

FAST FACTS

Tuition: Tuition is \$750.00 for Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce members and \$900.00 for non-members, payable in advance of program start date. Tuition covers all program costs, including materials, meals, Aberdeen attire, lodging and transportation.

Refund Policy: If a registered participant must withdraw from the program before beginning, the Chamber will refund the paid tuition. If a participant begins the program, then withdraws, only a portion of tuition paid will be refunded.

Commitment: Participants are expected to attend all sessions in the belief that everyone brings their unique experience to the program. Please consider your availability if you should be selected to participate.

To Register: Please fill out a *Leadership Application* available by contacting the Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce at (605) 225-2860, emailing info@aberdeen-chamber.com, or at www.aberdeen-chamber.com.

Location: Classes will be held at various business locations in Aberdeen as well as the trip to Pierre, SD. If you have special needs or accommodations, please let us know.

2018 DATES

Thursday, January 11	3:00 pm—7:00 pm
Friday, January 12	9:00 am—4:00 pm
Tuesday, January 16	5:00 pm—9:00 pm
Tuesday, January 23	5:00 pm—9:00 pm
Tuesday, January 30	5:00 pm—9:00 pm
Tuesday, February 6	4:30 pm— 9:00 pm
Saturday, February 10	8:00 am—12:00 pm
Tuesday, February 13	5:00 pm— 9:00 pm
Thursday, February 22	9:00 am—9:00 pm
Friday, February 23	8:00 am— 5:00 pm
Tuesday, February 27	5:00 pm—9:00 pm
Monday, March 5	5:00 pm—9:00 pm
Wednesday, March 6	8:00 am—3:00 pm (OPTIONAL)
Tuesday, March 13	5:00 pm—9:00 pm
Tuesday, March 20	5:00 pm—9:00 pm
Thursday, March 27	5:00 pm —8:00 pm



A Program of the Aberdeen Area Chamber of Commerce

LEARN. SERVE. CONNECT.

Leadership Business Partners

3M Company of Aberdeen
Avera St. Luke's
Dacotah Bank
Glacial Lakes Energy, LLC
Northern State University
Sanford Health
Wheat Growers

2018 PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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 (9:00 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](#)

Wheat Growers

We hear from Judy Stulken at Wheat Growers on their role in building up the communities they serve. 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](#)

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.