Engaging Future Community Leaders
Leadership Joplin is a program developed by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by community businesses to identify, cultivate and motivate future community leaders. Leadership Joplin is in its 33rd year with more than 800 graduates. This informative and thought-provoking program introduces participants to the community, exposes them to its challenges and requires them to fully participate in the 12-session curriculum. In addition, Leadership Joplin provides a strategic curriculum to enhance participants’ leadership skills and creates a dialogue for discussion on relevant topics and assessment of case studies, ultimately supporting the Chamber’s strategic initiatives and goals. Anyone who has a genuine interest in community leadership and wants to broaden their scope of knowledge beyond their current level is encouraged to apply to Leadership Joplin.

By the end of Leadership Joplin, participants will:

- Cultivate and develop leadership skills, making a positive impact personally and professionally
- Develop an enhanced view and a new meaning to the word community
- Recognize interactions between private citizens and public organizations
- See Joplin in terms of the “big picture”
- Develop relationships with classmates, presenters & Leadership Joplin Alumni
- Gain valuable networking contacts with community, business & industry leaders
- Be prepared to serve the community and know the service opportunities available
- Understand Missouri Public Policy

The 2016 Leadership Joplin Program
Each Leadership Joplin session is different. Whether it’s a lively panel discussion, an interesting field trip or a group activity, each session is specifically designed to expose participants to all aspects of a particular topic. Although the preliminary schedule shows the commitment required, it is important to understand the expectation of attendance at all sessions. One individual’s failure to attend diminishes the experience for the remaining members of the program. Participation and attendance are the cornerstones of a successful program. It is an intensive program, from January-June with work outside of class time. If your schedule does not allow your full participation, you should seriously consider whether Leadership Joplin is right for you. If you have a conflict with one of the session dates, please consider waiting to apply until next year.
The Selection Process

Because no more than 44 individuals can participate in Leadership Joplin, it is necessary to have an application and commitment process. Each potential participant must submit a completed application and tuition payment for $700 to be considered for the program. You could be eligible for a scholarship by submitting a request for a 2016 class registration scholarship and the reason why you feel you would be a good recipient. More details are available upon request. In addition to reviewing each individual’s qualifications, the committee strives for a broad spectrum of experience and background. The class, as a whole, will benefit greatly from interaction with a wide variety of people from unique organizations.

Leadership Joplin is based on the following individual criteria:

- Completed application and tuition payment must be received by Friday, November 20, 2015, 5 p.m.
- Involvement in professional and/or managerial positions
- Demonstrated ability and desire to assume greater community leadership responsibility
- A clear willingness to make a commitment to the demands of the program and the community
- Proof of the full support of the organization or business they represent and a member of JACC

Applicants will be notified of their acceptance into the program by Friday, December 11, 2015.

Class Participation

As part of the 2016 Leadership Joplin program, you will be working with Motive Matters - Van & Tammy Benson, executive trainers. You will be required to take the “Color Code” assessment to help you better understand what motivates you, and how it relates to the other members of your class. This has proven to be a valuable part of the bonding process. Motive Matters was developed to help people understand themselves and others better, and to learn how to communicate more clearly and more effectively with people both personally and professionally.

After acceptance to LJ 2016, you will receive an introduction letter that will include the link and instructions for you to take the profile test and learn what color you are.

The test must be completed prior to Friday, January 8, 2016.

When you are answering these questions, it is important that you try to answer the questions as if you were back in your childhood. As we live our lives, our true motives can sometimes be altered by life experiences, and we want to know your inner core values. We look forward to getting to know another great group of Joplin Leaders!

Tammy and I look forward to meeting you and sharing the Motive Matters message of great relationships with you. We have enjoyed the friendships we have created with professionals just like you, while working with our great Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations on your decision to become part of the Leadership Joplin Class of 2016!

Best of living,

Van and Tammy Benson

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Worth Your Time
Although the application and selection process for Leadership Joplin is challenging, and the commitment of time and energy is extensive, anyone who has been through the program will confirm how beneficial this program is to anyone interested in taking a leadership role in the community. If you have questions about the program, feel free to contact any of the 2016 Leadership Joplin Steering Committee members. They are graduates of the program and are more than happy to talk about what it did for them.

Mike Wardlow, Mercy Hospital Joplin
Leadership Joplin Class of 2015 (Class Speaker)

Class Attendance
Many volunteers, sponsors and speakers work hard to make this a valuable program. Attendees are expected to be on time and attend the entire program each day. Absences or tardies must be approved, in advance, by the Committee Co-Chairs or Chamber program director. If more than two sessions are missed, you will not be eligible to graduate and will be dropped from the class and may apply for reconsideration the following year. Attendance at the opening overnight retreat and graduation is mandatory. If you cannot attend these two sessions, you should not submit an application. Missing the Jefferson City session counts as two sessions.

Tuition
Payment of $700 must accompany this application unless you are applying for a scholarship. If you are not accepted for admission to the 2016 Leadership Joplin class, your tuition will be refunded in full.

Submit a check payable to the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce or pay by credit card:

☐ MasterCard  ☐ Visa  ☐ Discover  ☐ American Express

Account #: __________________________________________
Exp. Date: _______________________________________
Signature: _______________________________________
Billing Address: _________________________________
Billing Zip Code:__________________________ SEC:______________
Email Address to Send Receipt: _______________________

Applicant's Agreement
If selected as a participant in Leadership Joplin, I am willing to attend all the functions sponsored by the program and I understand that attendance is mandatory. I understand that if I fail to meet any of the obligations of the program, I may be asked to withdraw or might not graduate with my class. If accepted to participate in 2016 Leadership Joplin, I agree that the information contained on this application may be used for Leadership Joplin promotions, activities and projects, as deemed appropriate by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce.

Applicant Signature: _______________________________________
Date: _______________________________________

Employer's Agreement
I fully support the application of _____________________________ to the 2016 Leadership Joplin Program. I am aware of the time commitment necessary and the financial obligation.

Signed (employer): _____________________________
Date: _____________________________
Print name: _____________________________
Title: _____________________________
Email: _____________________________

For more information about applying to LJ, contact:
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If you have any interest at all in Leadership Joplin, you have to do it. Each session is packed with opportunities to learn, to grow as a leader, and to have fun. I am so grateful that Mercy encouraged me and allowed me to participate in this awesome program. I learned so much from the program itself, but also from the time spent and shared experiences with my classmates. Simply put, Leadership Joplin will make you a better leader, a better citizen, and most of all, a better person!
Hello Class of 2016!

Leadership Joplin is one of the best programs JACC offers each year. It’s a program that has deeply affected me personally and professionally, and I’m honored to serve as chair of the steering committee for 2016. Over the course of the next six months you’ll hear some great lessons from leaders throughout the community, see inside some of the companies that make up our great region and get to know people who will become valuable business partners. It’s an experience like none other out there.

So buckle up and enjoy the ride!

Chris Roberts
Christ In Youth & Content Creative LLC
2016 Leadership Joplin Committee Chair