



Class of 2026



Cultivating excellence in leadership development since 1977

\$525 for Chamber Members

\$725 for Non-Chamber Members

Registration deadline is Friday, December 19, 2025

Past Community Leaders & Speakers have included:



Edward Dollinger
Financial Advisor - Edward Jones



Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant
Will County Executive




Clyne G. H. Namuo, Ph.D.
President - Joliet Junior College

Program attendees will be split into four groups with each focusing on a project for either the Exchange, Kiwanis, Lions or Rotary Club of Joliet.



Community Leadership School (CLS) has been committed to transforming talented individuals into community leaders for over 40 years. The goal of CLS is to engage future leaders and mentors while providing the tools necessary to become more active in the community. Through this program, students will learn about the people, organizations, and institutions that make up our community, while discovering their own leadership qualities within.

 **Thursdays Jan. 8 - March 19, 2026**
A local bus trip is held from noon-5pm on a Thursday, and a train trip to Springfield will be held on a Wednesday and is an all-day commitment. Call for additional information.

 **7:30 - 9:00 AM**

 **Various community locations**



Class of 2026 Application

Application Procedures:

- Complete all information on this form (please print).
- Return completed application and headshot to the Chamber by December 19, 2025. Sign the application and have your employer sign the business/organization agreement. Applications without employer's signature **will not be considered for enrollment.**
- Please email electronic application to mpaone@jolietchamber.com.

Eligibility and Selection Criteria:

Community Leadership School is suggested for individuals who are approaching or have reached the decision-making level in their organization. Basic criteria for selection include:

- Commitment to serving the community.
- Potential for advancement to leadership positions.
- Representation from a cross-section of the community.
- Active in business, education, government, religion, the arts and/or community-based organizations.
- Willingness to work on a team project.
- Ability to attend ALL sessions. Those who fail to attend may be asked to withdraw with no refund of tuition.

PERSONAL DATA

Name _____

Preferred Name _____

Organization Name _____

Title / Position _____ Supervisor _____

Business Phone # _____ Cell _____

E-mail address _____

_____ Check Enclosed (Payable to Joliet Chamber)

_____ Please Charge My Credit Card

Card # _____ Exp.: _____ Sec.: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Payment deadline is
Dec. 30, 2025**

APPLICANT AGREEMENT:

As a Community Leadership School participant, I understand attendance at ALL sessions are mandatory, and that I must participate in a team project.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

BUSINESS / ORGANIZATION AGREEMENT:

The applicant has the full support of this business / organization for the time, personal commitment and financial support required to participate effectively in this Chamber program.

Employer Name & Title _____
(Please print)

Employer Signature _____ Date _____



Class of 2026 Sponsorship Opportunities

PRESENTING SPONSOR: \$1,500 (1 Available)

- Kick off location host
- Invitation to present
- Marx Gibson Award Co-Sponsorship
- Company logo featured on promotional material
- Company logo featured weekly on signage
- Company logo on dinner program
- Social media exposure
- Website recognition

PLATINUM SPONSOR: \$1,000 (2 Available)

- Company logo featured on Springfield Trip agenda
- Company logo featured on Local Bus Trip agenda
- Opportunity to provide promotional item at kick off
- Company logo featured weekly on signage
- Company logo on dinner program
- Social media exposure
- Website recognition

GOLD SPONSOR: \$500 (Multiple Available)

- Opportunity to provide promotional item for attendees at kick-off
- Company logo featured weekly on signage
- Company logo on dinner program
- Social media exposure
- Website recognition

SILVER SPONSOR: \$250 (Multiple Available)

- Company logo on dinner program
- Social media exposure
- Website recognition

Sponsorship Level: _____ Company Name: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

_____ Check Enclosed (Payable to Joliet Chamber)

_____ Please charge my Credit Card:

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Sec. Code: _____

Signature: _____