

EALA CLASS OF 2023-24

The Elgin Area Leadership Academy was founded in 1991, and continues to enjoy a stellar reputation as a program of the Elgin Area Chamber of Commerce.

The program is dedicated to educating, developing, and empowering current and future community leaders and motivating them to serve civic, charitable, and business organizations.

EALA participants develop friendships and become part of an ever-growing network of community leaders that can be life-changing.



Participant selection is based upon evidence of community involvement and a willingness to assume greater community responsibilities. The EALA requires a significant commitment to the class with participant attendance being critical for achieving the maximum benefit from the program.

Selection criteria include:

- Demonstrated commitment to community
- Volunteering for a board, interest in seeking public office, or holding other key leadership roles
- Potential for advancement to top leadership positions
- A maximum of 25 participants will be selected, with a diligent effort to represent a cross section of the community in age, race, gender and occupation.

Academy participants who miss more than two of 11 monthly sessions must withdraw from the program with no portion of tuition refunded.

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ELGIN AREA LEADERSHIP ACADEMY



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A PROGRAM OF THE
ELGIN AREA CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE





BENEFITS AND VALUE

For Participants: EALA participants benefit from a broad-based education about the community in which they live and/or work while developing a valuable communications network among civic, business and educational leaders. They gain personal and professional skills that increase their effectiveness within their community and business environment.

For the Community: The greater Elgin area benefits from the development of a source of high quality leaders with broadened perspectives prepared to address issues critical to the future. The success of the program can be measured by the number of EALA graduates who currently serve their communities in volunteer and elected positions.

For the Business Community: Businesses whose employees participate in EALA benefit from the development of personal skills that increase their effectiveness in their professional environment.

CLASS OF 2023 - 24 SCHEDULE

All classes are held on Saturdays
from 8 a.m. to Noon

Sept. 30	Leadership Development 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Oct. 14	Bus Tour
Oct. 28	Academy Experience I
Nov. 11	Social Justice & Diversity
tbd	Academy Experience II
Dec. 9	City of Elgin
Jan. 6	Education
Jan. 27	Board Governance
Feb. 17	Economic Development
March TBD	Ethics
April 6	Health
April 27	Eyes of Volunteer Leaders
May 4	Graduation 8-10:30 a.m.

This is your opportunity to
become part of a critical and
expanding community network.

Visit our website at
ElginChamber.com for more
information and to
apply online.

APPLY TODAY

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Steve Kroiss

Chief Operating Officer
79 Ratio

The Leadership Academy is a great program that anyone in the Elgin area, in a leadership role or looking to be in a leadership role should experience.

Sarah Rabe

Executive Director of
Elementary Schools
School District U-46

I was able to make connections that have allowed me to expand the impact I have in my role in School District U-46, as well as provide extended opportunities for me to serve my community. I also walked away from this experience with lasting friendships and connections that are priceless.

Dr. David Sam

President
Elgin Community College

EALA did not disappoint! It provided me with the acculturation, contacts, and opportunities in the area I need for my work as the president of ECC. In a short time, I was linked to the community and drew upon the community's resources to further the mission of ECC. Fifteen years later, I am still benefitting from my participation in the program.



Join 600+
graduates who
have completed
this program!