2016 R. David Tebben Community Leadership Academy
Confidential Application

Thank you for your interest in the 18th Annual Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce R. David Tebben Community Leadership Academy! Please complete this application and return no later than December 18, 2015, with your registration fee of $400 ($300 for chamber members). Make check payable to the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce - it will be refunded if applicant is not accepted.

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Last First Preferred Name Used

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Home Address City Zip Phone Cell Phone

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Employer Applicant's Position E-Mail

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Employer's Address City Zip Applicant's Work Phone

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Immediate Supervisor Contact Number E-Mail

*Briefly describe your current work responsibilities (use additional paper, if needed):

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*Briefly describe your expectations in attending the Academy (use additional paper, if needed):

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*Please list any non-profit organizations you are involved with (volunteer, board, recipient, etc.):

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2. PARTICIPATION

In order to accomplish our objectives, the full participation of each individual selected is necessary. Academy runs January 7th through March 15th usually from 7am – 9am on Tuesdays and Thursdays (schedule is subject to change).

In order to graduate, the following attendance is required:

- ✓ 1 non-profit board meeting (an organization in which applicant is not already involved)
- ✓ 1 Chamber networking event (Business After Hours or Puttin' On Pekin breakfast)
- ✓ 2 Government Meetings
- ✓ 15 of the 20 leadership classes/tours

You will also be required to:

- ✓ Interview & Introduce a fellow class member
- ✓ Make a presentation on a non-profit organization

3. COMMITMENT

By signing this application, I am prepared to commit to attendance and the required participation and have the full support of my employer.

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Signature of Applicant Date of Application

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Signature of Immediate Supervisor Date

Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce
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R. David Tebben Community Leadership Academy 2016

The Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce announces the 18th annual R. David Tebben Community Leadership Academy for future leaders in the Pekin Area. The mission of the Academy is "To identify, inform and educate existing and emerging leaders of the local community, and to motivate them toward leadership responsibilities by exposing them to the realities, opportunities and challenges of the local community." Features of this year's Academy include:

- Thought-provoking discussions led by Pekin leaders
- Informative field trip and tours
- Networking opportunities

Here's why employers keep sending their employees...

The leadership academy has been a very positive experience for our family and staff. Not only have the classes and tours provided an interesting behind the scenes look at the major businesses and community organizations in Pekin, but our leadership academy involvement has been a catalyst to involving our staff in community projects and concerns. With many new friendships made along the way, it's a win/win for both the employee and the employer.

D. Neale "Buster" Hanley—Director Preston Hanley-Funeral Homes & Crematory, LLC

Here's what recent graduates said about their experience…

I can't even express to you how much I enjoyed this program! I was very hesitant about it at first and just kept thinking "What did I get myself into?" Well, I'll tell you what I got myself into… new friends, a deeper sense of community, a better understanding of the politics and how the city works!

Lissa Cox, Class of 2014, IPMR-Pekin

The Leadership Academy was a WOW experience for me. I came into the class because I was sent by my boss but what an experience. I have lived in and around Pekin all my life and had no idea how much civic involvement from volunteers to business leaders we have in our community. The contacts and friends I made thru the course have a direct positive affect on my business to this day.

Lora S Jacobs RN, Class of 2013, Pekin Hospital HHC

I would highly recommend this program to anyone who wants to further understand our community and its issues and challenges and the important role of leadership and participation to the continued well-being of the community.

D. Earl Riley, Class of 2013, First Pekin Savings Bank

Quotes about Leadership Academy from the 2015 Graduating class:

"It's given me a much greater understanding of what goes on in Pekin."

"It's great to know people who are Owners, Directors and Leaders in their field. I hope to interact both personally and professionally with many of these folks in the future."

"(Leadership Academy has) ...jumpstarted my involvement in the community."

"I would encourage anyone to become involved in this leadership academy. …This program opens avenues that you may not have known existed."

The Academy will be held for 10 weeks, usually on Tuesday & Thursday mornings from 7am til 9 am and runs January 7th through March 15th
Academy registration fee is $400 ($300 for chamber members).
Call the Pekin Area Chamber of Commerce, 346-2106 for an application.
Enrollment is limited to 24 participants. Application deadline is December 18, 2015.