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## Congratulations to the **The Chamber** Brazosport Area Leadership BRAZOSPORT

Class of  
2023!



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# Chairman's Message.

Everybody who knows me knows I love to cook, and I think the key to a great recipe is the right ingredients. Here at the Brazosport Area Chamber of Commerce, we work hard to cook up the best dishes for our local economy, and I think one of the most important ingredients is leadership. Good leaders have the skills and knowledge to make smart decisions and solve problems effectively. Without strong leadership, it's hard to succeed at a personal or organizational level. Healthy, effective leadership is essential for any business or community to reach its full potential.

The objective of the Brazosport Area Chamber's Leadership Brazosport Program is to bring together potential leaders from diverse backgrounds and organizations and allow them to experience the many interwoven aspects of our region so they can better engage in, and serve, our community.

In this seven-session program, they learn about the Chamber and how it operates. They also engage in informational sessions on education, industry, health care, tourism, non-profits and government. Additional highlights include field trips to the Center for the Arts & Sciences and the Lake Jackson Historical Museum. The government session includes a one-day trip to Austin where the Leadership Class tours the State capitol and meets the elected officials who represent the Brazosport area. The various sessions are held at the Brazosport Chamber, Brazosport ISD's Career & Technical Education center, a non-profit organization, Freeport LNG, MEGlobal and/or Dow and CHI St. Luke's. Participants get to go behind-the-scenes to learn more about the inner workings of these important organizations.

If you would like to add to this "recipe of success" for our community, I invite you, or one of your employees, to participate in the Leadership Brazosport Program. MEGlobal has sponsored several folks to take part and they have always had a positive experience. I'm sure you can see by looking through this newsletter that the sessions are not only informative but fun. Many participants form a network of personal and professional relationships that last a lifetime.

This program is held every other year and will begin again in January, 2025. 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,

Scott Daigle

2023 Chairman of the Board

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## Get Acquainted Session

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

L to R: Misti Flores-Financial Advisor, Wells Fargo; Beate Damm, Altamira; Farhan Shariff, MEGlobal; Lauri Weigle, Brazos Mall; Gayla Murphy, The Facts; Jesse Glatz, TBT Real Estate; Savannah Stewart, St. Luke's-Brazosport Hospital; Kaley Crisp, Brazosport I.S.D.; Kasie Guthrie, Brazosport College Foundation; Madi Gartman, Cordoba Law Firm, P.L.L.C.; Lindsay Scovil, Lake Jackson Historical Foundation; Amy Pope, Brazosport I.S.D.; Lacey Ahrens, Function 4 & Nealie Essary, Freeport LNG.



## Education Session

The Leadership Brazosport Class held their "Education" Session at Brazosport I.S.D.'s Career & Technical Education Building and then toured the facility. Many thanks to Danny Massey, Superintendent, Brazosport I.S.D. & Dr. Vincent Solis, Brazosport College, for their interesting and informative presentations.



Back row L to R: Nealie Essary, Freeport LNG; Amy Pope, Brazosport I.S.D.; Christina Treybig, Freeport LNG & Farhan Shariff, MEGlobal. Middle row L to R: Korynne Kappler, UTMB Health-Angleton Campus; Madi Gartman, Cordoba Law Firm; Kasie Guthrie, Brazosport College; Laurie Weigle, Brazos Mall; Lindsay Scovil, Lake Jackson Historical Assoc.; Front row L to R: Danny Massey, Superintendent, Brazosport I.S.D. & Guest Speaker; Beate Damm, Altamira; Gayla Murphy, The Facts; Savannah Stewart, St. Luke's Hospital-Brazosport; Kaley Crisp, Brazosport I.S.D.; Lacey Ahrens, Function 4; Jesse Glatz, TBT Real Estate & Dr. Vincent Solis, President, Brazosport College & Guest Speaker.

# Education Session



Brazosport I.S.D.'s Career & Technical Education meeting room.



Dr. Vincent Solis, President,  
Brazosport College



Danny Massey, Superintendent,  
Brazosport I.S.D.

## Non-Profit Session

The Leadership Brazosport Class held their "Non-Profit" Session at the Harvest for the Hungry Education Center and then toured their facility. Enlightening presentations were made by the following Non-Profit speakers: David Huang, Harvest for the Hungry; 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 Michelle Davenport, Pregnancy Help Center. We appreciate all of you and your service to our community!



Meeting room at Harvest for the Hungry Education Center.



# Industrial Session

The Leadership Brazosport Class visited Dow Pack Studios and MEGlobal for their “Industrial” Session and toured both facilities. Many thanks to Gabriella Cone, Dow Chemical & Trish Thompson, MEGlobal, for the warm welcome, educational presentations and informative tours



Leadership Brazosport at Dow Pack Studios. Back row L to R: Beate Damm, Altamira; Lauri Weigle, Brazos Mall; Madi Gartman, Cordoba Law Firm; Lacey Ahrens, Function 4; Nealy Essary, Freeport LNG; Robert Johnson, Freeport Economic Development Corp. & Jesse Glatz, TBT Real Estate. Front row L to R: Korynne Kappler, UTMB Health-Angleton-Danbury; Kasie Guthrie, Brazosport College Foundation; Gayla Murphy, The Facts; Lindsay Scovil, Lake Jackson Historical Assoc. & Misti Flores, Wells Fargo Advisors.

Leadership Brazosport at MEGlobal. Left side, top to bottom: Lacey Ahrens, Function 4; Korynne Kappler, UTMB Health Angleton Danbury Campus; Madi Gartman, Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC; Gayla Murphy, The Facts & Beate Damm, Altamira.

Top Middle: Lauri Weigle, Brazos Mall.

Right side, top to bottom: Jesse Glatz, TBT Real Estate; Farhan Shariff, MEGlobal; Kasie Guthrie, Brazosport College Foundation; Misti Flores, Wells Fargo Advisors & Lindsay Scovil, Lake Jackson Historical Assoc.



# Field Trip

The Leadership Brazosport Class toured the Center for the Arts & Sciences and the Lake Jackson Historical Museum. Many thanks to Wes Copeland at the Center for the Arts & Sciences and Lindsay Scovil at Lake Jackson Historical Association for the information and tours.



Top Row: Lauri Weigle, Brazos Mall & Jesse Glatz, TBT Real Estate, 3rd Row, L to R: Robert Johnson, Freeport Economic Development Corp., Misti Flores, Wells Fargo Advisors & Korynne Kappler, UTMB Health-Angleton-Danbury Campus, 2nd row, L to R: Madi Gartman, Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC, Nealie Essary, Freeport LNG & Savannah Stewart, St. Luke's Health-Brazosport. Front row, L to R: Lindsay Scovil, Lake Jackson Historical Association, Kasie Guthrie, Brazosport College Foundation & Farhan Shariff, MEGlobal.



# Government Session

The Leadership Brazosport Class spent a day in Austin at the State Capitol and Governor's Mansion. The participants toured the offices of Senator Joan Huffman, Representative Cody Vasut and Representative Ed Thompson. They enjoyed lunch at a downtown restaurant and then toured the Governor's Mansion.

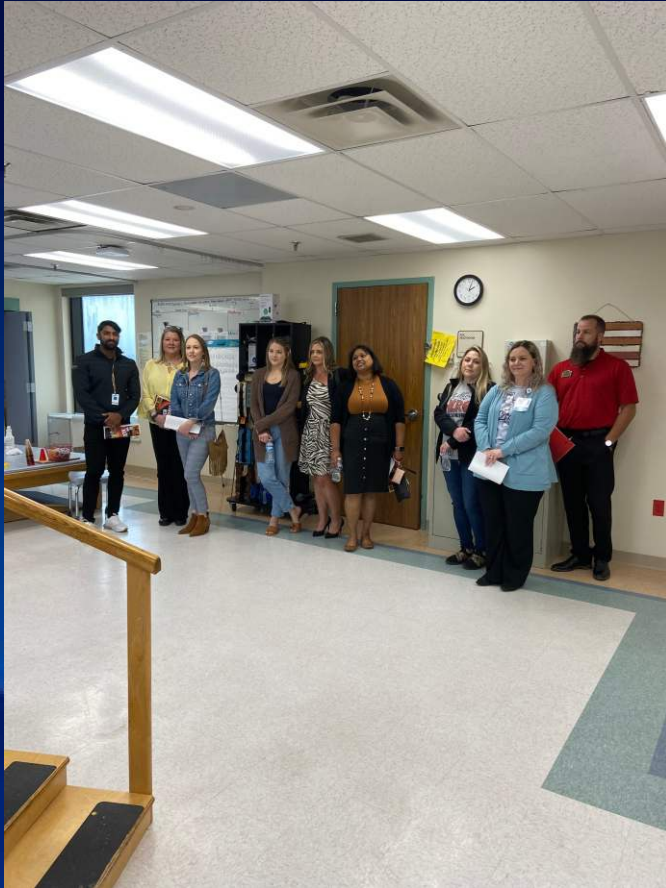


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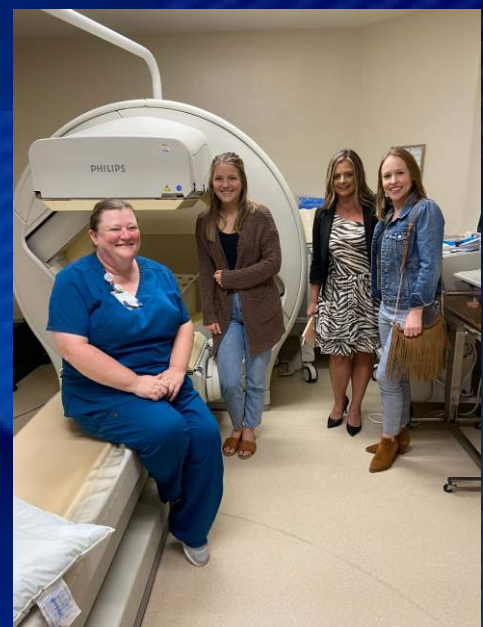
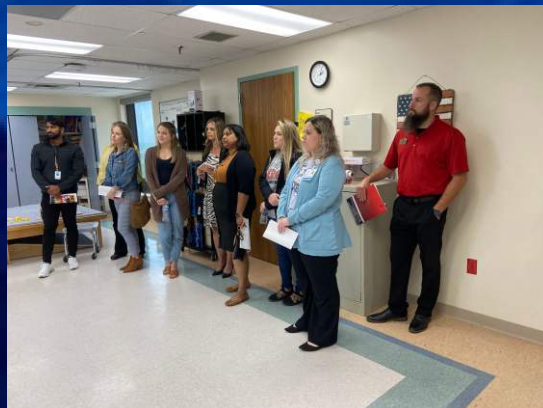


# Health Session

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. The participants toured the hospital and cancer center.



L to R: Farhan Shariff, MEGlobal; Lauri Weigle, Brazos Mall; Lindsay Scovil, Lake Jackson Historical Association; Madi Gartman, Cordoba Law Firm, PLLC ; Misti Flores, Wells Fargo Advisors; Gayla Murphy, The Facts, Korynne Kappler, UTMB Health Angleton-Danbury Campus; Savannah Stewart, St. Luke's Health-Brazosport & Jesse Glatz, TBT Real Estate.





# Special Recognition



The Leadership Brazosport Co-Chairs, Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance Agency (left) and Karla Christman, Brazosport I.S.D., began meeting last October to begin planning the four-month 2023 Leadership Brazosport Program.

Our heartfelt thanks for the time and effort that Co-Chairs Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance Agency (right) & Karla Christman, Brazosport I.S.D., devoted to this program to make it a huge success!



The Board of Directors named Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance & Karla Christman, Brazosport I.S.D., Co-Chairs of the Leadership Brazosport Class, as Outstanding Volunteers, for their efforts in making this program such a success. This is a 4-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: Karla Christman, Brazosport I.S.D. ; Scott Daigle, MEGlobal, Chairman of the Board & Neldia Ahlquist, Neldal Insurance.



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# COME OVER ROVER

For many years Sherrie has managed different businesses for other companies. Throughout her career she was fortunate enough to have managers to teach her the ways of the business world. Still, she always strived to be a business owner herself. After many years of working in an office, she was landed a work from home position working with reviewing body shop estimates. This is when the baby of the family, little Wyatt, was born in August 2022. Life as we knew it was wonderful, both of Sherrie's daughters were working in the pet care industry. Sherrie was able to work from home and care for Wyatt. November 22, 2022 tragedy struck, Wyatt was admitted to Texas Children's Hospital in Downtown Houston. He was only 5 months old, fighting for his life. His diagnosis was Bacterial Meningitis & RSV. This left the family strained, and Taylor had to resign from her current management position to be able to be with Wyatt at the hospital, for his 28 day stay in the PICU. Wyatt was intubated and suffered brain injuries, and it was later determined that he would be deaf in one ear, along with different sight issues. Wyatt was moved out of the PICU mid December 2022, and released later that month. The bills kept coming and that is when the decision was made to form a business that was conducive with the unknown future. Sherrie spent many sleepless nights in the hospital planning, researching, and praying for answers. With the help of her husband Marque, the dream came true. Come Over Rover started to take shape, and we were all so excited! The current goal is to run a successful business, so that Sherrie can one day be able to be a full time grandma, and Taylor and Emily be able to run the newly built business. We know in God's time and with his blessings it will come. For now we will do what is necessary to keep our customers happy & operate business as usual. We will continue to cross bridges and jump hurdles for Wyatt as they come. We appreciate all of the love and support we have received from the community and look forward to having you join our Fur-Family!

We look forward to seeing you all at Come Over Rover, where every day is a Happy Day!



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