Alumni Directory of the
Class of 2014

Leadership Chester County is a partnership between United Way of Chester County, Chester County Chamber of Business & Industry and West Chester University.
Jody N. Allen
Global Account Manager, CenturyLink
Skills/Attributes: Sales and marketing, IT, leadership, entrepreneurial minded and highly resourceful
Volunteer Service: Financial Independence
Interests: Education and financial independence
Self Sponsored

Molly L. Brown
Systems Analyst, Bentley Systems, Inc.
Skills/Attributes: Community involvement with a growing network; tech-savvy with a young, fresh mindset
Volunteer Service: Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern PA, Habitat for Humanity
Interests: Education, financial independence and health

Thomas L. Bailey
Director of Retail Delivery, Citadel Federal Credit Union
Skills/Attributes: Financial expertise with significant relationship management and business development experience
Volunteer Service: Good Works, Inc.
Interests: Financial independence and eliminating poverty

Lauren B. Capaldo
Attorney, Gawthrop Greenwood PC
Skills/Attributes: Legal knowledge with analytical and practical problem-solving skills, dedication, enthusiasm, compassion and diligence
Volunteer Service: Brandywine Health Foundation
Interests: Education, financial independence and health

Ted Bredikin
Senior IT Director, UnitedHealthcare
Skills/Attributes: Extensive experience in strategy development and execution, project management and improving team dynamics, with foundational knowledge and experience in engineering, manufacturing, finance and IT
Interests: Education and helping people break out of poverty to financial independence

Andrew C. Eckert
Attorney, Buckley, Brison, McGuire & Morris LLP
Skills/Attributes: Hands-on, personal approach with legal expertise and local connections for fundraising
Volunteer Service: Support of Lancaster County United Way and active participant in Chester County Mock trial
Interests: Education and health
“It's hard to put the value of this program into a few sentences. I've learned the components of running a nonprofit and the great deal of good organizations that exist.”

Derek Christopher Fiorenza
COO/CEO, Summit Group Retirement Planners, Inc.
Skills/Attributes: Working to end hunger globally
Volunteer Service: President/CEO, F4; on Brandywine YMCA Advisory Board
Interests: Food security
Sponsored by LCC Scholarship & Fiorenza's Food For Friends

“LCC has provided an in-depth exposure to the practicalities of board service with understanding of the theoretical, legal and social underpinnings of the nonprofit sector of our local and regional economy.”

Michael S. Gill, Esquire
Partner, Buckley, Brion, McGuire & Morris LLP
Skills/Attributes: Community connections, legal expertise, writing and editing skills
Volunteer Service: The Hickman Board of Directors, County of Chester Mental Health/Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities Advisory Board Chairman, Assistant Solicitor for Republican Committee of Chester County, West Side Little League Team Manager
Interests: Education reform
Sponsored by The Hickman

“Casey Fritz
Relationship Manager, South Eastern Economic Development Company of Pennsylvania
Skills/Attributes: Experience in the financial industry, understanding the story behind the numbers and board development
Interests: Education
Sponsored by The Hickman

“There were several sources of value to LCC. The lectures provided technical information around the workings of nonprofits. The group project gave us an opportunity to apply what was learned. I also believe my classmates will be valuable contacts in the years to come.”

Carl S. Gregory
Commercial Business Manager, Sunoco
Skills/Attributes: Technical and business background
Volunteer Service: Good Works, Inc. and local Downingtown initiatives
Interests: Education, financial independence and health

“The program is highly valuable for giving members nonprofit board skills in mission, strategy, finance, legal, fundraising and social entrepreneurship.”

Ronan W. Gannon
Head of North America Business Operations, CSL Behring
Skills/Attributes: Corporate business experience including marketing, operations, sales, strategy development, execution, recruiting and team building
Volunteer Service: Adult literacy
Interests: Education and health, specifically West Chester University, Chester County Hospital and La Comunidad Hispana

Image of a woman and a man in a conversation.
"I have thoroughly enjoyed the LCC program and have found the information, ideas and presenters to be interesting, knowledgeable and thought-provoking."

Wendy C. Hoffman
Executive Director, Chester County Bar Association & Chester County Bar Foundation

Skills/Attributes: Nonprofit leadership and financial services experience with connections to the local legal community

Volunteer Service: The Barn at Spring Brook Farm Board; Rotary Club of West Chester; President-Elect of PA Association of Bar Executives; Treasurer of Conference of County Legal Journals; Advisory Board of WSFS Bank

Interests: Education and cultural opportunities

Sponsored by Brandywine Valley Heating & Air Conditioning

"The Leadership Chester County program has provided me with the tools and knowledge to enhance my skills as a board member and leader."

Paul F. Huberty
Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning and Marketing, Chester County Hospital

Skills/Attributes: Forward-looking executive with extensive experience in health care and in building strong coalitions to achieve community-wide goals

Volunteer Service: Chairman, board of La Comunidad Hispana; Co-Chair, Road MAPP to Health; Co-Chair, Cultural Competency in Health Care

Interests: Prenatal healthcare in disadvantaged communities; Hispanic community

"Leadership Chester County has strengthened me as a leader and has provided me with the knowledge and resources to better serve my community."

Andrea J. Hagg
Account Manager, Communications Test Design, Inc.

Skills/Attributes: Experience in marketing, sales and project management

Interests: Education and health

"LCC provided exposure to the areas of nonprofit governance which are critical to understand to be a contributing board member. I’ve already put information learned in this course to use in my current role as treasurer of VFMA. It cannot be overlooked that participating in this program has linked me with other like-minded individuals and an expanded network."

Teresa L. Jurgensen
Attorney, Saul Ewing LLP

Skills/Attributes: Legal expertise helpful in analyzing situations; experience allows for wide ranging views along with a love of the Chester County community

Volunteer Service: Valley Forge Mountain Association

Interests: Education and health; particularly with kids and women’s organizations

"This course provides hands-on opportunities to learn the specifics of how to be a great board member."

Matt Holliday
Chief of Staff for State Representative Dan Truitt

Skills/Attributes: Collaboration and community connections

Volunteer Service: Vice President, West Chester Public Library Board; Vice President, West Chester Downtown Foundation Board; Rotary Club Board, West Chester University Alumni Association Board, Vice President, Friars Society Alumni Association Board; West Chester Senior Center Board, Knight of Columbus, committee work for The Arc, Greater West Chester Chamber and local fundraising events

Interests: Education, financial independence and health

Sponsored by The Rotary Club of West Chester

"LCC has provided a series of great speakers who have enlightened my understanding of how nonprofit boards function and how the board members can strengthen the organization. The initial tour of Chester County nonprofits as well as the poverty simulations were extremely rewarding. As a 30-year resident of Chester County it’s sad to say I was never really aware of the magnitude of services for people in need."

Neil Liebman
Principal, Bernardon Haber Holloway Architects

Skills/Attributes: Business acumen, community connections, professional expertise in architecture

Volunteer Service: Advisory Board of Downingtown STEM Academy, member of Uwchland Township Municipal Authority and several township committees; past experience on boards of Downingtown Area Senior Center, Downingtown Library and a local bank

Interests: Education and health
“I had no idea a program like this existed. This Leadership program prepares local individuals to assist local nonprofits, large and small, to help make a difference for those in need in our community.”

James McCruden, Jr.
Vice President, Investment Services, Citadel Federal Credit Union
Skills/Attributes: Significant financial background with 25 years in the not-for-profit sector
Interests: Financial independence

“Coming into the course with extensive knowledge from for-profit work experience, it was eye-opening. The course has helped me in my current role as Board Chair to focus on priorities and to be a more informed contributor to the nonprofit efforts in Chester County. The presentations are delivered by experts and covered the many aspects of the nonprofit world while sharing their insights into effective board management.”

Beverly L. Moyer
Project Manager, The Vanguard Group
Skills/Attributes: Leadership, expertise in governance and controls, information security, contingency, project management, complex problem solving, team building, workflow analysis; FINRA licensed
Volunteer Service: Board President of Maternal & Child Health Consortium
Interests: Prevention of low birth weight in babies
Sponsored by LCC Scholarship & Self-Sponsored

“How do you place a value on something that is priceless? This has been such an eye-opening and humbling experience for me and one of the most rewarding. I entered with a passion to help but no direction and leave more determined and passionate to help with endless directions. LCC and my classmates have truly made this a positive learning experience.”

Shawn Andrew McDonald
IT Project Manager, Citadel Federal Credit Union
Skills/Attributes: Project management with organizational and presentation skills and belief in finding the win/win for clients and business; ability to work independently and in teams with integrity and courage. I believe giving back is the best gift.
Volunteer Service: Good Works, Inc., United Way, F4Hunger
Interests: I have a passion for cooking so I seek out ways to help the hungry and less fortunate.

“LCC has proven to be a unique opportunity to gain invaluable insight into the inner workings and responsibilities of nonprofit boards. The expert-led sessions provide a wealth of practical information, presented within the context of Chester County’s needs, that prepare graduates for success in future community service opportunities.”

Ashley N. Orr
Systems Analyst, Chester County Health Department
Skills/Attributes: Engaged and goal-oriented public health professional with experience in data analysis and presentation, inter-agency collaboration, program planning and evaluation and strategic planning
Interests: Education, youth development and health
Sponsored by LCC Scholarship & CCHD

“The Leadership Chester County experience was fantastic on many levels. The tour of Chester County nonprofits was an eye opener—even after living in the County for 10 years I had no idea of all the work happening every day. Subject experts in the courses live the work they teach, and that makes it very meaningful. The connections I have made are invaluable. I truly appreciate the opportunity.”

David Mills
Sales Manager, Communication’s Test Design, Inc.
Skills/Attributes: Sales, marketing, contract negotiation and budgeting
Interests: Youth health and wellness

Monica Paulino
Senior Director of Home Services, Surrey Services
Skills/Attributes: Business management and development, performing arts and psychology/counseling training and experience with start-ups and large corporations. Brings a creative perspective and does not believe in status quo.
Volunteer Service: Adult Advisor, Teen Arts Council of PA; Membership Coordinator, Net-Care
Interests: Education, Fine and Performing Arts, Health
"I went into this program thinking I knew a lot about nonprofits and the inner workings of nonprofit governance. LCC taught me so much more and made me realize there were many more things involved in maintaining a successful nonprofit organization than I had previously thought. Excellent course work and very engaging presenters. I also established many friendships and connections with classmates that I think will continue to grow in the coming years."

**Toren A. Peterson**  
Manager of Business Relationships, United Way of Chester County  
Skills/Attributes: A vast network of personal and professional relationships in Chester County, with resource development experience  
Interests: Health

"It has been a wonderful learning experience. It is amazing that we have so many issues here in such an affluent county. The program opens your eyes to the community needs and services that help people."

**Wendy Sharpe**  
Manager, Corporate Accounts Payable, Bentley Systems, Inc.  
Skills/Attributes: Finance, business ideas, with education in psychology, long-time Chester County resident with many connections  
Volunteer Service: Big Brothers Big Sisters Southeastern PA, Family Lives On Foundation  
Interests: Education, financial independence and health

"LCC opened my eyes to the extent of need in Chester County and the presenters showed us how effective boards can have a tremendous impact. Our team project was a great way to get to know other like-minded leaders and help. An amazing experience!"

**Stephen R. Popielarski**  
Marketing Director, LifeScan, Inc., a J & J Company  
Skills/Attributes: Business leader with expertise in strategic planning, marketing, STEM, business development and operations  
Interests: Economic development, education/mentoring, and children's healthcare

"The LCC experience has provided me the opportunity to learn about nonprofit management from some of the best in the field in Chester County. I have greater knowledge and skills to increase the capacity and efficiency of the organization I lead and others with which I collaborate."

**Kathryn Spurlock**  
Director, Coatesville Center for Community Health  
Skills/Attributes: Business background in human resource management, nonprofit service delivery management, program development, marketing, event management and strategic planning  
Interests: Health and human services  
Sponsored by LCC Scholarship and Coatesville Center for Community Health

"LCC provided tremendous insight on critical components to run, evaluate and improve a nonprofit organization. In commitment to helping us get the most out of the program, LCC provided the tools and techniques I was able to implement immediately with YMWC. I developed friendships and business relationships with classmates."

**Richard Roberts III**  
CEO and President, YMWC Foundation, Inc.  
Skills/Attributes: Engineering and technical professional with experience in management, leadership and philanthropy  
Volunteer Service: Founded nonprofit to increase the number of STEM leaders from economically disadvantaged or underrepresented populations; serves as a board member  
Interests: Youth mentoring in academics and leadership  
Sponsored by LCC Scholarship & West Pharmaceutical Services, Inc.

"My participation in Leadership Chester County has helped me better understand the nonprofit landscape and human service needs of Chester County. Diverse perspectives of both presenters and fellow participants has informed my understanding of the critical leadership role that board members play in the development of organizational capacity. I feel prepared to embrace the opportunities and responsibilities of board membership."

**Allison H. Turner, PhD**  
Assistant Professor, Assessment Coordinator, West Chester University  
Skills/Attributes: Nonprofit administration and strategic management, program development and evaluation knowledge with experience in grant writing and review  
Interests: Education and health