



LEAD Forum

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Call for Breakout Session Speakers

Join Leadership Montgomery for the inaugural **LEAD Forum**, a powerful and interactive full day conference. The forum will bring together leaders across industries and sectors to **LEARN** more about the county; **ENGAGE** with other leaders; **AMPLIFY** critical skills and **DEVELOP** the surrounding community. LEAD will give participants tools of action they can take and use to enhance or broaden their leadership skills.

If you would like to be considered as a speaker, please complete the [submission form](#). All fields must be completed for your submission to be considered.

Speaker Guidelines:

What are we looking for?

- Strong content that encourages audience engagement through workbooks, exercises, demonstrations, etc. and provides takeaways or actionable steps for attendees to take back with them
- Energizing talks that include case studies and/or personal experiences to relate back to main topic (we want interactive and highly engaging breakout sessions!)
- Passionate speakers excited about sharing expertise, real-life strategies and knowledge on topics around leadership, Montgomery County, civic and corporate engagement, and professional development
- PowerPoint presentations that can be shared with attendees
- Interest and availability in attending entire conference and engaging with attendees at breaks, meals and evening reception
- Sharing and promoting participation in the LEAD Forum with social networks or constituent emails

About the Breakout Sessions:

Audience: We anticipate attendees mirroring attendees of other Leadership Montgomery events-established and emerging leaders representing business (both large and small), government, and nonprofit.

Session Tracks:

Learn about the County:

Your session will teach attendees about relevant matters in Montgomery County. Attendees should walk away more informed and able to apply the information to their personal and/or professional life. Suggested session topics include but are not limited to:

- Housing and Transportation
- Public Safety
- How to interact with the State and County Government

Engage with Other Leaders:

Your session will teach attendees about how to proactively and strategically meet and work with other leaders. Attendees should walk away with a better understanding of best practices in building

productive business relations and how to use them. Suggested session topics include but are not limited to:

- Speed Networking
- How to leverage your network and contacts
- Working Across Industries

Amplify Your Skills:

Your session will teach attendees about relevant themes in professional development and leadership. Attendees will walk away with a better understanding of areas of concern for emerging and established leaders and how to apply them to their workplace and/or career. Suggested session topics include but are not limited to:

- Building Resiliency/ leading through crisis
- Having difficult conversations
- Best Practices for Coaching (Doing and Receiving)
- Beyond Diversity: Achieving and Maintaining inclusive leadership

Develop Your Community:

Your session will teach attendees about how to benefit their community through service, either from an individual or a workplace perspective. Attendees will walk away with a better understanding of trends and best practices along with practical ways to incorporate civic engagement into their life. Suggested session topics include but are not limited to:

- The future of Corporate Social Responsibility
- Creating change through service and volunteerism
- Strengthening the connection between nonprofits

Speaker Logistics:

What we expect from speakers:

- Sessions will last for 45 minutes and must demonstrate practical application of content
- Provide electronic versions of appropriate slides, handouts, and/or other supplemental materials related to their session to Leadership Montgomery to be sent to attendees. Materials must be provided in advance should any printed materials be needed.
- Speakers are expected to provide presentations with no commercial influence.
- Speakers agree to sign a speaking agreement provided by Leadership Montgomery.

What speakers may expect from Leadership Montgomery:

- We will provide audio/visual equipment for each session. This will include screen and audio, a speaker's podium with microphone, and a microphone. You may elect to provide your own laptop for your presentation or may decide with Leadership Montgomery to use a computer connected to a projector.
- We will provide attendees with access to electronic versions of supplemental materials.
- Breakout sessions will be promoted through the leadermontmd.org website, emails, and social media.
- Speaker surveys will be distributed to session attendees.

Speaker Submission Timeline

- Call for Speakers deadline: March 31, 2021
- Apply online at [here](#)
- Speaker selection will be announced on rolling schedule; final speakers announced by April 15, 2021