



CLASS OF 2026 CALENDAR

PROGRAM CALENDAR

Orientation

Wednesday, June 25, 2025, 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Location: Virtual

Meet-and-Greet Mixer

Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 5:30 pm-8:00 pm
Location: Your 3rd Spot

Opening Retreat*

7:30 am, Friday, September 12 – 5:00 pm, Saturday, September 13, 2025
*This is a mandatory program. **An overnight stay on Friday is required.***
Location: Camp Rock Eagle

Inclusive Leadership Summit*

Thursday, October 23, 2025, 8:30 am-5:00 pm Friday, October 24, 2025,
8:30 am – 12:00 pm
This is a mandatory program. NO overnight stay is required.
Location: TBD

Leadership Skills Day

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 8:30 am-5:00 pm
Location: TBD

Immersion Activities

October 2025-March 2026
“Behind-the-scenes” experiences in the Metro Atlanta community.
Various activities scheduled; minimum one required.

Community Issues Day One: Government Focus

Thursday, January 22, 2026, 8:30 am-5:00 pm
Location: TBD

Community Issues Day Two: Affordable Housing

Thursday, February 26, 2026, 8:30 am-5:00 pm
Location: TBD

Closing Program*

Friday, March 20, 2026, 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm
This is a mandatory program.
Location: TBD

Program Hold Date**

March 6, 2026, 8:00 am-5:00 pm

OTHER REQUIRED COMPONENTS

Cohort Projects

Each LEAD Atlanta member will be assigned to a cohort group, and each cohort will receive a community project to complete before the Closing Program. Cohort assignments and project details will be provided at the Opening Retreat. Active participation in cohort projects is required. These projects are designed to require approximately 20-30 hours of time from September-March.

Mentoring Program

Each LEAD Atlanta class member is offered the opportunity to connect with a Leadership Atlanta alumnus/a as a professional and civic mentor throughout the LEAD Atlanta program year. More details will be available at your Opening Retreat.

Social Activities

Throughout the LEAD Atlanta program year, you will be encouraged to participate in social activities planned by LEAD Atlanta alumni or fellow class members. A volunteer alumni committee will plan happy hours for you following each program day, for instance. Please make every effort to actively participate in these events.

**Mandatory attendance. No exceptions.*

***In the event a previously scheduled program must be canceled (inclement weather or other extenuating circumstances) the program will be rescheduled for this date. This day is NOT to be used as a make-up of a class member's absent day.*