



## ABOUT

1. ***I don't know anything about Leadership Middle Tennessee, can you tell me about its history?***

Leadership Middle Tennessee, a regional leadership program, was founded in 1999 as a result of Partnership 2000 Regional Partnerships Initiative. The founding leaders had the foresight to understand that the region must work together collaboratively to achieve economic prosperity and growth. Without a regional focus, the Middle Tennessee region faced a future of competition vs. collaboration for economic prosperity and regional growth. The founding team was led by the late Marvin Runyon. Leadership Middle Tennessee is a 501(c) 3 organization.

2. ***What is the mission of Leadership Middle Tennessee?***

Our mission is to inspire community leaders to action by providing a forum for regional networking, collaboration, strategic thinking, and action learning.

3. ***Who is on the Board of Directors for Leadership Middle Tennessee?***

Our Board of Directors is led by chairman Mrs. Deborah Varallo. In addition to Deborah, there are 36 board members from across the 10-counties of Middle Tennessee.

4. ***What counties are included in the Leadership Middle Tennessee program?***

The 10-county Middle Tennessee area includes Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Maury, Montgomery, Sumner, Rutherford, Robertson, Williamson, and Wilson counties.



5. ***What do Leadership Middle Tennessee participants study?***

Over a ten month period, Leadership Middle Tennessee participants spend 1 ½ days per month focused on issues and opportunities for the region. The program highlights each county and takes an in-depth look into relevant issues that face the entire region. Sessions are interactive and speakers are key regional players.

6. ***What is the value of this leadership program to a participant?***

Leadership Middle Tennessee participants have the opportunity to understand issues, impacts, and implications that affect the region now and in the future, grasp the big picture of the Middle Tennessee region, develop an outstanding network of collaborators across the counties, gain access to key decision makers and industry leaders, and strengthen their personal leadership skills to advance community leadership activities.

7. ***How do I obtain more information about the program?***

To learn more about Leadership Middle Tennessee, visit our website at [www.leadMT.org](http://www.leadMT.org), friend us on Facebook at Leadership Middle Tennessee, or follow us on Twitter @leadMT.

## **ALUMNI**

1. ***How many alumni are involved with Leadership Middle Tennessee?***

As we honor our 15th anniversary, Leadership Middle Tennessee has approximately 400 alumni. Our alumni are spread across the 10-counties of Middle Tennessee and include participants from a diverse group of businesses and industries, Federal, state, and local governments, universities, and nonprofits.



2. ***What is the value of being an alumni?***

Alumni continue to have access to the strong alumni network. They often serve on the board or board chartered committees to continue to give back to the program. Alumni are active recruiters and mentors for Leadership Middle Tennessee participants. Several alumni events are held each year to provide learning and networking opportunities.

## EVENTS

1. ***What other events are sponsored by Leadership Middle Tennessee?***

Leadership Middle Tennessee kicks off the year in September with an annual alumni summit and new class orientation. Monthly classes run from September to May. Class graduation is held in May.

2. ***Who are Leadership Middle Tennessee's sponsors and supporters?***

Leadership Middle Tennessee is operated from the campus of Middle Tennessee State University, and MTSU is a founding partner of the program. The Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce is also a founding partner. Various local and state agencies, universities, businesses, the 10-county Chambers, and Cumberland Region Tomorrow provide support throughout the year.

3. ***How do I obtain more information about Leadership Middle Tennessee events?***

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