



An exciting opportunity awaits you through the Broome Leadership Institute. The program will be entering its 32nd year as a highly respected community leadership training and development program.

The Broome Leadership Institute was created under the belief that the future prosperity of a community lies in its people. The goal of the program is to identify **people like you** who are interested in playing a key role in making Greater Binghamton the best that it can be.

The benefits are tremendous: you will meet key decision-makers face-to-face; you will gain a broader understanding of the issues affecting life in our region; you will learn new skills and make invaluable professional contacts; you will gain the knowledge, experience and contacts needed to make a positive difference in our community; and you may have some fun along the way.



Each BLI class is comprised of 20 selected candidates that reflect the diversity of the community and represent a cross section of business, government, education and non-profits. The BLI Advisory Board makes the selection based on the completed application and interview.

There are over 500 BLI alumni, and many alumni are still involved in attending sessions, planning program days, and participating in networking events.

COMMITMENT:

The Orientation Retreat is mandatory and class members must attend 75% or more of all sessions to graduate from the program.



Tentative 2018-19 schedule (most session run 8:30-4:30)

Retreat – September 21 (Rain Date: 9/28)

October 4 and 18

November 1, 15 and 29

December 6 and 20

January 3, 17 and 31

February 7 and 21

March 7 and 21

Graduation - March 28

A community service project is also required

PROGRAM TOPICS:

Each session provides a behind the scenes look at our community learning how it works, who makes it work, what problems we face and learning how and where we can help. Sessions are held at an appropriate site and inviting key people in that topic area to be presenters. Program activities include tours, lecture, discussion, group interaction, and enrichment opportunities. Topics may include:

- Agriculture
- Arts
- Board Development
- Broome County History
- Business and Industry
- Chamber of Commerce
- Current Issues
- Courts and the Penal System
- Economic Development
- Education
- Ethics
- Government
- Health Care
- Human Services & Cultural Diversity
- Media/Communications
- Speed Networking For A Cause
- Sports and Recreation



"Going through the BLI program first and foremost opened up my eyes to local organizations and employers I had previously not known much about, if anything. I learned that there are many more synergies in the community that I thought and a wealth of ways community members can get involved. This program has definitely deepened my roots to the area and has given me a new-found energy to get more involved"

Paul Deamer, Senior Assistant Director, Employer and Alumni Outreach, Binghamton University (BLI '18)

"BLI helped me rediscover why I am proud to be born and raised in Broome County. In a time when it is easy to share misguided opinions from behind the safety of a computer screen, I feel a growing sense of confidence knowing that I have had the luxury to form educated opinions based on the discussions and information shared in the BLI program. I look forward to utilizing my new insights to help better our community."

Aisha Jasper, BEAM Outreach Coordinator, Broome-Tioga Workforce NY & Board Member, Southern Tier Young Professionals (BLI '18)

TUITION:

- \$1,500 for Chamber members
- \$1,200 for non-profit Chamber members
- \$2,500 for non-members
- Partial scholarships provided by BLI Alumni may be available
- \$100 deposit is required with the application

Applications are due July 31 by 5:00 p.m.

If you are interested in applying, please contact Danielle Britton at (607) 296-2112 or dbritton@greaterbinghamtonchamber.com



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