



“BLI is a great program that helps display and highlight our community. Leaders in our region are very proud of their work and mission and were extremely generous with their time to share their stories with us. I enjoyed the hands on approach which allowed us to get immersed at each session and really get to know the local businesses. I will walk away from the program with many new friendships and contacts as well as a much deeper understanding and awareness of our community - which has already helped me professionally and personally.”

**Mark Ropiecki, Executive Director,
Care Compass Network (BLI '22)**

Growing Tomorrow's Leaders

The Broome Leadership Institute is a community leadership program for business professionals who are dedicated to the Greater Binghamton region. 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.

Over the course of the program class members will:

- Meet and engage with key decision-makers
- Build a network of community and professional contacts
- Gain an increased awareness and understanding of community issues
- Receive the knowledge and experience to make an impact



COMMITMENT:

Class members must attend the teambuilding retreat in September and 75% or more of all sessions to graduate from the program. Programs typically run on the first and third Thursdays from October through March. The class will also participate in a community impact project.

Tuition:

\$1,700 Chamber members | \$1,200 non-profit Chamber members | \$2,500 non-members

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. Topics may include:

- Agriculture
- Arts
- Board Development
- Regional History
- Business and Industry
- Current Issues
- Courts & Penal System
- Education
- Government
- Health Care
- Human Services & Diversity
- Media
- Recreation

TENTATIVE DATES for 2022-2023:

Retreat: Sept 23, Oct 13, 20, Nov 7, 17, Dec 1, 15, Jan 5, 19, Feb 2, 16 March 2, 16, Graduation: March 23

"BLI opened my eyes to the incredible potential that Broome County has to offer. Not only do I have a new outlook on the community I live in, but I was also privileged to meet and become close with my fellow classmates in a way that will continue long after the program ends!"

**Gary Gates, Operations Manager
Coughlin & Gerharp LLP, (BLI '22)**



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