



THE CLASS OF 2009 SHARES THEIR EXPERIENCES ABOUT LEADERSHIP OHIO

"Leadership Ohio has shown me Ohio in a way that emphasizes our diverse cultures within our own state. We also had the opportunity to meet many different leaders and learn many different leadership styles throughout the state and within our own class. This has been a very worthwhile experience." -- **Chris Bauer, Economic Development Manager, Lorain**

EDUCATIONAL

"Leadership Ohio has been a very rewarding experience. Throughout our time together, I have been enlightened and inspired by the places we have been and people we have met. It has been a fantastic opportunity to learn more about our great state of Ohio. I am thankful to have been apart of Leadership Ohio." -- **Bryson Joy, Radiology Account Executive, Aurora, OH**

"Since I lived 30 years in San Diego, California and its environs, Class 16 of Leadership Ohio is an intense and impactful way to orient my service efforts to my home state of Ohio." -- **Warren R. Foster, Consultant, Cincinnati**

"Leadership Ohio has been an excellent program that has helped me to understand more about doing business in Ohio. Our Class has been presented with a vision for Ohio's future from the governmental level to the grass roots entrepreneur. We have also learned about challenges that we face as Ohioans. It has been very impressive to learn of the cooperative efforts of city leaders with corporations, universities, and students to foster innovation, technology, education, and economic growth within our state. I cannot say enough about the Leadership Ohio program and how beneficial it is for those who wish to learn about and contribute to a positive future for Ohio." -- **Paula McCormick, Owner, Wadsworth**

"The greatest benefit of participating in Leadership Ohio is in meeting and engaging with some very positively focused individuals-classmates, sponsors, and presenters-from across the State, who are interested in honing their leadership skills and increasing their awareness of the needs in communities." -- **Marilyn Baker, Strategic Communications Consultant, Dublin**

BENEFICIAL

ENGAGING



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"Leadership Ohio is a very insightful experience. The education and experience is invaluable and cannot be obtained in the classroom or in a seminar. This has been well worth the investment." - - Mick Proxmire, Attorney, Dublin

OPPORTUNITY

"Leadership Ohio has been an extremely enlightening experience. Being a part of Class XVI, has given me the opportunity to meet some very talented people from many different backgrounds, to share great ideas, and to learn about the strengths and needs of different regions within Ohio." Claudia. Kraly, Manager, Chesterland

"Leadership Ohio has provided me with an opportunity to see and hear about many great programs, people and places all around the great state of Ohio that inspire and motivate me to become an effective leader. Not only have I had a chance to get to know a great group of classmates, but the leaders in the cities we have visited are truly innovative, dedicated and passionate about Ohio and Leadership Ohio." - - Michelle VanWormer, Media Consultant, Elyria

"Leadership Ohio is a study in diversity. Different people, different places, different challenges, different solutions...all interesting, educational, and intriguing...All OHIO!" Samuel Reed, Chief, Resource Management, Beavercreek

"Leadership Ohio has been a valuable experience both professionally and personally to me. Not only have I been able to witness first hand the struggles of each community but the desire and determination to prevail has been the most glowing part of each weekend. This has inspired me to be more active and accountable in my own path that I am paving in Ohio." Marc Sprang, Account Executive, Northfield

REWARDING

"Leadership Ohio has greatly enhanced my effectiveness on the job by providing a perspective, awareness, and thoughtful discussion on current issues within the State of Ohio. The contacts and relationships developed with my classmate are invaluable! It was certainly worth the investment of my time." Denis Mrozinski, Chief, Design & Development, Yellow Springs