



2018 Program Schedule, Topics and Locations

Thursday, January 11 (3:00 – 7:00 pm) [Getting Acquainted](#)

K.O. Lee Aberdeen Public Library

Participants will meet at 3:00 pm and get to know each other with 2018 program facilitators giving brief overviews of the sessions to come. The class will join other community leaders and Leadership Aberdeen alumni at the Business After Hours mixer at the Aberdeen YMCA from 5:15 to 7:00 pm.

Friday, January 12 (8:00 am – 4:00 pm) [Authenticity](#)

K.O. Lee Aberdeen Public Library

The class will hear from community development organizations in the morning about their missions and goals. Later, Dr. Thom Flamboe will take participants through a self-assessment process. Participants will discuss self knowledge, self acceptance, self development and self assertion.

Tuesday, January 16 (5:00 pm – 9:00 pm) [Community Building](#)

South Dakota Wheat Growers

We hear about South Dakota Wheat Growers and their role in building up the communities they serve from Judy Stulken. The class discusses the various communities each of us “serve” and how these connections create better versions of ourselves. The class discusses our community and a project the class will focus on in the coming weeks.

Tuesday, January 23 (5:00 pm – 9:00 pm) [Community Building/Class Project](#)

Sanford Health

We continue our discussion on the communities we each serve. We also tour Sanford Health and hear from their staff on the importance of community building. The class continues project discussion.

Tuesday, January 30 (5:00 pm – 9:00 pm) [Purpose](#)

3M Company

We will take a tour of the 3M plant and hear from 3M management on how they define their purpose and determine best methods for favorable outcomes. Participants discuss how defining your purpose, personally and professionally, keeps you focused on your goals.

Tuesday, February 6 (5:00 pm – 9:00 pm) [Advocacy](#)

Glacial Lakes Energy

Participants will tour Glacial Lakes Energy and hear from Director of Operations Pat Hogan about the company and their advocacy efforts to promote the ethanol industry. Participants will be challenged to discover what they advocate for in their personal and professional lives.

Saturday, February 10 (10:00 am—12:00 pm) [Legislative Cracker Barrel](#)

NSU Centennial Rooms

Participants have the opportunity to hear from South Dakota Legislators from Districts 1, 2 and 3 at the 3rd legislative Cracker Barrel to be held in the Centennial Rooms of Northern State University.

Tuesday, February 13 (5:00 pm – 9:00 pm) [Resilience](#)

NSU

Staff of Northern State University will take us on a tour of their campus and we will hear from management and leadership alumni on how NSU has used resiliency to build on their success as the higher education industry is constantly changing.

Thursday and Friday, February 22 & 23 [Aberdeen Day at the Legislature](#)

Pierre, SD

We're taking a **2-day trip** to see our **legislative process in action** at Business Day at the Legislature and Aberdeen Day at the Capitol! Participants will discuss legislative issues and their impact to our state, attend the business day banquet, meet with Governor Dugaard, and promote the Aberdeen community at the Capitol.

February 27 (5:00 pm – 9:00 pm) [Reason](#)

Dacotah Bank

Staff and Leadership alumni of Dacotah Bank discuss reason in leadership and how to determine which positive actions will produce the positive we reactions we want. Participants work through two paths—reason and avoidance which puts their communication and team skills to the test.

March 5 (4:30 pm – 9:00 pm) [City Government and History](#)

City Council Chambers/Community Room/Dacotah Prairie Museum

Participants meet with the Aberdeen City Council and have the opportunity to discuss community issues. They attend the city council meeting and hear from Mayor Mike Levsen on civic leadership and saying “yes to opportunities when asked.” The class will also tour the Dacotah Prairie Museum.

March 6, 2017 (8:00 am—3:00 pm) [Day of Distinction \(OPTIONAL\)](#)

Johnson Fine Art Center—NSU Campus

Join 2017 Leadership Aberdeen alumni and 200+ community members for a day of exceptional speakers at the 2nd Annual Day of Distinction event.

March 13 (5:00—9:00 pm) [Gratitude](#)

Avera—lower level of Physicians Plaza

Staff of Avera St. Luke's will take us on a tour of their facilities. We will also hear from Avera management and alumni on Gratitude and how they believe experiencing and expressing gratitude transforms an organization and community. The class will discuss the importance of gratitude and how to watch for gratitude inhibitors.

March 20 (5:00—9:00 pm) [Conclusion](#)

Location TBD

In our final session as a class, we will weave together the Positive Leadership concepts/skills developed through the program. The class will also discuss alignment within personal and professional situations.

March 27 (5:00 pm) [Graduation](#)

Best Western Ramkota

The graduation ceremony and dinner will be held at 5:00 pm. Employers, family and friends are invited to attend.