



Twenty years ago a small group of community and business leaders had a vision to create a program, which would recognize and nurture leadership potential through a yearlong program. What began as Leadership San Mateo has expanded to include the Burlingame, Foster City and Hillsborough communities with more than 30 eager class members each year representing business, government and non-profit organizations.

LEADERSHIP'S graduates are 600 strong. These individuals have made impressive contributions in their personal and professional lives, and many have committed to public service. The program's visionaries could hardly imagine that among the Leadership graduates would be the mayors of all four Leadership cities in 2008, members of all four City Councils and Executive Directors of well respected nonprofits on the central Peninsula. We know from graduates' stories that participation in Leadership changed their lives.

LEADERSHIP is unlike any other training or educational experience. You will be part of a class of 30-35 participants that come from the private, nonprofit and public sectors. On one Friday each month from September through June, you will experience an in-depth view of the civic infrastructure that makes the Peninsula special and the challenges that face us to keep it special in the future. Days feature: Education; Law Enforcement; Arts, Culture and Leisure; Health Care; Government; Business and Economic Development; Social Services; and, Planning and the Environment.

Local leaders in these fields facilitate each session. The class will make site visits to a number of important community facilities and have the opportunity to interact with and question individuals responsible for these varied functions. LEADERSHIP also includes collaborative class projects in the form of Community Issue Groups. The goals of the smaller group work is to develop and enhance leadership skills; learn in depth about one community issue; and, practice leadership in a voluntary, non-working setting.

At this time, we are announcing the annual window for nominations: April 5th until May 31st 2010. Please contact Lory Lawson at the Leadership Office if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Leadership Nomination Committee -

Susan Loftus (Leadership '99)
Laura Bent (Leadership '00)
Roger Heighton (Leadership '09)