



Celebrating Excellence in Leadership

Leadership Medina County is proud to announce its awards dinner Celebrating Excellence in Leadership. This event will recognize five individuals who have exhibited extraordinary leadership in the fields set forth below. ***Current elected officials are not eligible for any awards***
Award recipients will be honored on March 5, 2026, at Blue Heron Event Center Ballroom.

Excellence in Business Leadership

An individual who presently and actively *meets one or more of the following:*

- Works for (or owns) a business operated in Medina County that represents leadership in its field and is stable strategically and financially.
- Attracts, retains, expands, or creates business through capital investment or job creation for Medina County.
- Promotes entrepreneurship in Medina County through innovation, technology development, and creative business solutions.
- Promotes and coordinates business and financial opportunities in Medina County.
- Applies business leadership skills in civic activities, not-for-profit companies, or governmental affairs.

Excellence in Education Leadership

An individual who presently and actively *meets one or more of the following:*

- Advances and promotes the general principles of education in Medina County.
- Addresses the educational challenges that education faces in Medina County.
- Engages in educational program development within Medina County.
- Promotes collaboration between education and local business, civic organizations, or the citizens of Medina County.
- Promotes career or job-oriented education within Medina County.
- Exhibits passion for the positive advancement of the children who live in Medina County.
- Educates, teaches to advance the principles of leadership to students.

Excellence in Health Care Leadership

An individual who presently and actively *meets one or more of the following:*

- Engages in supporting the mission of health, wellness, or safety within Medina County related to medical, behavioral, and/or environmental health services.
- Inspires others to collaborate in expanding resources and programming which will positively impact the array of health-related services available within Medina County.
- Demonstrates a commitment to the advancement of health, wellness, and/or safety through direct services, or by inspiring others to take part in developing opportunities to improve the health and welfare of citizens in Medina County.
- Leads by example as he or she engages in his/her professional and personal commitments in the community.
- Shows commitment to the advancement of community education related to medical, behavioral, and/or environmental health issues facing citizens in Medina County.
- Serves the community with a selfless and sincere compassion for the betterment of the lives of others.

Excellence in Public Service Leadership

An individual who presently and actively *meets one or more* of the following:

- Works for a political sub-division, not-for-profit company, or other public agency in Medina County.
- Stimulates and fosters interest in ongoing public issues within Medina County.
- Provides an innovative benefit to the citizens of Medina County.
- Promotes and fosters collaboration within Medina County to address local needs and challenges.
- Pioneers' programs to guide Medina County into the future.
- Serves the community with the objective of improving the quality of life within Medina County.

Excellence in Medina County Leadership

This is the only award which may be awarded posthumously.

An individual who *meets one or more* of the following:

- Makes significant and tangible leadership contributions to Medina County through extraordinary vision, innovation, inspiration and hard work.
- Demonstrates leadership qualities through career achievements or long-standing participation in community activities with full support of his/her organization, field, and community.
- Possesses a commitment to remain in Medina County and address the issues that face the county.
- Values leadership and fosters leadership in others.
- Contributes to improving the quality of life in Medina County.

Please note: Nominees need not be Leadership Medina County graduates. Nominees may be eligible for consideration in more than one category. There is no limit on the number of candidates that may be nominated. **DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS IS JANUARY 16, 2026**

Submit Nomination Form:

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