on experiences, tours and relationship building. The goal of each session is to challenge thinking and inspire participants to get further involved in the community. Monthly sessions will be adjusted as deemed necessary due to the impact of COVID-19. Most sessions throughout the 2020-2021 class will be a hybrid of both in-person presentations and virtual tours.

Participants are assigned to small groups at the kick-off retreat and are charged with the task of identifying an issue or program in the community that needs attention. These groups then plan and execute sustainable community projects which are presented at the Leadership Fox Cities commencement in May.

The 2020-2021 Leadership Fox Cities program is made possible through the generous support of its presenting sponsor, Bergstrom Automotive.

For information on Leadership Fox Cities, please contact Amy Schanke, Director of Leadership Fox Cities at the Fox Cities Chamber, at (920) 734-7101 or aschanke@foxcitieschamber.com.

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The Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce captures the energy of one of Wisconsin’s most dynamic regions and transforms it into innovative programs and services for its business members. The Fox Cities Chamber serves all of the Fox Cities communities within the counties of Outagamie, Calumet and the northern portion of Winnebago. The Fox Cities Chamber plays a leadership role in regional economic development efforts in Northeastern Wisconsin. For more information, visit www.foxcitieschamber.com.