

Leadership Olathe Testimonials

My involvement with the Leadership Olathe program helped equip me not only to lead my business but also prepared me to take on leadership roles in various civic and community groups and activities. Getting a behind-the-scenes look at local agencies and entities gives you an insight that would be difficult to gain any other way.

-Greg Oswald, *Sir Speedy Printing and Marketing Services*

Leadership Olathe was instrumental in my being involved in various community and city groups. This community needs more leaders and LO encourages people to take the next step and get involved.

-Tom Manning, *Manning Construction Company, Inc.*

I have attended many leadership programs/seminars over the years and none has been as all-encompassing avenue into community leadership as the Leadership Olathe program. It has provided me with both, a network of individuals and resources that I use on a very regular basis, and an insight into ways I can get involved in my community through governmental affairs or non-profit agencies. Many of the people I met through the program have become customers or friends for life.

-Brian Geary, *TDC, Ltd.*

Leadership Olathe was a great experience for not only me, but my wife Charlene, our daughter Abby and my brother Curby. We have all been through leadership Olathe and it has been extremely helpful in our knowledge of the how things work in our community. It has also help in our relationships with other people we have met in the class and our businesses. In addition, it has help us answer questions a friend or associate had about different things in the community.

-Eric Hughes, *Strickland Construction*

In retrospect my participation in the Leadership Olathe program has provided me with a lifelong learning experience which has proven to be a valuable asset in developing my community service, leadership and involvement. Leadership Olathe is program that provides an educational experience in both community leadership and practical business management. Through the Leadership Olathe program I have developed lifelong friendships and established strategic business relationships. Leadership Olathe has and will continue to be critically important for the development of future leaders within the Olathe community.

-Harlan Parker, *State Farm Insurance Companies*

The Leadership Olathe program was a great experience. It is a fantastic way to meet other business leaders in Olathe and learn more about how our city operates. We were provided a wide range of information that we would not have had access to on our own. I highly encourage all of the Olathe business leaders to participate in this program!

-Mimi Eckart, Capital Federal

Leadership Olathe raised the bar for me personally and professionally through truly recognizing my strengths. Learning how to work out of my strengths verses my weaknesses has increased my ability to be more effective in the day to day operations of my life. I spend a lot of time juggling a hectic schedule of being a working mom of three children and leadership roles in the community. Leadership Olathe to me was a priceless investment for me.

-Michelle Gressel, Residence Inn by Marriott

“Leadership Olathe provided me with an incredible opportunity to learn about the past, present, and future of Olathe. More importantly, Leadership Olathe connected me to the current and future leaders of my community – the movers and shakers I would be interacting with as I launched Heart to Heart International.”

-Gary Morsch, M.D.

As a Graduate of the Leadership Olathe Class of 1991 I can honestly share that this program was a great blessing to me. Through the intense program I developed life long relationships as well as the opportunity to prepare myself for a more informed and engaged role within my community. As a Pastor of the Historic Second Baptist church, I was able to interface with a diverse array of local civic leaders as well as elected officials on all levels of government and provide my unique voice in the overall shaping my community. Leadership Olathe is a great program and is an asset to any Organization who wants to develop key employees.

-Rev. Bobby L. Love Sr.

I never thought learning about the community could be so fun! I thoroughly enjoyed learning about the city of Olathe, the state of Kansas, and what goes on in the community I live in. The people I met and the friendships created from this program were beyond my expectations. It was time well spent and an experience I will never forget!

-Terri L. Blackert, DLR Group