



**LEAD  
CULPEPER  
GRADUATES 2016**

"A deep dive to understand our community, businesses, history and influences. Insights from speakers involved in influencing every aspect of our economy. Growing through the year along side a cohort of peers that grew into friendships I enjoy to this day. A richer appreciation of the contributions of the Chamber. All of this and so much more from attending Lead Culpeper. If you're serious about setting and advancing your business and community roots here - do it."

Irene Karedis Borys - Cyberbility

"I went into Lead Culpeper expecting to learn more about my community. What I didn't envision was learning more about myself. Lead Culpeper has helped me identify character traits about myself that I didn't even know I possessed, and it has helped me exploit them. Most importantly, I forged life-long relationships with my Lead Culpeper 2016 classmates and those bonds will surely lead to a better community as we work together on a common goal - to make Culpeper a more inviting place to live."

Jeff Say -  
Rappahannock Media/Culpeper Times

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**A Community Leadership  
Development Program**

Applications Accepted Through November 15, 2017

## ABOUT LEAD CULPEPER

The Culpeper Chamber of Commerce has developed a program that will introduce participants to the intricacies of our community and the region. The 2018 class will be given access to leaders in business, government and education in order to gain a unique perspective on our community. Leadership is a skill that can be developed through practice, study, and insight. If you have an interest in serving Culpeper, this program is your starting point.

## LEAD CULPEPER 2018 SCHEDULE

### JANUARY – LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AND TEAM BUILDING

Meet your Lead Culpeper 2018 Class in this two-day, one night retreat focused on leadership development and team building.

### FEBRUARY – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

You will learn about the many factors that drive Culpeper's economic engine, with a focus on manufacturing and large industries.

### MARCH - EDUCATION

We will introduce your key administrators in the school system and provide an overview of initiatives that are helping to prepare students to be our future leaders and innovators.

### APRIL – AGRICULTURE

Put on your boots and explore Culpeper's largest industry. You will visit area farms and end the day at one of our local wineries.

### MAY – TEAM BUILDING

Verdun Adventure Bound's team will lead you through trust exercises and challenge courses.

### JUNE – ARTS/CULTURE/HISTORY

This session will give you a better understanding of what makes residents and visitors want to eat, play and shop in Culpeper.

### JULY – HEALTH & WELLNESS

You will hear from area health care leaders that work to create a healthier and thriving community for our residents.

### AUGUST – NON-PROFITS

We will introduce you to a few of the many local non-profits and instill the importance of giving and volunteerism.

### SEPTEMBER – LEGISLATIVE FIELD TRIP

You will take a day trip to Washington DC for sightseeing and to meet with our local representatives.

### OCTOBER – SMALL BUSINESS

The last full session of the program will focus on the value of small businesses in our community.

### NOVEMBER – GRADUATION

Your graduation ceremony will take place at the Chamber's Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet. Participant ticket cost is included.

### DECEMBER – WRAP-UP

The final half-day session will provide you an opportunity to reflect on what experiences you gained in the Lead Culpeper program.

### TUITION

The entire program cost is \$1095. This includes course materials, overnight stay, lunches, snacks, 1 attendee to Annual Banquet and limited transportation. Personal transportation to most sessions will be required. Your employer may be willing to assist you with this fee. Payment options are available, please ask for details.

### APPLICATION

The application deadline is November 15, 2017, all applicants will be notified of acceptance no later than December 8, 2017.

For an application or additional information contact the Culpeper Chamber of Commerce.

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