



## **Northeast Polk Leadership Class XI**

### **Program Overview**

The Leadership Northeast Polk program brings together current and emerging leaders from Northeast Polk, with the charge of developing a network of informed, proactive, talented and resourceful leaders to constantly improve our community's quality of life.

Leadership participants learn about different sectors of the community (government, private, non-profit); and the issues, challenges, and opportunities that confront its current leaders and the leaders of tomorrow.

The 9-month program immerses participants in activities and discussions to increase their awareness and ability to assess current and future issues that impact or will impact Northeast Polk County and the State of Florida.

### **Program Objectives**

- To support and develop current and future leaders from all segments of the Northeast Polk community
- To familiarize participants with government, private and not for profit organizations in the community
- To develop the participants' awareness of a wide-range of current and emerging issues facing Northeast Polk, the County and the State
- To create a resource pool of community leaders able to make an impact in the Northeast Polk community as engaged as elected officials or community volunteers

### **Participant Selection**

- Participants represent diverse occupations and backgrounds within Northeast Polk community
- Participants have senior leadership positions or have demonstrated the potential to assume leadership positions within their business/organizations
- Participants have demonstrated a commitment and interest to serve their community and/or a potential to play a significant role in the community's future
- Participants commit to the program's attendance requirements and rules of conduct

## **Attendance**

- Leadership Northeast Polk requires a serious commitment of time and energy. Day-long leadership sessions are held once monthly beginning in January 2021.
- Attendance is **mandatory** for orientation and closing retreat/graduation.
- One excused absence from a Leadership Day is allowed. Each day has a full schedule. Any missed part of the schedule will not be counted. Being late or leaving early will not be allowed. Schedules are given in advance and each participant is expected to work with his/her employer to allocate the pre-scheduled days. To graduate from the program, participants with more than one day's absence are required to make up the day missed during the following year.

**Tuition** - \$750 (Chamber member) - \$1,000 (non-member). Tuition is all-inclusive of program materials and meals. Payment is due in full by January 15, 2020.

## **Application Deadline: Monday, December 21, 2020**

Applications for Leadership Northeast Polk are available at the Northeast Polk Chamber of Commerce. Completed applications should be returned prior to the December 21, 2020, deadline to:

Leadership Northeast Polk  
Northeast Polk Chamber of Commerce  
35610 Highway 27  
Haines City, Florida 33844

Leadership Class XI participants will be notified of their selection by January 4, 2020.

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### **2020-21 Calendar**

(Itineraries and dates subject to change)

**December 21, 2020** – Applications due back to Chamber

**January 15th** – Orientation  
(Mandatory)

**January 26** – Polk County  
Commissioners Meeting

**January 28<sup>th</sup>** – Introduction at Chamber  
Annual Banquet – 6 p.m.

**February 16th** - School Board

**March 10th** – Polk County Government

**April 7th** – City Government

**May 12th** - Agriculture

**June 9th** – Business & Industry

**July 14th** - Tourism

**August 11th** – Arts & Culture

**September 17th** – ½ day Closing  
Retreat – (Mandatory)

– Followed by Graduation at luncheon