



Empower Kearney: Leadership Academy

"Leadership for Impact"

The **Empower Kearney: Leadership Academy** is a dynamic nine-month experience designed to cultivate and empower both established and emerging leaders. Through this program, participants will strengthen their leadership skills, expand networks, and gain the knowledge needed to make a lasting impact on their businesses and community. By bringing together a diverse group of individuals, we aim to develop resourceful, engaged, and forward-thinking leaders who will help shape the future of our community.

The academy runs September through May, with monthly sessions focused on leadership development and community engagement. Participants must complete all nine sessions in order to earn their certificate.

Overview:

The leadership development academy will meet on the second Friday of each month from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm. Each monthly session will include a focus topic, a community topic, and networking/growth opportunities.

Meeting Dates	Goals
September	Foundations of Leadership Build a strong leadership foundation through self-awareness, purpose discovery, teambuilding, and goal setting. Begin developing a leadership mindset rooted in personal growth and community impact.
October	Leading from Within Explore purpose, personal branding, and team culture. Strengthen connection, trust, and vulnerability while understanding how leadership influences workplace environments.



November	<p>Leadership Effectiveness Develop emotional intelligence, personal productivity, and communication skills. Learn how assertive communication builds trust and strengthens leadership impact.</p>
December	<p>Strengths-Based Leadership & Community Systems Discover and apply your Top 5 CliftonStrengths while gaining insight into education and workforce development systems within the community.</p>
January	<p>Personal Growth & Community Impact Strengthen personal development through growth mindset and coaching while exploring healthcare and public safety systems in the community.</p>
February	<p>Vision, Influence & Leadership in Action Focus on leadership as influence, developing vision, priorities, and personal growth to inspire others and create meaningful impact.</p>
March	<p>Trust in Leadership Understand trust as a strategic leadership skill built through integrity, clarity, and consistency, and its role in shaping strong teams and culture.</p>
April	<p>Mental Health & Leadership Explore the connection between well-being and leadership effectiveness, including resilience, boundaries, and creating psychologically safe environments.</p>
May	<p>Leadership Growth & Graduation Reflect on leadership as a daily, intentional process. Celebrate growth and commit to continued leadership development beyond the Academy.</p>

**To register visit the Events Calendar (September 2026)
 at kearneychamber.org**