Request for Proposals:

Leadership New River Valley 2025 Speaker Series

DEADLINE - Friday, December 15, 2024

Please email to lnrv@montgomerycc.org

**Topics – *Leadership and Professional Development***

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce is seeking experienced and dynamic speakers for our Leadership NRV 2025 program. This program consists of an Opening Session, eight monthly sessions starting in March 2025, designed to inspire and cultivate leadership skills among emerging and established community leaders, a Closing Retreat and Graduation Ceremony. We are looking for speakers who can provide engaging, interactive presentations that align with the monthly themes listed below, with a strong focus on leadership development and community impact.

**Project Scope**

Each speaker will be responsible for delivering a presentation that ties into the specified theme of the day while emphasizing leadership principles, best practices, and personal experiences that demonstrate how leadership can drive positive change in the community. The presentation should include an interactive component to encourage participant engagement and foster practical learning and be no more than 120 minutes.

**Speaker Session Themes and Dates**

1. **February 20, 2025 - Opening Session:** The kickoff session to the program! This day is all about understanding the mission behind the program, enhancing individual leadership, and getting to know the cohort.
2. **March 20, 2025 - History & Culture:** Explore how understanding and preserving local history and culture fosters leadership that respects heritage while driving community progress.
3. **April 17, 2025 - Healthcare & Social Services:** Discuss leadership in healthcare and social services, with an emphasis on service-oriented leadership and improving community well-being.
4. **May 15, 2025 - The Arts:** Highlight the role of the arts in leadership, and how creativity and cultural engagement enrich the community and encourage visionary leadership.
5. **June 26, 2025 - Infrastructure:** Focus on leadership in infrastructure development, covering topics like strategic planning and sustainable growth to meet community needs.
6. **July 17, 2025 - Government and Recreation:** Examine the intersection of government, recreation, and leadership in building vibrant, accessible public spaces that support quality of life.
7. **August 21, 2025 - Economic Development:** Delve into economic development leadership, exploring strategies for fostering local business growth, innovation, and economic resilience.
8. **September 18, 2025 - Education:** Explore the role of educational leadership in shaping future community leaders, enhancing educational outcomes, and building a supportive learning environment.
9. **October 16, 2025 - Public Safety:** Highlight the unique aspects of leadership in public safety, focusing on collaboration, resilience, and fostering trust within the community.
10. **November 13, 2025 – Closing Retreat:** A meaningful way to wrap up a wonderful year, the Closing Retreat provides moments of reflection, challenging discussions on what has been discussed over the course of the program, and action items for the members of the cohort. What’s next? What does being a community leader look like individually?

**Proposal Requirements**

To ensure balanced coverage of each topic, interested speakers should submit proposals for a maximum of three topics. Additionally, please specify any dates you are unavailable, so the selection committee can effectively match speakers to each session.

Please include the following in your proposal:

1. **Cover Letter:** Introduce yourself, including your background and interest in the Leadership NRV program.
2. **Presentation Proposals (maximum of 3):** Describe your proposed topic for each session theme, including how it emphasizes leadership relevant to the community and how you’ll engage participants through an interactive component.
3. **Speaker Bio and Experience:** Provide an overview of your experience in leadership and speaking engagements, especially within similar community or professional development settings.
4. **References:** List two references who can attest to your expertise in speaking and/or leadership development.
5. **Availability:** Include any dates when you would not be available to speak in 2025, so the committee can schedule accordingly.

**Submission Deadline:** Proposals should be submitted by December 15, 2024 via email to [lnrv@montgomerycc.org](mailto:lnrv@montgomerycc.org).

**Selection Criteria**

Proposals will be evaluated by the selection committee based on the speaker’s expertise in leadership, alignment of the topics with session themes, engagement and interaction strategy, availability, and relevance to the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce’s mission to foster community leadership.

Thank you for your interest in contributing to Leadership NRV 2025. We look forward to your proposal and to a year of inspiring, impactful leadership sessions.

**Please complete the following:**

**Your Name:**

**Your Company:**

**Title of the Workshop:**

**Length of Workshop (max time allotment at 120 minutes):**

**Primary Goal of the Workshop:**

**Primary Objective(s) or Outcomes Expected:**

**Program Description: Share an overview of this workshop in 150 words.**

**How do you plan to engage the audience? Be specific – what delivery methods will you use? (If you are unable to provide electronic devices, laptop, tablet, etc., please disclose what you would need below.)**

**Will you have materials to be provided? Hard copies? Slides?**

**What room configuration is needed for this workshop? Classroom? Theater? Rounds for optimal discussion? Other (please describe).**

**What equips you to deliver this workshop? Educational training or certifications? Work experience? Other? Explain.**

**LNRV greatly appreciates your willingness to present to the Leadership NRV class on a pro-bono basis, which also offers valuable exposure for your business/services. If there are any expenses, such as assessments or materials, necessary to enhance your presentation, please indicate these costs and clarify who would be expected to cover them.**

**By applying to participate in the Leadership NRV Speaker Series, you agree and guarantee to meet the following requirements for this program:**

* **Upon Selection: Submit a summary (three sentences), your bio, and a headshot to the Chamber to be used for marketing purposes.**
* **Presentation Submission: Not less than 2 weeks prior to your assigned session, provide a copy of your presentation for inclusion in the session slideshow, ensuring a smooth transition and maintaining our schedule throughout the day’s activities.**
* **Materials for Interactive Activities: Please prepare and supply any materials needed for up to 30 participants at least 2 weeks prior to your assigned session.**
* **Copyright Compliance: By submitting this application, you affirm that your presentation complies with state and federal copyright laws. Your signature confirms that you have not, and will not, violate these laws in your materials or presentation.**

**I understand state and federal copyright laws, and my signature ensures that I have not, nor will I violate state or federal copyright laws.**

**Printed Name**

**Signature**

**Submission Date**

**The Chamber does not own your materials or presentation. We may ask to share your materials with those attending (via website or other) and respect your decision to share. The sharing of any materials will have a time of 1-30 days. All copies of presentations and materials will be destroyed following the program or the thirty-day use agreement. All credit for the materials will be given to the presenters. We ask that you follow all state and federal copyright laws regarding materials.**