



Now Accepting Applications for the 2024-2025 Class

This year marks the **32nd anniversary** since the founding of Pratt Leadership 2000 in 1992. This outstanding educational experience provides our community members with the opportunity to expand their leadership knowledge and capabilities. The class meets once a month from October to April. In addition to these monthly sessions, the class will attend a two-day conference, Your Leadership Edge, at the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita. While at the conference, participants will be able to connect and collaborate with others interested in improving their professional and community leadership abilities across the state and nation.

All classes begin at 9:00 a.m. and generally run until 4:30 p.m. **Participation in all planned activities and class days is required for graduation.** The 2024-2025 class will meet the following dates:

- October 9, 2024
- November 13, 2024
- December 11, 2024
- January 8, 2025
- February 12, 2025
- March 12, 2025
- April 9, 2025
- May 14, 2025
- TBA - Your Leadership Edge Class at the Kansas Leadership Center in Wichita. The two-day course will be announced by KLC at a later date. The month KLC hosts this class, we will cancel our regular Wednesday session.

Tuition for the 2024-2025 class is \$350 which covers the following expenses:

- Kansas Leadership Center Conference Fee (a \$400 value)
- Lodging in Wichita for KLC training
- Transportation to local monthly tours
- Lunch for each class session
- Required class materials, which includes materials from the Kansas Leadership Center for the Your Leadership Edge course.

*Leadership League offers a limited number of scholarships based on need and encourage those interested in the course but unable to afford the tuition to apply for the *Jeanette Siemens Leadership Scholarship*.

Application forms are available online at sccfks.org (under the partnership tab) and are due August 15, 2024!

Questions: contact leadershipleagueks@gmail.com.

ABOUT PARTNERSHIP WITH KANSAS LEADERSHIP CENTER:

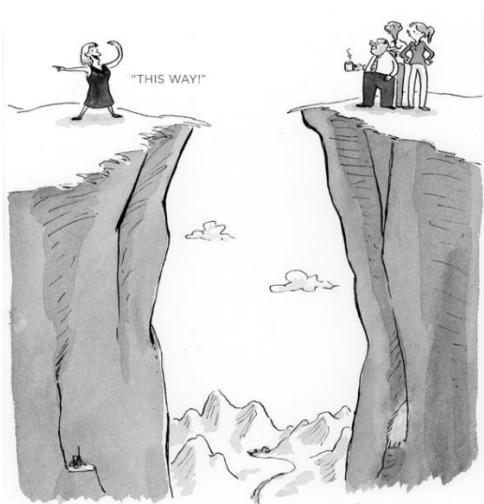
Leadership League has partnered with the Kansas Leadership Center (KLC) to create stronger, healthier, more prosperous communities. To grow our communities, we must mobilize others to inspire a collective purpose for the common good. We know it is risky and challenging work. The mission of the KLC is to foster civic leadership for healthier Kansas communities, and their core objectives are to inspire, educate and connect communities. We believe you would be a good candidate for this program.

Leadership is:

1. Learning skills and techniques to work with others, across factions, to create an environment for the better.
2. A program to engage the unusual voices that are often not heard.
3. About being challenged to ask and answer tough questions about ourselves and our communities.
4. Learning through powerful experiences that provide conceptual frameworks, skills, tools, and ways of being consistent with a more purposeful and collaborative leadership approach.

Our program begins with a day of getting to know your fellow classmates, followed by seven class sessions. During these sessions participants will explore the KLC Leadership Competencies of Diagnosing the Situation; Energizing Others; Managing Self; and Intervening Skillfully. Participants must attend all sessions to graduate from the program. Class participants will also attend a two-day conference at KLC in Wichita or virtually, pending the status of the global pandemic.

Class sessions also include small group activity, tours of Pratt County businesses and attractions, and the opportunity to network with community, business and civic representative.



Courtesy of the Kansas Leadership Center.

OUR HISTORY

Leadership League of South Central Kansas evolved from Pratt Leadership 2000 Plus. The first Leadership 2000 PLUS class was held in 1992, after almost one year of planning. The initial board of directors consisted of Howard Loomis, Frank Laubhan, Bob Schmissueer, Father Ted Skalsky, Dick McCall, Janis Moore and Jeanette Siemens, Director of the Pratt Area Chamber of Commerce.

For a number of years, the program was successful and one of mainly Community Awareness. Participation was one full day a month for 8 months. The program was very successful, but after several years, the board as well as participants began asking the question...isn't there more?

The timing was good as the Kansas Health Foundation had been holding "Town Hall" type meetings across the state and asking the question, "What would make your community a healthier place to live?" (By healthy, they meant physically, emotionally and economically). The answer of "leadership" came back more often than not. Leadership was ineffective, tired or no new leadership was emerging or all of the above. The Kansas Health Foundation (KHF) began looking for effective statewide programs, hence the Kansas Community Leadership Initiative. Seventeen communities in the state participated in the training which began in 1998. Over a three year period our program went through training with KHF and changed our program to reflect what we learned. Leadership skills and capacities became a part of the curriculum, and over time, community awareness continued as another segment. KHF gave us \$10,000 to help offset changes in the program and to begin encouraging projects.

Over the years, KHF has endowed Leadership with two separate \$100,000 grants that are managed by the South Central Community Foundation.

In 2019, the Leadership Pratt board reached out to our neighbors to discuss the possibility of expanding to include Kingman, Barber, Kiowa and Stafford counties. With much enthusiasm, Leadership League of South Central Kansas was created. The inaugural year saw 16 participants from four counties.

Our mission is to continue to cultivate and develop leadership in our communities. Pratt Leadership is a program to help develop the leadership base in our community, providing commonsense skills and capacities along with confidence to become a community leader.