

***Here's what Leadership  
Belleville Alumni are  
saying about the program...***

*Leadership Belleville gave me the opportunity to meet and build a relationship with many business and community leaders. This and many other valued interactions made the program priceless! Well done and greatly appreciated.*

Keith J. Cook, Regions Bank, Class of 2000

*Leadership Belleville was an extremely organized and well-rounded opportunity to network, learn about the community and feel more a part of the community! I enjoyed each of the subject days and developed a new appreciation for the city of Belleville, which was particularly good for me as I'm not from this area! I also enjoyed working on the project with my team! I made many excellent contacts and have received referrals from several of them, as well as given referrals to others in my graduating group. Spending time with other professionals in a casual, learning environment was a great way to get to know them and their business, which allowed me to feel confident in making referrals!*

Kimberly Patterson, Apartment Community Our Lady of Snows, Class of 2008

*Leadership Belleville gave me a better understanding and appreciation of how I might better serve the community I call home. Along with a small "band of brothers/sisters" we explored ideas, learned our history, and fostered an understanding of who we are as individuals and as citizens. I recommend this program to community leaders who desire to improve themselves and improve the community where they live, work, and play. An outstanding experience!*

Jorge Perez, YMCA of Southwest Illinois, Class of 2009

*I can't say enough about the contacts I made, the training I received and the things I learned about MY HOMETOWN! It is always nice to attend a function and see so many faces that I met through Leadership Belleville. It created a wonderful networking opportunity...to share things about yourself and your company and learn more about others and their businesses.*

Jackie Lemmon, Bank of Belleville, Class of 2004

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*I really enjoyed the Leadership Belleville Program. As a life long resident of Belleville I was amazed at all I did not know about the history, business and politics of Belleville. Leadership Belleville helped me have a better understanding of all of the aspects of our community and provided me with new knowledge and contacts to build my business in the community.*

Tom Egan, Edward Jones, Class of 2002

*Leadership Belleville provided me with the opportunity to work with and interact with leaders in the community that I would normally not come in contact. Those connections have paid off time and again over the ten years that I have been an alumni. The resources and friendship are incredibly valuable professionally and valued personally.*

David Paeth, Southwestern Illinois College, Class of 2000

*As a local business professional, Leadership Belleville was a great organization to meet my peers and key stakeholders in the community. Even though I was born and raised in Belleville, I learned about key issues surrounding the community that I would not have known before. As a result, we were able to discuss potential solutions with the people directly engaged in the work and help make an impact in the solutions.*

Phillip Caravia, Edward Jones, Class of 2008

*Leadership Belleville was extremely beneficial as I was new to the community and unfamiliar with all that it had to offer. This program is an excellent opportunity for any leader, young or experienced, to learn about all of the tremendous programs and services Belleville has to offer. In addition, I have met many wonderful people who are the current and future business leaders in the community and continue to have relationships with today.*

Amy M. Ballance, Hospital Sisters Health System, Southern Illinois Division, Class of 2002

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"Leadership Belleville" to read more  
alumni testimonials.**

# Leadership Belleville

The  
Greater BELLEVILLE  
Chamber

DEVELOPING  
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LEADERS  
WITH CIVIC,  
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SKILLS TO  
POSITIVELY  
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COMMUNITY.

Leadership Belleville is a unique training program coordinated through the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce.

The goals of the program are to...

- Develop effective community leaders
- Establish valuable relationships with business and civic leaders
- Expand awareness and understanding of important issues affecting business and the community
- Foster a commitment to personal, professional and community growth
- Provide opportunities for on-going business development, growth and expansion within the Belleville area

Each Leadership Belleville class is composed of up to 25 professionals who demonstrate the highest leadership qualities. These classmates create a valuable network of resources – paying dividends to both alumni and their business sponsors.

The program begins with a kick-off breakfast in August where participants have the opportunity to meet Leadership Belleville alumni. In September, all participants attend a two-day overnight retreat to focus on team building, leadership and communications skills. The retreat provides the participants with the opportunity to bond and develop significant relationships that will be useful in their professional, civic and personal endeavors.

The nine-month program dedicates one day each

month to a specific issue or subject pertaining to the Belleville area, such as history, arts, religion, government, business and industry, education, healthcare, community and aging, economic development, law enforcement and justice. Participants will be given the chance to meet and engage a large number of business, community and political leaders during each session.

In May, a graduation dinner is held. Participants must meet certain criteria to graduate and join the prestigious Leadership Belleville Alumni Association.

### ***Leadership Belleville Selection Criteria***

Application for the program may be made by the individual or the employer. All leadership candidates, chosen to participate in the program by the selection committee, will possess the following characteristics:

- A demonstrated leadership ability
- A demonstrated ability to reach personal goals
- A demonstrated commitment to the Belleville area
- Be able and willing to commit to attendance at:
  - A two-day overnight retreat in September focusing on Leadership and Team Building skills
  - Eight full-day sessions-one Friday each month concluding with a graduation ceremony in May
  - Assignments to be completed outside of the scheduled course sessions

Applications for the class must be received at the Chamber office by July 15. Candidates will be notified of their admission by August 1.

**Course Tuition:**

**\$975 Chamber Member**  
**\$1200 Non-Member**

To request an application for Leadership Belleville, contact:

**Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce**  
**216 East "A" Street, Belleville, IL 62220**  
**(618) 233-2015 or email**  
**btucker@bellevillechamber.org**

**Or visit [www.bellevillechamber.org](http://www.bellevillechamber.org) and click on "Leadership Belleville"**



*To me, Leadership Belleville is not about making you an outstanding leader, but about making you an outstanding member of your community. By getting to know contemporaries, who the leaders are, and who to ask, you become much more productive, more in tuned and much more influential in the community. Leadership comes from assisting others in the journey and knowing the right paths to take. Leadership Belleville takes you down those paths and opens you up to a new world!*

Sharon Hamilton, SWIC/PSOP, Class of 2006