

North Talladega County Leadership Program

The Greater Talladega Area Chamber of Commerce is excited to launch its North Talladega County Leadership program.

The nine month leadership program is designed to provide numerous opportunities for business leaders in the community. Networking opportunities, leadership skills development and community education is the primary focus of the North Talladega County Leadership program.

The class will begin in September with an orientation and a team-building exercise. There will be another class in September on the 16th and, thereafter, the class will meet the first Wednesday of every month until May 2011.

The monthly breakdown includes:

- September 2-3 – **Orientation and team-building exercise:** This class will include an overnight stay at Heritage Trail Conference Center in Fayetteville, a personality profile and a team-building exercise on the ropes course.
- September 16 – **Leadership conflict/City and County Government:** The day will be a follow-up of the personality profile and will test leaders' skills in conflict resolution. The day will also include an introduction to Talladega City and Talladega County governments.
- October 6 – **Education:** In October the focus will be on the different education systems and institutions in the community.
- November 3 – **Economic Development/Industry:** The class will be joined by various economic development and industry leaders on this day and the focus will be on opportunities and existing industry in the county.
- December 1 – **Healthcare/Non-profits:** In December the class will hear from the many healthcare facilities in the area. Non-profit organizations will also share this day to discuss their missions in the county.
- January 5 – **Lincoln/Munford Day:** The class will visit the towns of Lincoln and Munford and hear about their growth and future plans.
- February 2* – **State Government:** In February, the class will make a trip to Montgomery to visit our local delegation and see the state house in action during its 2011 session.
- March 2 – **Law Enforcement/Judicial:** A presentation by the city and county law enforcement and a visit to the judicial building are the plans in March.
- April 6 – **Quality of Life Day:** Talladega County is full of attractions that bring people to Talladega County every year. In April, these attractions will be the focus of the Leadership Class.
- May 4 – **Graduation:** Participants will be recognized during a special event at Shocco Springs.

“I was new to the community when I went through the North Talladega County Leadership program and it really was beneficial for me,” said Kisha Linley of Alabama Power. “I was able to meet people and get a good education of the community.”

“I grew up here and felt like I knew a lot about the community, but the leadership program educated me even more about Talladega County,” said Dr. Jason Hurst of Central Alabama Community College. “I’m really glad I went through the course and highly recommend it.”

The 2010-2011 class is limited to 15 people and is \$400 per person.

* The State Government day is tentative pending activities in Montgomery on this particular day. The trip will occur in February, however.