

EXPERIENCE

Quad City
**Leadership
Alumni**
Association



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Leadership is...

An effective community is one that works together to solve problems and improve the area's quality of life. To build an effective community, one must first build effective leaders armed with proper tools and a general understanding of the overall community.

Recently, the **Quad City Chamber Federation**, a non-profit organization comprised of the Bettendorf Chamber of Commerce, DavenportOne, and the Illinois Quad City Chamber of Commerce, was created to address common business issues and heighten the image of the Quad Cities. The Quad City Chamber Federation serves as a vehicle for launching collaborative events, projects, and initiatives among the areas Chambers of Commerce. One of these initiatives includes leadership development and the collaboration of the existing leadership programs into one academy for the region.

The new **Quad City Leadership Academy** will be introduced by the Quad City Chamber Federation in the fall of 2006. The Academy is designed to equip participants with the skills needed to successfully lead their company and community. The program also inspires and offers participants opportunities to experience our community and allows participants to learn from each other as well as established leaders.

As part of the new Quad City Leadership Academy, the **Quad City Leadership Alumni Association** has been created with a purpose to continue the leadership development for our communities emerging leaders, to actively promote a culture of learning and reflection, to champion excellence in leadership, to aid in improving the Quad Cities. It will also provide opportunities to:

- Expand networks and social capital
- Expand on the leadership gained
- Apply knowledge through work opportunities, volunteer opportunities, and mentoring
- Stay current with community, leadership, and other issue/topics

There are many benefits to membership in the Quad City Leadership Alumni Association. Some of these benefits are:

- **Meal Events** - Networking events will give QCLAA members an opportunity to meet other area leaders in the business community. These events will include a short program about a local issue or leadership topic.
- **Half Day Workshops** - Workshops will be presented to help train attendees on various leadership topics. Discussion groups will help challenge attendees thoughts and views. Discussion groups will be formatted in an open forum about a current local, national, or international issue or problem.
- **Organized Community Service Opportunities** - Get involved! Group community service volunteer opportunities allow participants to work on a limited time commitment in a group setting to accomplish a larger goal.
- **Board/Committee Openings Postings** - Local board and committee openings will be posted for easy access. Learn how you can become involved with area organizations.
- **Monthly E-Newsletter** - Keep up-to-date on leadership skills, job opportunities, and "grapevine" announcements about what is happening in and around the Quad Cities.
- **Off the Beaten Path Tours** - Ever wonder how some Quad City area favorites are made? What is happening inside of those places that are not easily accessible? Here's your chance to learn about these places of business, why they call the Quad City Area home, their history and futures, and their views on leadership.

To become a member of the Quad City Leadership Association, please complete the enclosed application. Annual membership is \$50 and includes three meal events.