



Testimonials from Leadership Charlottesville Graduates

"I can't recommend this program highly enough. Not only have I made friends for life, but I have truly come to know this community. I have taken many seminars and educational classes and this course ranks right at the top!"

Sam Morris

Director of Operations

Michie Tavern

"Leadership Charlottesville is one of the most valuable experiences I've had. I am self-employed, and I felt I received my money's worth at the end of our second meeting. We spent that day at a challenge course, and we focused on team building and practicing leadership skills...with powerful debriefing and coaching after each exercise. What a great start that was to 10 weeks of receiving a bird's-eye view of the issues and challenges facing many sectors of our community! I now feel far more at home and rooted here both personally and professionally. I can't recommend this program highly enough—it's more than worth the investment of time and money, and I know that I'll continue to benefit for years to come."

Linda Kolker

Marketing Consultant

Kolker & Associates



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“What I enjoyed the most about Leadership Charlottesville was the opportunity to meet and work with such diverse, motivated and bright people. We had all different types of personalities and interests, and together we learned more about what goes on behind the scenes of our local government, educational systems, health and human services and the business community. I left every class energized and feeling smarter, and now I have so many more personal connections throughout the community”.

Kim Connolly

Director of Marketing & Communications
United Way-Thomas Jefferson Area

“The LC experience is one of the best I had in my professional and personal life. Being new to the community the program quickly helped me establish great business contacts and partnerships. It also helped me understand the uniqueness of this great community and what great things people from all walks of life are involved in. I highly recommend this program for folks new to the Charlottesville/Albemarle area, and I look forward to the great friendships I made over the last year.”

Fred Greer

Regional Circulation Director
Media General
Central Virginia Community Newspapers



“For me, attending Leadership Charlottesville was like being given the keys to the city. The program opened the door to new friends and colleagues, numerous business opportunities, and a renewed sense of appreciation and responsibility for the city I call home.”

Elizabeth Swider

President
Care is There

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"A life changing experience...no program has ever had such an impact on my professional and personal life as Leadership Charlottesville."

Laura Knox

Director of Marketing
Gary Albert State Farm Insurance

"The program provided me the opportunity to learn about myself, my community and my LC classmates which have and will continue to enrich my personal and professional life. I have made new friends and business contacts that are as beneficial as my experiences in LC. I've lived in Charlottesville since 1991 and felt like I was in tune with the goings on of our area, but boy was I mistaken. From listening to Coy Barefoot discuss Charlottesville's history, to the housing conditions and outreach programs offered through the corrections facilities, I am now a much better educated resident of this great community. I am excited I applied, was accepted and participated fully, and I am better for having done it. Thank you for the opportunity.

Jamie Yowell

Major Account Manager for Government in Western Virginia
Alltel Wireless

"When changing professions in mid-stream after 18 years of working as a business professional in Charlottesville/Albemarle County, Leadership Charlottesville provided me with the ultimate conduit for professional value and the added benefit of many new or deeper personal relationships that I would not have enjoyed before. As a class of 2005 member I have classmates that I have reached out to me and have surprised me with invitations spurred by our class participations together – I am such a believer in this program for personal & professional advancement I have committed myself to its enhancement both as a volunteer and Board member."

Beth Vanda

Owner
Vanda Visions



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“Leadership Charlottesville was by far the best business experience I’ve had in my career here in Charlottesville. It provides a wealth of knowledge and resources about the Charlottesville area, as well as an extremely supportive core of connections to the 35 other classmates who are all equally passionate about this City. I have never found a group of people who are as motivated, reliable, and hard-working as this group- they are truly the ideal leaders, volunteers, and business-people in our community. I believe that anyone who wants to be a force and make a real impact on the Charlottesville community should go through this program. It will open doors to new opportunities for anyone who is looking for them”.

Sasha Cannon Farmer, Realtor®, GRI, ABR, SRS, e-Pro
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