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**March 2022**  
Leadership Brazosport Edition

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE GRADUATES OF THE LEADERSHIP BRAZOSPORT CLASS!



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# Chairman's Message.

One of the most important assets of any community is leadership. It is important for leaders to work together and collaborate on existing and future issues. Our community has been blessed by visionary leaders who are familiar with how the community must function to successfully grow and prosper. A community as dynamic as ours demands that a continuous supply of creative, energetic, well-informed people with leadership potential be prepared to meet the challenges of the coming decade and beyond. Equally as important, is the continuity of this leadership which is one of the reasons that the Leadership Brazosport Program was created.

The objective of the Brazosport Area Chamber's Leadership Brazosport Program is to bring together potential leaders from the total population mix of the community and expose them to the interwoven components, strengths, and opportunities for improvement within the community. Participants are introduced to current leaders who will encourage dynamic discussion and debate. This seven-session program was designed to acquaint potential leaders with the knowledge necessary to effectively participate in community affairs. Participants learn about the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce and how it operates to serve the community. The Leadership Brazosport Program also trains potential leaders through informational sessions on education, industry, healthcare, tourism, non-profit and government sectors. Additional highlights of the program are field trips to the Center for the Arts & Sciences, Sea Center Texas & The Clarion. The government session includes a one-day trip to Austin where the Leadership Class will tour the State capitol and meet the elected officials that represent the Brazosport area. The various sessions are held at the Brazosport Chamber, Brazosport College, one of the non-profit organizations, Freeport LNG, MEGlobal or Dow and St. Luke's Hospital where participants are given the opportunity to go on "back scene" guided tours that others may never be exposed to.

I would like to invite you to participate in the Leadership Brazosport Program or nominate an employee to participate. I am a graduate myself and have sponsored many of our employees at Freeport LNG. They have always had a positive experience and learned a great deal about every aspect of the Brazosport community. I'm sure you can see by looking through this newsletter that the sessions are not only informative but fun. Many participants form a lasting bond and still get together even after the program ends.

This program is held every other year and will begin again in January, 2023. For more information, please contact the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce at [donna@brazosportchamber.org](mailto:donna@brazosportchamber.org) or call 979-285-2501. Sincerely,

Wendy Mazurkiewicz  
2022 Chairman of the Board  
"Local Focus for a Global Economy"

# GET ACQUAINTED SESSION

The Leadership Brazosport Class kicked off with a “Get Acquainted” Session held at the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce.



# EDUCATION SESSION

The Leadership Brazosport Class held their "Education" Session at the Dow Academic Center and then toured Brazosport College and The Clarion. Many thanks to Anne Bartlett, Brazosport College and Danny Massey, Superintendent, B.I.S.D., for their interesting and informative presentations.



# NON-PROFIT SESSION

The Leadership Brazosport Class held their “Non-Profit” Session at the Pregnancy Help Center. Enlightening presentations were made by the following Non-Profit speakers: Jackie Fuller, Pregnancy Help Center; Shane Newby, True to Life Ministries; Joe Gardzina, Brazos Place; Terri Willis, Brazoria County Dream Center; David Moore, Women's Center of Brazoria County; and Kim Effenberger, Junior Achievement of Brazoria County. We appreciate all of you and your service to our community.



# INDUSTRIAL SESSION

The Leadership Brazosport Class visited Freeport LNG for their “Industrial” Session and toured their facility by van. Many thanks to Wendy Mazurkiewicz & Ryan Davis, Freeport LNG, for the warm welcome and educational presentation on Freeport LNG.



# FIELD TRIP

The Leadership Brazosport Class toured the Center for Arts & Sciences and Sea Center Texas. Many thanks to Wes Copeland at the Center for Arts & Sciences and Sea Center volunteers for the information and tours. Also, our appreciation to Mayor Gerald Roznovsky, City of Lake Jackson, for the informative update on Lake Jackson.

## The Center for the Arts & Sciences



## Sea Center Texas



# GOVERNMENT SESSION

The Leadership Brazosport Class spent a day in Austin at the State capitol and Governor's Mansion. The participants got to meet with Senator Joan Huffman and Representative Ed Thompson. They also visited the offices and staff of Representative Cody Vasut and Senator Larry Taylor. They enjoyed lunch at a downtown restaurant and then toured the Governor's Mansion.



# HEALTH SESSION

The Leadership Brazosport Class met at St. Luke's Brazosport Hospital for their "Health" Session. The guest speakers included Natasha Hyde, Interim VP Patient Care Services, Bob Trautman, President of St. Luke's Brazosport Hospital & Lisa Price, Cancer Center Director. The participants appreciated these beneficial presentations on healthcare.



## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Leadership Brazosport Co-Chairs began meeting June 4th to begin planning the five-month 2021 Leadership Brazosport Program.

Our heartfelt thanks for the time and effort that Co-Chairs (L to R) Brittany Rosenbohm, Brazosport ISD & Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance Agency, devoted to this program making it a huge success.

Also, special thanks to Nancy Wollam, District Director, Representative Cody Vasut's Office, for planning the Austin trip which everyone really enjoyed.



# OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEERS

The Board of Directors named Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance & Brittany Rosenbohm, BISD Education Foundation, Co-Chairs of the Leadership Brazosport Class, as Outstanding Volunteers, for their efforts in making this program such a success. This is a 5-month program that requires many volunteer hours and we appreciate their dedication and service to the Brazosport Chamber as well as the community. L to R: Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance, Wendy Mazurkiewicz, Chairman of the Board & Brittany Rosenbohm, BISD Education Foundation.



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