

Testimonials from Leadership Graduates



2015-2016 class members with Supervisor Damon Connolly and a member of the Downtown Streets Team

I can happily say that the commitment and time spent on our class was well worth it for my professional growth and improved knowledge of Marin County and San Rafael. The networking opportunities the class afforded with other local professionals and business owners was priceless. I wholeheartedly recommend this class to anyone with the opportunity to participate.

— Peter Edwards, General Manager, MV Transportation

I always thought I knew Marin very well, given that I grew up in San Rafael and have lived in Marin for most of my life. Well, spending the past 9 months with the San Rafael Leadership Institute proved me wrong. SRLI was not only an incredibly rewarding experience but also an eye opening journey that taught me many new, interesting and exciting things about our beautiful county. The most valuable aspect of attending SRLI was all the amazing, caring, intelligent and passionate professionals I met. I look forward to develop long-lasting professional and personal relationships with them!

— Ruben Hernandez, Outreach Coordinator, Marin Sanitary Service

The San Rafael Leadership Institute introduced me to the many leaders in Marin who had been just faces and names in the newspapers. After hearing them speak, I feel I can approach any of them with my ideas and concerns. I also was impressed by the caliber of the other students in the Leadership class and discovered two rewarding volunteer opportunities through them. The Institute opened up new worlds for me to grow and contribute and feel valued as a citizen of Marin county.

— Betsy Guthrie, retired; former Autodesk Project Manager

2016-2017 Application Deadlines & Costs

Application Deadline: September 16, 2016
Application can be found at srchamber.com/leadershipsanrafael

Tuition
San Rafael Chamber Member: \$1,200
Non-Member: \$1,500

Applications must be filled out and include a 50% tuition deposit made payable to the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce. The balance is due by October 11, 2016.

Session Dates
Regular sessions are held the second Thursday of the month from 8:00am - 5:00pm, unless otherwise noted
Dates, times and locations are subject to change

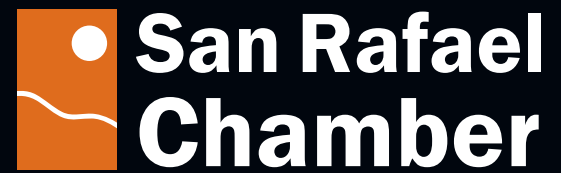
- 2016
 - October 11 (Tuesday; half day)
 - October 13
 - November 10
 - December 8
- 2017
 - January 12
 - February 9
 - March 9
 - April 13
 - May 11
 - June 8 (Graduation)

Leadership Institute Partners

College of Marin - EO Products - Embassy Suites Hotel - Kaiser Permanente - Marin Convention & Visitors Bureau - Marin Sanitary Service - PRANDI Property Management - Wells Fargo

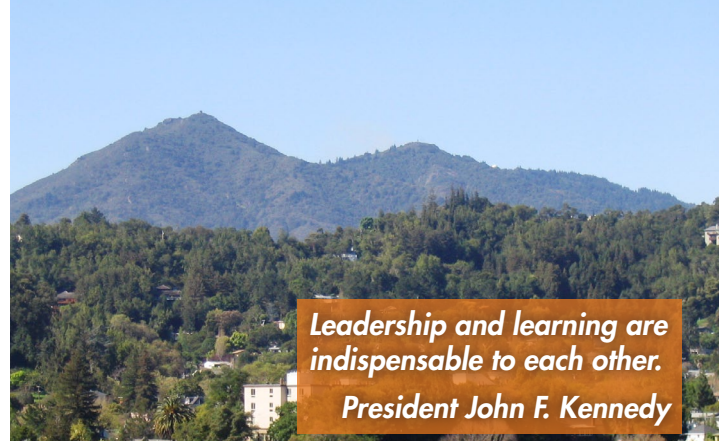


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Leadership Institute 2016-2017

Marin County's premier leadership development program



Leadership and learning are indispensable to each other.
President John F. Kennedy

San Rafael Leadership Institute 2016-2017

The San Rafael Leadership Institute is the premier program for professionals seeking to make a difference in their community, expand their network, and understand Marin County from the ground up.

What is the Leadership Institute?

The San Rafael Leadership Institute, a program of the San Rafael Chamber of Commerce, offers a singular opportunity to develop leadership and team-building skills while learning about current issues that impact Marin County. The program brings together many of Marin's policy makers and offers participants the chance to build relationships with key stakeholders in the county.

What is the Time Commitment?

The Institute meets once a month from October through June. Each full-day, monthly session is held at a different location in and around Marin, exposing participants to local businesses, community centers and government facilities.

What is the Class Project?

Each class will conceive of and carry out a class project. Previous projects have included a homelessness myth-busting campaign and community clean-up, the renovation of a nursery school garden, and fundraising for first responders. The skills achieved in this group setting, which include leadership vision, facilitated debate and decision-making, are geared to assist future leaders in mastering collaboration and collective problem-solving.

Who Should Attend?

Business owners and entrepreneurs, senior managers and department heads, consultants and independent contractors, nonprofit executive directors and senior staff, board chairs and directors, county and city management and community leaders.

Why Should I Take the Leadership Institute?

At the heart of the program is the opportunity to develop leadership skills alongside a group of dynamic, diverse individuals from many industries and disciplines. Team-building is a critical component of the Institute's leadership development philosophy. In addition to planning the class project, the class participates in exercises that demonstrate different leadership styles and many come away with a better understanding of the forces creating community change.

Many graduates have told us that they are surprised to learn so much about Marin, even though they have been residents for many years or even their entire lives.



Dr. Thomas Peters of Marin Community Foundation speaking at the Health & Human Services session

Curriculum

October	Orientation and Overview Leadership Training & DISC Exercises
November	Government & Politics
December	Economy, Transportation, Housing
January	Education & The Canal Neighborhood
February	Health and Human Services
March	Public Safety, Justice and the Media San Quentin Tour (Optional)
April	Arts & Our Diverse Community
May	Tourism, Agriculture and the Environment
June	Wrap Up and Graduation



Meeting the San Pedro Elementary School Student Council during the Education session

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Joe Garbarino discussing the history of Marin Sanitary Service and recycling challenges and successes in Marin

Previous Institute Speakers

As a San Rafael Leadership Institute participant, you will have the opportunity to learn directly from some of the most influential people in Marin County. Leaders from the fields of business, government, the arts and the nonprofit sphere will speak about their successes, challenges and leadership styles. Past speakers have included:

- Ed Berberian, Marin County District Attorney
- Diana Bishop, City of San Rafael Chief of Police
- Mary Jane Burke, Marin Co. Superintendent of Schools
- Dr. David Wain Coon, President, College of Marin
- Dr. Robert Eyler, CEO, Marin Economic Forum
- Mark Fishkin, CEO, California Film Institute
- Joe and Patty Garbarino, Marin Sanitary Service
- Lynn Giacomini, Pt Reyes Farmstead Cheese Co. & MALT
- Matthew Hymel, Marin County Administrator
- Patricia Kendall, Kaiser Permanente Medical Grp Administrator
- Dr. Mary Marcy, President, Dominican University of CA
- Joe O'Hehir, CEO, Whistlestop
- Dr. Thomas Peters, CEO, Marin Community Foundation
- Katie Rice, Marin County Supervisor
- Jose Varela, Marin County Public Defender
- Tom Wilson, CEO, Canal Alliance

Session Venues

- Albert J. Boro Community Center
- Art Works Downtown
- The Buck Institute for Research on Aging
- Christopher B. Smith Rafael Film Center
- The Marin Community Foundation
- Marin County Board of Supervisors Chambers
- Marin Sanitary Service & Resource Recovery Center
- Point Reyes Farmstead Cheese Company
- San Pedro Elementary School
- San Rafael City Hall & Council Chambers
- San Quentin Prison (optional visit)
- The Sausalito Bay Model