2020 Program Schedule, Topics and Locations

**Thursday, January 9 (3:00 – 7:00 pm)** Getting Acquainted

*K.O. Lee Aberdeen Public Library*

Participants will meet at 3:00 pm and get to know each other with 2019 program facilitators giving brief overviews of the sessions to come. The class will join other community leaders and Leadership Aberdeen alumni at the Business After Hours mixer at Steven Lust Automotive.

**Friday, January 10 (9:15 am – 4:00 pm)** Authenticity

*K.O. Lee Aberdeen Public Library*

The class will hear from community development organizations in the morning about their missions and goals. Later, Dr. Thom Flamboe will take participants through a self-assessment process. Participants will discuss self knowledge, self acceptance, self development and self assertion.

**Tuesday, January 14 (5:00 pm – 9:00 pm)** Community Building

*Agtegra*

We hear about Agtegra and their role in building up the communities they serve from Judy Stulken. The class discusses the various communities each of us “serve” and how these connections create better versions of ourselves. The class discusses our community and a project the class will focus on in the coming weeks.

**Tuesday, January 21 (5:00 pm – 9:00 pm)** Community Building/Class Project

*Sanford Health*

We continue our discussion on the communities we each serve. We also tour Sanford Health and hear from CEO Ashley Erickson and staff on the importance of community building. The class continues project discussion.

**Tuesday, January 28 (5:00 pm – 9:00 pm)** Purpose

*3M Company*

We will take a tour of the 3M plant and hear from 3M management on how they define their purpose and determine best methods for favorable outcomes. Participants discuss how defining your purpose, personally and professionally, keeps you focused on your goals.

**Tuesday, February 4 (5:00 pm – 9:00 pm)** Advocacy

*Glacial Lakes Energy*

Participants will tour Glacial Lakes Energy and hear from Director of Operations Pat Hogan about the company and their advocacy efforts to promote the ethanol industry. Participants will be challenged to discover what they advocate for in their personal and professional lives.
Saturday, February 8 (10:00 am—12:00 pm)  Legislative Cracker Barrel

*NSU Centennial Rooms*

Participants have the opportunity to hear from South Dakota Legislators from Districts 1, 2, 3 and 23 at the 2nd Legislative Cracker Barrel to be held in the Centennial Rooms of Northern State University.

Tuesday, February 11 (5:00 pm – 9:00 pm)  Resilience

*Molded Fiber Glass SD*

Participants will tour Molded Fiber Glass and hear how the company used resiliency to keep the doors open after changes in their industry almost caused a plant closure. Participants will discuss fixed vs. growth mindset and what drains or charges them personally and professionally.

Thursday and Friday, February 20 & 21  Aberdeen Day at the Legislature

*Pierre, SD*

We’re taking a 2-day trip to see our legislative process in action at Business Day at the Legislature and Aberdeen Day at the Capitol! Participants will discuss legislative issues and their impact to our state, attend the business day caucus, meet with Governor Noem, and promote the Aberdeen community at the Capitol.

February 25 (5:00 pm – 9:00 pm)  Reason

*Dacotah Bank*

Staff and Leadership alumni of Dacotah Bank discuss reason in leadership and how to determine which positive actions will produce the positive reactions we want. Participants work through two paths—reason and avoidance which puts their communication and team skills to the test.

March 2 (4:30 pm – 8:00 pm)  City Government and History

*City Council Chambers/Community Room/Dacotah Prairie Museum*

Participants meet with the Aberdeen City Council and have the opportunity to discuss community issues. They attend the city council meeting and hear from Mayor Travis Schaunaman. The class will also tour the Dacotah Prairie Museum.

March 10 (5:00—9:00 pm)  Gratitude

*Avera—lower level of Physicians Plaza*

Staff of Avera St. Luke’s will take us on a tour of their facilities. We will also hear from Avera management and alumni on Gratitude and how they believe experiencing and expressing gratitude transforms an organization and community. The class will discuss the importance of gratitude and how to watch for gratitude inhibitors.

March 17 (5:00—9:00 pm)  It’s a Wrap

*NSU*

Staff of Northern State University will take us on a tour of their campus and we will hear from Dr. Tim Downs, NSU President on how to weave together all the Positive Leadership concepts/skills developed through the 2020 program.

March 24 (5:00 pm)  Graduation

*Best Western Ramkota*

The graduation ceremony and dinner will be held at 5:00 pm. Employers, family and friends are invited to attend.