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**LEADERSHIP PASADENA NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR CLASS OF 2012**

Leadership Pasadena, a community leadership training program, is now accepting applications for the class of 2012. Now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year with over 200 alumni, the program is designed to provide both accomplished and emerging leaders with the leadership tools, inspiration, understanding, and relationships to enhance their future engagement in the Pasadena community.

The professionally facilitated program runs from September through April, beginning with a weekend retreat, in which participants focus on communication styles and engage in interactive team building and team leadership exercises. Program sessions focusing on a range of topics, from government and education, to business, science and the arts, are held one weekend (Friday and Saturday) each month, in on-site meetings with government, business and nonprofit leaders. Class participants also form project teams to address a community issue, using the leadership skills, relationships and insights gained through the program, and present the project to the community at a public graduation program.

Inspired by their Leadership Pasadena experience, program alumni have sought political office, started businesses, joined nonprofit boards, and obtained advanced management positions in their organizations. The access to decision-makers and the Leadership Pasadena graduate network provide program participants with powerful personal and professional resources.

Applicants must live, work or volunteer in Pasadena, Altadena, or the San Gabriel Valley, and have some level of managerial responsibility in their businesses or volunteer organizations. Retirees looking to re-engage in the community are also encouraged to apply. Participants will be selected from the government, nonprofit and business sectors to reflect the diverse demographics - cultural, ethnic, generational, philosophical, and political - that make up the Pasadena community.

Tuition is \$4,500 and includes all materials, meals, accommodations for the retreat, and professional facilitation. Partial scholarships may be available, and payment plans can also be arranged. Area employers are invited to sponsor employee participants through their professional training and development budgets. Applications are due June 1, 2011, and informational meet and greet sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, April 27 from 4:00-6:30 p.m. and Friday, May 20, from 7:30-9 a.m. To rsvp for an information session, or for further information and application materials, visit [www.leadershippasadena.org](http://www.leadershippasadena.org).

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