

# LEADERSHIP

# News



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### LDCAA Board Members:

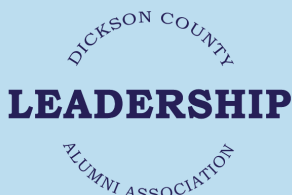
- Spencer Earhart - *Pres. Elect*
- Amy Stringer - *Treasurer*
- Brandon Cardwell - *Secretary*
- Tiffany Lane - *Past President*
- Rod Dawson
- Julia Holt
- Susan Ahlheit
- Chris Norman
- Lorrie Pruett
- Michael Shepard
- Beverly Wolfe
- Andi Arms
- Janet Cluck - *Ex Officio*
- Dana Ramsey - *Ex Officio*
- Jennie Wagner - *Ex Officio*

### The New Class

Meet the 2023 Leadership Dickson County Class Members! Having reached the halfway mark in the program, they are gaining a better understanding of our county operations. Over the next several months, they will experience Education, State Government, Economic Development/Tourism, Health Care, and Communication/What's Next class dates. We look forward to their contributions to Dickson County.



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### 2023 Class Members:

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|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Stephanie Bilderback | Nadine Hebdon   | Cheryl Pitney   | Kimberly Todd   |
| Jennifer Caruthers   | Andy James      | Carol Rothstein | Taylor Weiss    |
| Eric Chandler        | Sarah Kerr      | Travis Saine    | Scott Willett   |
| Morgan Chandler      | Allyson Lampley | James Savage    | Cynthia Zwingle |
| Mary Collins         | Terry Malone    | Kyle Schreiber  |                 |
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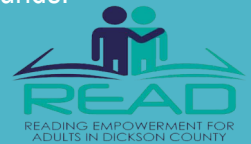
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### Annual Food Drive Competition

The food drive for 2022 was the third year of raising food for the Dickson County Help Center. LDCAA raised a total of 2,304 pounds from food and cash donations. This competition's winning class was the current Leadership Class of 2023, which totaled 637 pounds.

They will be donating the \$250 prize they won to the local non-profit READ.



**MADE IN** *Dickson County*

**SAVE THE DATE: April 13<sup>th</sup>**

Advanced Alumni Day - Open to current LDCAA members! Gain a better understanding of quality products made in Dickson County, both past and present. Look for more details to be available soon!



### Are You A Current Member?

Keep your membership up-to-date to take advantage of our fun events. Being a current LDCAA member provides free entry, entertainment, food, and drink. Yearly dues are \$40 and payable at the Chamber.

**BEST  
CLASS  
EVER**



### Where is the Trophy?

Does someone from your LDC class have possession of it? This is a perfect way to get your class back together and come up with a plan for conquering the 'Best Class Ever' award, along with braggin' rights. Remember, the trophy is always up for the taking! Visit the LDCAA website for the guidelines to claim the trophy.



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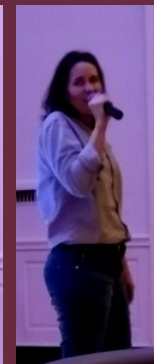
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## Past Event Highlights!

We are adding a new benefit to LDCAA events: bringing a plus one! Check out some photos from our Casino Night and SONGO / Karaoke Alumni events! The LDCAA board is actively planning events quarterly so alumni can stay in touch. We hope to see you at our next LDCAA event!



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## 8 Must-Have Qualities of an Effective Leader

As well as providing direction, inspiration, and guidance, good leaders exhibit courage, passion, confidence, commitment, and ambition. They nurture the strengths and talents of their people and build teams committed to achieving common goals. The most effective leaders have the following traits in common.

### Qualities of an Effective Leader

#### 1. Share Their Vision

A leader with vision has a clear idea of where they want to go, how to get there and what success looks like.

#### 2. Lead By Example

As a leader, the best way to build credibility and gain the respect of others is to set the right examples. Demonstrate the behavior that you want people to follow.

#### 3. Demonstrate Integrity

A leader with integrity draws on their values to guide their decisions, behavior, and dealings with others.

#### 4. Communicate Effectively

The ability to communicate clearly, concisely and tactfully is a crucial leadership skill. Communication involves more than just listening attentively to others and responding appropriately. It also includes sharing valuable information, asking intelligent questions, soliciting input and new ideas, clarifying misunderstandings, and being clear about what you want.

#### 5. Make Hard Decisions

To be an effective leader, the ability to make fast, difficult decisions with limited information is critical. Being a resolute and confident decision-maker will allow you to capitalize on opportunities and earn the respect of your team.

#### 6. Recognize Success

Frequently and consistently recognizing achievement is one of the most powerful habits of inspiring leaders.

#### 7. Empower Others

Great leaders understand that for people to give their best, they must have a sense of ownership over their work and believe that what they're doing is meaningful.

#### 8. Motivate and Inspire

The best leaders drive their team forward with passion, enthusiasm, inspiration and motivation. Invest time in the people you lead to determine their strengths, needs, and priorities.

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