

# Leadership Carroll County Graduates 16 New Leaders

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Carroll County Comet



"Leadership rocks" Rocks were painted to commemorate the Leadership Carroll County Class of 2024-2025 Photos provided by Leadership Carroll County

Sixteen county professionals graduated on May 14 from Leadership Carroll County, a nine-month program that is held every other year.

The Class of 2024-2025 are Adrian Scott, Alyssa Thomas, Amber Morgan, Ashley Meyer, Brooke Morgan, Jessica Ausbrook, Jim Ousley, Kathleen Peterson McDonough, Katie Hedrick, Kelly Martin, Kristen Schmid, Lauren DeHaven, LeAnne Breeden, Mitchell Catron, Sean Manet and Spencer Kingery.

The program is made possible through a partnership between Carroll County Economic Development Corporation, Carroll County Chamber of Commerce, YMCA Camp Tecumseh and the Family Health Clinic with support from the Community Foundation Serving Howard, Clinton & Carroll Counties.

The program is designed to assist the development of current and emerging leaders in the county.

Participants are taken through a series of personal and professional workshops while concurrently being immersed in community resources.

To date, there are 187 graduates of the program including the new graduating class. The next class begins in the fall of 2026.



Leadership Carroll County's 2024-2025 graduating class. Photos provided by Leadership Carroll County

The first leadership program launched in 2006 and culminated with the class of 2015. After being dormant for nearly seven years, the program relaunched in 2022, when its curriculum was revamped to provide skills that will meet today's challenges.

The curriculum encompasses a combination of personal leadership and development topics including information about the county and current issues. The program utilizes a combination of local resources and nationally recognized leadership development programs.

In addition to the curriculum, Leadership Carroll County engages elected officials, educational leaders and local businesses throughout the program to help participants better understand the community's challenges and opportunities.



Leadership Carroll County Class of 2024-2025 participants begin their course.

The course was held in eight sessions.

Launching Your Leadership Journey was the title of the first session, with speaker Shelly Bays.

During the second session, leaders explored the county and heard from speaker Mike Tetrault with the Wabash & Erie Canal.

Learning Across Generations was the focus of the third session that featured the playing of a game with Mitch Isaacs from Shafer Leadership Academy.

During the fourth session, the leaders learned about Navigating Civic Engagement from multiple county and community leaders.

The fifth session was Leading Through Non-Profit Organizations, with guests from Miriam Robeson with Robeson Law, Todd Moser with Community Foundation and a panel of local nonprofits.

The leaders got to Experience Health & Human Services in Carroll County through a simulation exercise at the Brooks Center (Family Health Clinic) in the sixth session.

Workforce and Economic Development were the focus of the seventh session, with Molly Whitehead of MKW+Co and a panel discussion with local industries.

During the eight and final session, the leaders learned about Charting Their Own Course by diving into personal assessments with Natalee Fuller.

For more information on Leadership Carroll County, visit [www.leadershipcarrollcounty.com](http://www.leadershipcarrollcounty.com)