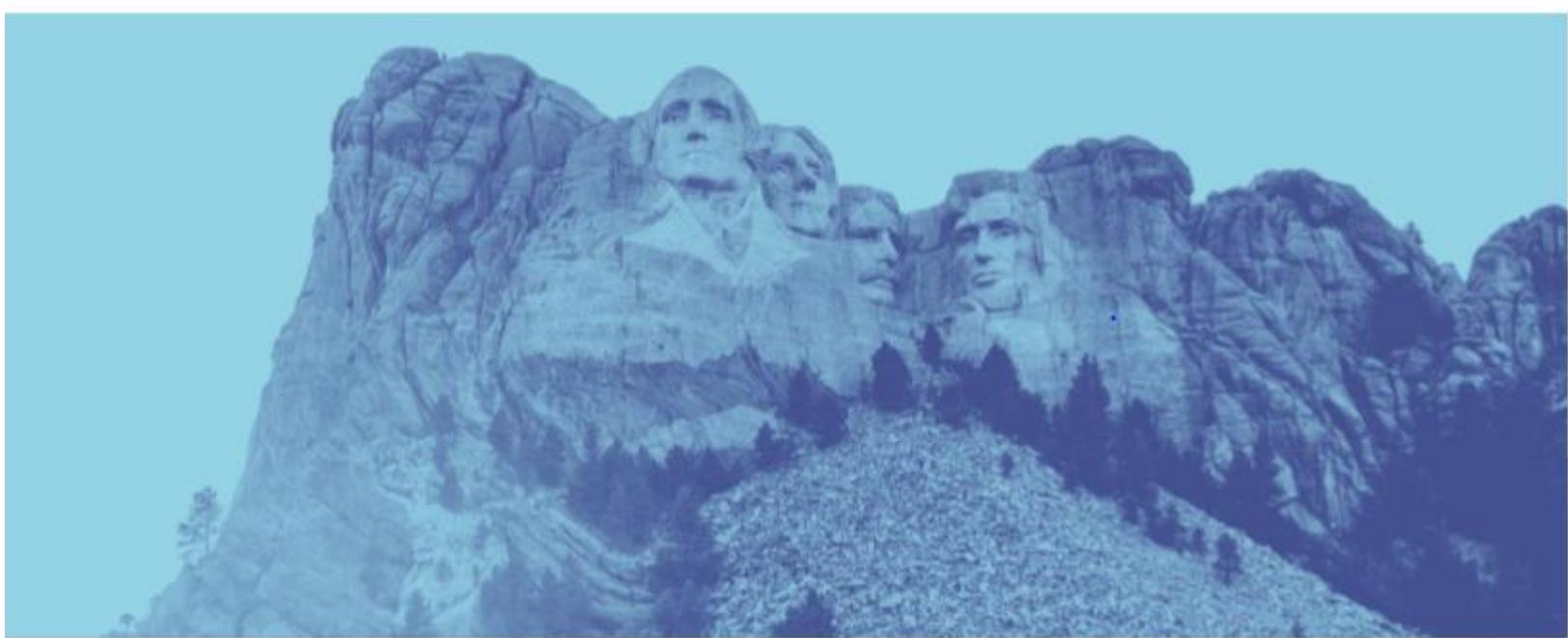




LEADERSHIPTM SOUTH DAKOTA



New Class Recruitment Guide – 2019-2020 Class

APPLICATION DEADLINE MARCH 31 - APPLY NOW!!

LEADERSHIP SOUTH DAKOTA brings together a group of diverse, influential leaders from around the state for a unique, educational, and inspirational experience that is unlike any other. The future success of South Dakota depends on developing homegrown leaders; passionate and diverse citizens from every corner of the state.

THE PROGRAM

LEADERSHIP SOUTH DAKOTA is open to all citizens of the state. Each year a new class of 40 leaders is selected who represent the state from different geographic locations and public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

LEADERSHIP SOUTH DAKOTA lasts seven months (six sessions plus graduation) in different communities across the state, exposing participants to unique regions and local experiences, successes and challenges, and issues important to local leaders.

The Leadership SD **VISION** is - Understanding our past – creating our future.

The Leadership SD **PURPOSE** is - To engage future leaders of SD and provide them with:

- **EXPERIENCES** that will expand their knowledge of our state
- **ACCESS** to extraordinary people who have impacted and contributed to the fabric of our state
- **SKILLS** in the areas of leadership that will contribute to personal success

LEADERSHIP SOUTH DAKOTA - everyone wins! From the individuals who are participating, to the businesses where they work, and in their community where they live - everyone benefits from this program.

TESTIMONIAL

"I was raised with a great appreciation for the infinite variety our state has to offer. Leadership South Dakota took that appreciation to the next level: diving into stories and experiences I'd not yet heard, learning about myself and my state in ways I had not before, and building a network of friends and colleagues I'll carry with me for years to come. I will value this experience no matter what role I play in shaping South Dakota's future."

Erik Muckey, Class of 2017

TESTIMONIALS

"Leadership SD has provided me with the opportunity to not only develop a cohort of friends of up-and-coming leaders throughout the state, but also has opened my eyes to the wealth of opportunity available in all industries in our state."

*Dr. Pam Lange, Director BHSSC
Class of 2015*

"... easily one of the most valuable experiences I've had in my career. As an involved South Dakotan since my teen years, I never imagined there was so much I didn't know about my home state, but even more valuable were the dear friends and mentors I am now deeply connected to."

*Jael Thorpe, founder j.ella boutiques
Class of 2016*

TUITION

- \$3,000 – includes all program costs, transportation during sessions, and meals
- Participants are responsible for transportation to the session locations and hotel costs
- A limited number of partial scholarships are available (up to \$1500-must complete tuition assistance form with application)
- A request for scholarship assistance does not affect selection into the program.
- \$50 application fee for first time applicants

BENEFITS

- Increase understanding of SD through tours/presentations by successful statewide leaders
- Grow your leadership skills
- Improve your public speaking skills
- Expand informed network of colleagues
- Improve your facilitation and team-building skills through group discussion
- Further develop your critical thinking and problem-solving skills

2019-2020 Leadership South Dakota Schedule

DATES	LOCATION	FOCUS AREAS
September 18 – 20, 2019	Pierre	Program Orientation & State Government
October 16 – 18, 2019	Brookings	Agriculture, Manufacturing & Education
November 13 – 15, 2019	Rapid City	Tourism, Natural Resources & Military
January 8 – 10, 2020	Aberdeen	Education & Rural Initiatives
February 19 – 21, 2020	Kyle	Native American History & Culture
March 18 – 20, 2020	Sioux Falls	Health Services & Financial Systems
April 3, 2020	Chamberlain	Graduation & Program Wrap-up

THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS FOR SOUTH DAKOTA STARTS HERE!

TESTIMONIAL

“Leadership South Dakota was a tremendous experience. It was a great way to become better informed about our state, to grow as a leader, and to network and learn from other great leaders in South Dakota. It provides a unique opportunity to experience places and learn from people in South Dakota that have helped me as a leader and as a citizen of this great state.”

Sarah Waltner, General Manager Raven Class of 2018

The Leadership SD Alumni Network (annual membership \$100) provides graduates the opportunity to extend their Leadership experience by continued networking with others and participating in alumni activities across the state.

- 5 Leadership SD classes
- 206 graduates

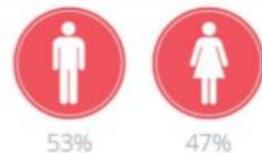
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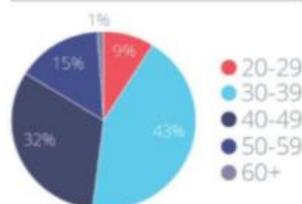


205 South Dakotans have participated in Leadership South Dakota since it began in 2014.

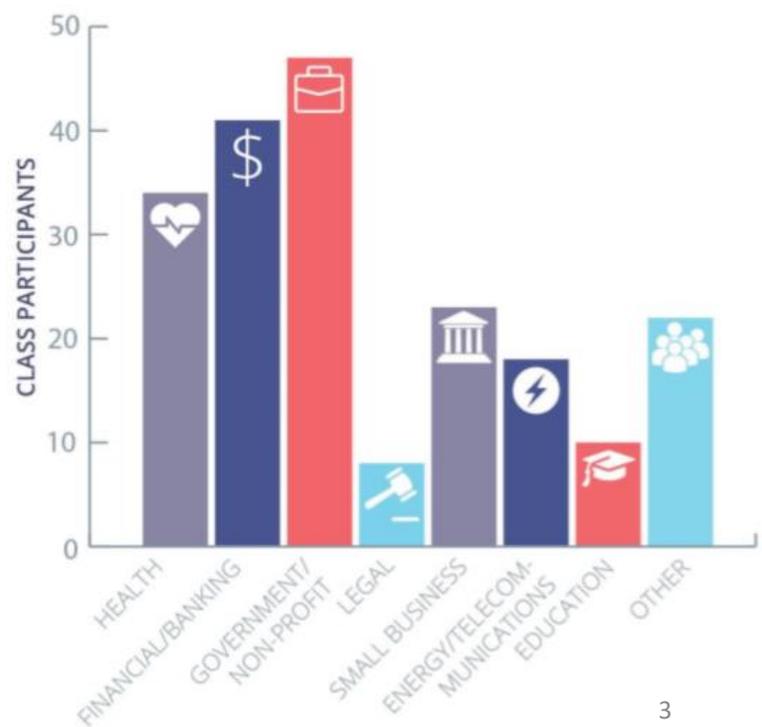
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AGE



SOUTH DAKOTA INDUSTRIES REPRESENTED



TESTIMONIAL

“Leadership South Dakota is exceeding my expectations. For me, the three most valuable components of this program are the people you meet, the places you see, and the leadership skills you develop. I will be a better employee, manager, and community leader because of Leadership South Dakota.”

Tim Schut, VP - Private Banking and Wealth Management, First PREMIER

Class of 2019

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We're proud to live in a place where local, community, and business leaders have the vision to support programs like this, that continue the growth and professional development of South Dakotans.

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Go to [Leadership South Dakota](#) for more information about the program and to apply!

Timeline For Leadership SD Application Process

