

2027

Grow Clinton Leadership Institute

Developing our Region's Dynamic Leaders

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*Sessions are held every other Tuesday beginning January 26th from 8:30AM-11:30AM at the **Clinton Community School District Administration building, 1401 12th Avenue North.** Students will be notified in advance of any venue changes.*

Graduation will be held during the Grow Clinton Annual Meeting in June.

Kick-Off Luncheon
January 12 –Why Develop Yourself as a Leader?
This kick-off will function as a course overview. Participants meet fellow classmates and community leaders. Members of the Leadership Institute Planning Committee will be in attendance for questions.
****11:30am-1:00pm at Clinton Community College Career Advancement Center.**
Lunch will be provided.

Session 1
January 26 – Strengths Based Leadership
This is an introduction to the Gallup-Strengths Finder assessment. An overview of your own top 5 Strengths will be discussed in relation to individual and team dynamics.

Session 2
February 9 - Giftedness & Self-Leadership
Gain some insight on self-leadership, perseverance and overcoming adversity from this speaker's personal story. Engage in an activity to better understand your own self-leadership style.

Session 3
February 23 – Philanthropic Leadership
Hear from a diverse group of community organizations and learn what they are doing to positively impact our community.

Session 4
March 9 - Generational Differences in Leadership
Learn how each generation communicates, what they value and about their deep-rooted perception of each other in the workplace.

Session 5
March 23 – Innovations & Creativity of Leaders in Groups/Team Building & Workplace Culture
Creativity + Work = Innovation
Today's world requires innovative ideas and solutions to the complexities we face. However, creativity and ideas alone do not affect change. This session will explore the innovation process from ideation through execution helping us understand the roles we all have in making our workplaces and communities stronger.

Session 6

April 6 – Clinton Leaders of Yesteryear

A local historian will be joining us to share detailed insight on the history of the Clinton Region and its leaders. We will then board a bus and embark on a guided local tour.

****This class will meet at Grow Clinton, 721 So. 2nd Street.**

Session 7

April 20 – Leaders in Clinton County Government

Meet local leaders in law enforcement and county government and take a tour of the Clinton County Jail.

****This class will meet at the Clinton County Sheriff's Office 241 7th Avenue North.**

Session 8

May 4 – Leading our Communities in Economic/Community Development

Learn how our communities function as we dive into topics such as taxes: why we pay them and where the money goes. Hear from City Council members about what it takes to represent your city.

Session 9

May 18 – Clinton Leaders of Today/Economic Development

Leaders from the LBPA and DCA will share insights around small business development, local entrepreneurial opportunities, and beautification efforts.

We will take an economic bus tour to learn how Grow Clinton supports regional companies to grow our local economy.

** **This class will meet at Grow Clinton, 721 So. 2nd Street.**

**** Sessions are subject to date change due to availability of speakers.**

From the Leadership Institute volunteer planning committee:

This course was designed to foster the growth of leaders In the Clinton, Iowa region. While selecting a student to represent your organization, think of those who have expressed a desire to take on new challenges. Our goal of the Leadership Institute Class of 2026 is to stretch each student's abilities. Each session will provide them with tools focused on developing themselves, as well as others. Students will learn to function as talent magnets within the organization, cultivating the best in people! Great leaders, managers, and owners alike understand the Importance of Investing in Individuals. Now is the time to grow your company, non-profit or organization from within.

Sincerely,

Leadership Institute Volunteer Committee

5 Good Reasons to Attend Leadership Institute

- **Strengthen your leadership skills**
- **Become more effective in your career**
- **Gain a deeper understanding of the community**
- **Learn practical leadership tools and techniques**
- **Expand your professional network**

"I enjoyed attending. It really provided a lot of great insight on the City of Clinton—where we've come from, where we are, and where we are going."
- Karen Rowen – Clinton Fire Department Building Safety Division
Leadership Class of 2026

"I feel more confident contacting leaders in our area when I want more information, and I have a better sense of what to do with the information I have acquired."
-Sara Krogmann – Citizens First Bank
Leadership Class 2026

"I'd say these classes definitely gave me a new perspective and approach to work. I especially enjoyed the session about personality types."
-Kevin Sanchez– Clinton Engineering Company
Leadership Class 2026

- Submit your application by **December 30, 2026**
- Limited to 25 participants
- Tuition: $500. Non-refundable once the program begins.

For more information and to apply to be a student in the 2027 class, please contact:

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APPLY HERE: https://www.jotform.com/262454134350046

Make checks payable to: **Grow Clinton and note Leadership Institute in the memo**

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