



Sponsored by the Greater Williamsburg Area Chamber & Tourism Alliance, the Community Leadership Service (CLS) program is designed to provide participants with a view into the inner workings of the Historic Triangle unmatched by any other program. Through a series of eleven exciting day-long sessions, participants have unequalled access to local leaders.

CLS is especially attractive to area newcomers, retirees, those about to retire and to individuals with flexible schedules which allow them to participate in the eleven weekly sessions. As a result of the program, CLS graduates often take on volunteer leadership roles in the community.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Why take this class? CLS offers participants a unique perspective of the Greater Williamsburg area – its people, needs, governing bodies and key institutions and organizations – all in a single organized experience. Participants receive behind-the-scenes view of the institutions and the opportunity to engage directly with their leadership. You will enhance your community understanding, involvement, pride, enthusiasm, connections and personal relationships through meeting with community leaders and other involved citizens. The program provides the best growth opportunity – both personal and professional – to increase one’s ability to make a difference.

What is the Greater Williamsburg area? Also called the Historic Triangle, the Greater Williamsburg area includes the City of Williamsburg, James City County and the Bruton District of York County.

Where are the Classes? A few classes are held in a central location. To provide an insider’s perspective to community organizations, most classes are held at locations pertinent to the day’s topic.

When are the classes? CLS Class of 2016 will begin with a class retreat on January 26. Beginning February 2, classes meet on Tuesdays for ten weeks and last approximately seven hours. Normal start time is 8:30am and may vary slightly based on agenda and location.

Who operates CLS? The program is sponsored by the Greater Williamsburg Chamber & Tourism Alliance and directed by a steering committee of CLS alums.

What is the relationship to the Leadership Historic Triangle (LHT) program? LHT is the Greater Williamsburg Area Chamber & Tourism Alliance program designed for people who are currently working.

Professionals attend similar classes over six months, preparing for expanded community leadership roles. Members of the LHT class of 2003 suggested that retirees would benefit from the same content to prepare them for volunteer leadership roles, and could do so over a shorter period of time. The first CLS class was held in 2006.

What is the cost for participation? The tuition is \$500 which covers administration, refreshments, meals and group transportation.

Is there any tuition assistance? A limited amount of needs-based tuition assistance is available.

What if I can't attend all the sessions? In order to get the full benefit of the CLS program, you should be available for all of the sessions. We understand about unexpected events, however are unable to provide pro-rated tuition refunds for missed classes.

What happens when I graduate? You can use what you have learned in ways that you find interesting and enriching. There is no formal placement process in volunteer positions; however, you will have established a valuable network of contacts to help you get involved.

How can I sign up? Space is limited. Application forms for CLS Class of 2016 are available on-line: <http://www.leadershiphistorictriangle.camp7.org/page-333021>. The application deadline is November 30, 2015. Final class membership selection considers candidates who represent a cross-section of the Greater Williamsburg community, its diversity, and those who have a demonstrated or clearly expressed interest in community service. Class members will be notified of their acceptance no later than mid-December.

How can I learn more about CLS? Visit <http://www.leadershiphistorictriangle.camp7.org/page-333020> or email clsprogram@cox.net to arrange to have a CLS graduate contact you.

The Class of 2016 program:

- Welcome retreat, January 26
- Area History
- Destination Marketing and Tourism
- Healthcare
- Courts and Public Safety
- Education
- Human Services
- Arts and Culture
- Government
- Military
- Class Debriefing and Graduation, April 5
- Optional CLS Alumni events



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