

# Leadership Canton Program Schedule 2011-2012

(Dates are subject to Change)

## **Opening Ceremony – October 5, 2011**

This is where your networking opportunities begin. The opening ceremony is a dinner program that allows students to become acquainted with each other and the Leadership Canton Program. You can expect to hear success stories about the program as well as gain a better understanding about the program you are about to embark upon.

## **Nature of Leadership – October 6, 2011**

An introduction to leadership and our community, this session will assist you in gaining insight into your own leadership styles and understanding the group dynamics of this course. Session activities include a keynote speaker on leadership and True Colors personality profiling.

## **Challenges of the Future – November 3, 2011**

As a leader, how can you see your knowledge enhancing the ever-changing community where you live and work? Students will be challenged to think of the effects of future technology, growth and changing lifestyles in the Canton community. By completing this course, the graduate will have the tools necessary to assist in continuing to enhance the quality of life for themselves and in the community.

## **Business and Economic Development – December 1, 2011**

Economic development is the key to any successful community. Learn how Canton promotes economic growth through the community planning process and visit several local businesses. Throughout the tours, you will be introduced to some of Canton's business leaders and learn how these companies impact the community.

## **Health and Human Services – January 12, 2012**

It used to be that you had to go to Detroit or Ann Arbor for good health care, but that is no longer the case. You will explore how Canton continues to increase its resources on all levels. This session is designed to look at the health and human services that are available and what is planned for our growing community.

## **Local, County and State Government – February 3, 2012**

In this session, you will meet state, county and local government officials. You will learn first hand how they work together to ensure that Canton continues to prosper. You will also gain a better insight as to what each governmental unit is responsible for and why it is vital to work together for a common goal.

## **Education – March 1, 2012**

The Plymouth-Canton Community School District is one of the largest in the country. This session is designed to give you a better idea of the vision that will produce tomorrow's leaders. From elementary school to the campus setting at the high schools, you will hear from those who have the responsibility for preparing our youth for the workplace.

## **Community Development – April 5, 2012**

The growth of Canton is very fast-paced and challenging; how is that being managed? This session brings you into the processes that are in place, as well as the challenges that are before each of us in our growing community. Conducting a mock Planning Commission meeting and planning a community in a group setting will continue to enhance your leadership skills. A bus tour of the community is included in the session.

## **Public Safety – May 3, 2012**

You may have moved to Canton or located your business here due to its low crime rate. You will see first hand why our community is safe, and the steps being taken to ensure that safety continues. During this session, you will interact with Public Safety personnel and see how the department works up-close and personal. As a homework assignment, you will ride along with a Canton Police Officer – you don't want to miss this exciting opportunity.

## **Team Project**

Program participants will be given a group project that will positively impact the community. This yearlong project will provide students with the opportunity to experience group dynamics, as well as a better understanding of how to put plans into action. The project will be assigned at the first session of Leadership Canton, and students will be responsible for working on the project outside of class for presentation at graduation on May 10, 2012