

The Program

Designed for relatively new executives and others recently promoted to top jobs requiring more community connection, Leadership Greater Hartford's **Executive Orientation Program** provides a comprehensive overview of the region's issues, institutions and leadership. This five session "sampler" is an excellent way to meet the region's influential leaders and discover places that make Greater Hartford an amazing place to work and play. Weekly four-hour sessions offer tours, meals and speakers in intimate settings enabling participants to interact with each other and invited speakers in a meaningful way. With class sizes no larger than 25, participants get a quick and intimate understanding of the key players and the ways they can feel at home, develop roots and become actively involved in the Greater Hartford community.



"The Executive Orientation Program is a great way to be introduced to Hartford. I recommend it to newcomers as well as executives new to their roles. I met wonderful people and made new contacts!"

Nancy Meyer

Vice President of Advertising, Hartford Courant

A Typical Program

Each season we find new ways to meet the people and explore the neighborhoods of Greater Hartford. We may climb into the Colt Dome or Travelers Tower for an aerial view of our beautiful river, visit the Circus Fire Memorial with the Fire Chief or meet with a veteran educator to hear how things look from their perspective. We will discover out-of-the-way ethnic restaurants and sit down with civic leaders for lively discussions. We will talk with business owners, developers, nonprofit executives, arts leaders, and community organizers. We will explore concerns, opportunities, the history, and the future of this great region. Your appreciation of Greater Hartford will be enhanced as you share experiences like these with other executives also relatively new to the area. The learning and networking are invaluable both personally and professionally.

Some Session Topics

- The social, economic and political history of Hartford
- The current political climate and regional trends
- The players and projects spurring Hartford's revitalization
- Regional economic development
- Transportation, education, housing, the arts, recreation, and much more

Recent Program Graduates

Vice President, Finance
Vice President, Accounting & Controller
Director of Division Operations
Vice President - Shared Services
Director of Customer Experience Operations
Director of Strategic Planning & Energy Productivity
Northeast Utilities

President & Executive Director
Northeast Utilities Foundation

Vice President of Managed Care Contracting
Women's Health USA

Senior Vice President & General Counsel
Vice President, Cancer Program
Senior Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer
Hartford Hospital

Executive Director
Office of State Ethics

Chief Operating Officer & Director of Development
City of Hartford

Head of School
Kingswood Oxford

President
Charter Oak State College

Senior Vice President & Chief Operating Officer
Director & Division Head, Hematology & Oncology
Physician, Pediatric Intensive Care Unit
CT Children's Medical Center

Vice President of Marketing
VNA Healthcare

Superintendent of Schools
Director of Professional Learning
Hartford Public Schools

Senior Vice President, Customer Service
ING

Vice President Corporate Communications
Senior Vice President Marketing & Communications
Associate General Counsel & Director Tax Law
The Hartford

Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic & Student Affairs
CT State University System Office

Executive Director
Everybody Wins CT!

Director of Information Technology
Director of Planning
Community Renewal Team

Vice President of Oak Hill Centers
Oak Hill

President Commercial Accounts
Vice President Talent Acquisition & Management
Vice President Product Management
Travelers Companies

Executive Director & Chief Executive Officer
The Hill-Stead Museum

Director of Racial Justice & Advocacy
YWCA Hartford Region

General Manager
Northland Investment Corporation



What Participants Say

"An outstanding opportunity to learn about the area's gems: parks, arts, historic sites, as well as network with high energy engaged leaders."

Jim Blazar
Senior Vice President & Chief Strategy Officer
Hartford Hospital

"The Program is an excellent way to learn about Greater Hartford from almost every angle: From its history and cultural institutions to the ways it is working to sustain itself and build for the future. It's a well balanced program that provides a good foundation, particularly for those trying to figure out how to get involved."

Michael Klein,
Senior Vice President Business Insurance
Travelers Companies

"I grew up in the Greater Hartford area and have worked here for over 20 years. Although the program is designed for newcomers, I came away with a greater appreciation of what Hartford offers and for the people making it happen. The pride and joy on the faces of the children at the Artists Collective will stay with me forever. I never would have been exposed to that without this program."

Mark Lukas
Director of Advertising - Key Accounts
Hartford Courant

"The program opened my eyes to collaborative opportunities with individuals and organizations. The sessions are brilliantly planned - like puzzle pieces that reveal limitless possibilities for life and work in Greater Hartford."

Sally Whipple
Director of Education & Community Programs
Old State House

For information or to apply

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Discover the people, places and possibilities of Greater Hartford

