

LEADERSHIP HUDSON

Join the leadership class of 2026-27

Leadership Hudson is the Hudson Area Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau's premier community leadership program. Leadership Hudson takes a full day each month, September to May, to bring together high-caliber current and emerging leaders from all sectors of the Hudson area to study issues impacting our community.

This program will provide a unique opportunity for participants to:



CONNECT

- Meet people with a shared commitment to community
- Build a diverse, long-term network
- Promote the organization you represent



CULTIVATE

- A better understanding of your personal and leadership strengths and how to use them more effectively
- A more in-depth understanding of the resources, opportunities, and challenges in the Hudson community
- An enhanced understanding of a diverse and changing work force



CONTRIBUTE

- To the vitality of the Hudson area
- Learn how you can help the continued health and wellbeing of the Hudson area

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Leadership Hudson is seeking 25 individuals who:

- Are committed, motivated, and interested in serving the Hudson area in volunteer, appointed, or elected leadership roles.
- Are willing to commit the time and energy to attend all topic days and complete the program.
- Are representative of a cross section of businesses, professions, organizations, government, education, cultures, religions, ethnicities, and socio-economic backgrounds.
- Desire to identify their own leadership styles, strengths, motivators, and stressors.



Application Process

- Nominations for prospective program participants are accepted on an ongoing basis. Prospects may nominate themselves.
- Applications for the 2026 - 2027 program will be accepted until **August 3, 2026**.
- Notification of selection for the program will be made by **August 14, 2026**.
- Program tuition is **\$995 for members (\$1,295 for non-members)**.

See the application at HudsonWI.org
Questions? Contact MaryClaire@HudsonWI.org or (715) 386-8411.

2026 – 2027

Leadership Hudson Schedule

● **Tuesday, September 15**

Leadership Hudson Kick Off

Launches the program by helping participants define their leadership style, goals, and intentions for the year ahead.

● **Tuesday, October 20**

Community Life

Explores Hudson’s history, culture, and community partnerships that shape a strong and connected city.

● **Tuesday, November 17**

Business & Industry

Highlights regional innovation, entrepreneurship, and economic development through business tours and leader insights.

● **Tuesday, December 15**

Arts & Culture

Showcases how arts, creativity, and tourism contribute to community vitality and economic impact.

● **Tuesday, January 19**

Health & Wellness Day

Provides insight into regional healthcare, mental health, wellness, and aging services that support overall community wellbeing.

● **Tuesday, February 16**

Education

Examines how education systems and partnerships prepare students and the workforce for the future.

● **Tuesday, March 16**

Government

Offers an inside look at local government, courts, and public safety leadership in action.

● **Tuesday, April 20**

Environment & Natural Resources

Focuses on sustainability, energy innovation, and stewardship of the region’s natural assets.

● **Tuesday, May 18**

Graduation

Celebrates program completion and connects participants to ongoing leadership and community engagement opportunities.



The program is held one day a month generally 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monthly attendance is mandatory. In addition to presentations/discussions, tours will be included. (Program topics and content subject to change.)

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Alumni Testimonials



A few years ago, I participated in Leadership Hudson and loved the experience. **I learned valuable information about the community and leadership and made lasting friendships.** This morning, two women from my cohort and I met for coffee. We talked about careers, family, community, and life. We've stayed in touch since our cohort and through career changes. I wanted to take time to say thank you for putting together the groundwork for such lasting relationships."

Tessa Boury

Former Director
Hudson Hospital Foundation



The Leadership Hudson program was fun, engaging and provided some great experiences along with leadership learning opportunities. The program offered site visits, tours, and provided an opportunity to meet the people involved in the Hudson government, schools, local organizations, and businesses. **It is a great way to connect with others from the community and grow your network!"**

Maria A. Schmitt

Vice President - Hudson Office
WESTconsin Credit Union



I completed the Leadership Hudson program just as I started at Eckberg. Eckberg believes in the value of the local leadership programs and provides the opportunity to all attorneys. When I completed the program, I was newer to Hudson, had only been practicing law for 3 years, and not yet participated in a leadership development course. **I truly believe the Leadership Hudson set me on a path for success in my career.** Not only was I able to meet and establish great relationships with other professionals, but the program was a catalyst that created a passion for leadership development that I credit for the opportunity to become a partner at Eckberg after only 7 years of practicing."

Lida M. Bannink

Attorney
Eckberg Lammers