

Leadership Alumni Comments:

Leadership Wilkes was one of the best learning opportunities I have experienced. It was thrilling to see first hand what Wilkes County has to offer as well as discuss where our focus needs to be for the future. I have lived here for 35 years and I learned more about Wilkes County in nine weeks than I could have imagined. Promoting our community just comes naturally after participating in this class. I would encouraged any one who is committed to the growth of our community to enroll in Leadership Wilkes.

Barbara Overby  
Director of Performance Improvement  
Wilkes Regional Medical Center  
Class of 2008

My experience in the Leadership Wilkes program was one of the most enriching things I have done in my career. I was able to see many of the areas that make Wilkes County's heart beat. I also learned about many local businesses and was able to build lifelong friendships with some of my classmates. I feel truly blessed to have been a part of Leadership Wilkes and recommend it highly to anyone who is looking into the program.

Johann Louchez  
BB & T  
City Executive  
Class of 2006

***“Today’s Leaders  
For  
Tomorrow’s  
Needs”***

**LEADERSHIP 2010 APPLICATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_  
Company \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Fax Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
How did you learn about the program? \_\_\_\_\_  
Why do you want to participate in the program? \_\_\_\_\_

**Please complete both sides. Application is due by July 28, 2010**



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***Leadership  
Wilkes  
2010***

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## LEADERSHIP WILKES 2010

Leadership 2010 is a program sponsored by the Wilkes Chamber of Commerce to develop a group of informed, committed, and qualified individuals capable of providing visionary and progressive leadership for Wilkes County.

The program is an in-depth study of management styles, personalities, and involved activities to illustrate positive leadership opportunities. Taking place over a four month period, Leadership 2010 participants have a chance to tour facilities, participate in informative seminars, and are enlightened to the resources available to them in Wilkes County.

Once participants have completed Leadership, they will be well informed, and have a foundation for implementing their knowledge and skills to become a progressive citizen and leader.

## THE PROGRAM

Leadership 2010 will begin with an all day retreat and on Friday, August 13. Sessions 2 through 9 will be from 8:30 am until 3:30 pm on alternating Wednesday's with final class ending on November 17, 2010.

Area leaders in business, government, education, health care, industry, and tourism enlighten participants on the resources available to Wilkes County citizens. During each session the group will look at topics ranging from crime and law to community infrastructure.

The program culminates with a graduation ceremony for participants, their guests, and alumni from previous classes.

## THE REQUIREMENTS

Participants are encouraged to attend all Leadership 2010 sessions including graduation. Absence from any portion of a session is considered an absence for the day. Attendance reflects the commitment necessary to receive a meaningful experience from your investment in the program.

Casual dress is recommended at all sessions.

## TO APPLY

Enrollment in the Leadership Wilkes Program is limited. Candidates are selected on the basis of their previous and potential leadership ability and community involvement.

Applications must be received by July 28, 2010 to be eligible for the program.

All applicants will be notified by email regarding acceptance in the program. For more information call (336) 838-8662

## THE TUITION

Tuition for the program is \$600 and covers the cost of meals, refreshments, travel, and graduation. Non-profit organizations may qualify for partial financial aid. Please indicate scholarship need on the application.

## THE SCHEDULE

Friday, Aug. 13	Retreat/Session 1
Sessions 2-9 will be held on Wednesdays	
Wed., Aug. 25	Session 2
Wed., Sept. 1	Session 3
Wed., Sept. 15	Session 4
Wed., Sept. 29	Session 5
Wed., Oct. 13	Session 6
Wed., Oct. 27	Session 7
Wed. Nov. 10	Session 8
Wed., Nov. 17	Session 9 & Graduation

Leadership Wilkes 2010 will be facilitated by Eric Rowles, President /CEO – Leading to Change, Inc. Eric is a nationally recognized trainer, speaker, and consultant who has worked with over 150,000 youth, adults, administrators, professionals, and policy makers within the past 15 years.

His presentations are legendary, energy packed and innovative. To learn more about Eric and Leading to Change, Inc. Visit [www.leadingtochange.com](http://www.leadingtochange.com).

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### **APPLICANT AND EMPLOYER AGREEMENTS**

I have read and understand that in order to graduate from Leadership Wilkes 2010, I will attend all sessions.

Applicant Signature

Date

This employee has my permission to attend the Leadership Wilkes 2010 program. I am aware of the time/attendance requirements and commitments stated in the brochure.

Employer

Signature

Please complete both sides. Application is due by July 28, 2010. Tuition payment must accompany application and is non-refundable.