



Extension - Martin County

DATE: August 5, 2024
FROM: The Martin County Alliance and Purdue Extension Martin County
RE: Joint News Release regarding Leadership Programming

In summer of 2020, Martin County graduated their first cohort from the Purdue Extension Community Leadership Program, locally known as Leadership Martin County. This program was put together and supported by the Martin County Alliance, Purdue Extension Martin County and The Martin County Community Foundation along with many other stakeholders.

Recently, active and exciting meetings initiated by The Alliance have been held on how to rejuvenate community leadership programming to residents in order to increase awareness of Martin County's resources and equip current and future leaders in their civic engagement journey.

Currently, work is underway to conduct two community leadership offerings under the Leadership Martin County umbrella.

- 1) The Alliance plans to offer The Legacy Program starting fall of 2024. Considered as a community focused introduction to Martin County leadership. The purpose of this programming is to increase awareness of Martin County resources and assets.
- 2) Purdue Extension Martin County will offer extended programming and is intended for Leadership Martin County alumni. The peer-reviewed topics include a variety of contents and is focused on skill development of Martin County residents to be used in their respective community leadership responsibilities.

Purdue Extension has requested funding to sustain these collaborations and partnerships, and bring the Purdue University Leadership Martin County Community Leadership Program peer reviewed University supported curriculum to Martin County in 2025 and beyond.

This Joint News Release is to share with enthusiasm the open communication and collaborative works in motion with and between the two entities. It also serves as a means to inform Martin County residents of the upcoming community leadership programming.

Questions and comments may be directed to:

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A little more about:

THE MARTIN COUNTY ALLIANCE LEGACY PROGRAM

The Legacy Program- Martin County Leadership works to develop servant leaders in our community. This year will be a first for the program, and we plan to spend seven months taking a class of participants through six day-long sessions of leadership training designed to equip and inspire citizens to contribute to Martin County professionally and personally. Our curriculum focuses on these content areas:

- Orientation/ Leadership Styles
- Community, Economic, Defense Development
- Local Government
- History/Business in Martin County
- Elective Topic & Capstone Project
- Graduation

In addition to receiving training and education the members of the Legacy Program will identify and complete a class project directly addressing an opportunity somewhere in Martin County. Graduates will leave our program energized to serve the community by participating on boards, seeking or creating volunteer opportunities, and implementing new skills in their existing leadership roles.

We welcome adult participants of all ages and all walks of life. Classes for the 2024-2025 classes will be on the following dates: October 18th, November 15th, December 13th, January 17th, February 21st, March 21st, and a Graduation Celebration will be in April of 2025. Tuition is \$300 for the full program. To confirm a place in the class, participants must 1) submit a complete application, 2) chose by a review committee outside the County and 3) submit payment. We select participants based on two primary factors: a timely and complete application process and a demonstrated desire to apply servant leadership to benefit our community.

If you would like to learn more about the Legacy Program please reach out to Jessica Potts at 812-295-4800 or by e-mail Jessica.Potts@martinalliance.org.

PURDUE EXTENSION COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM: LEADERSHIP MARTIN COUNTY

The Purdue Extension Community Leadership Program is an intensive locally-based program for individuals who want to improve their local communities by getting more involved in local nonprofit boards, government committees and other volunteer efforts. While there are many individuals in a community who are willing to give their time and talents to serve the needs of others, sometimes they lack the connections, skills or confidence to take on leadership roles. This program helps prepare them.

The 11-module leadership development training program is facilitated by trained Purdue Extension staff and built on research-based curriculum. A shorter version of the program with 6 modules can complement existing community leadership development efforts in a county or foster new leadership development in communities where no programming currently exists. Program skill-building session topics include communication, conflict management, working across cultural differences, serving on nonprofit boards. Community focused sessions focus on local government, health, education, economic development and more.