

Norwalk Leadership Institute

2021 - 2022 Program Syllabus

INTRODUCTIONS & OVERVIEW OF NORWALK

Wednesday, October 20, 2021, 8:30 - 11:30 am

The Norwalk Inn & Conference Center

99 East Avenue

Norwalk, CT 06851

Speakers

- Sabrina Church - Director of Business Development & Tourism, City of Norwalk
- Diane Jellerette - Executive Director, Norwalk Historical Society

GROUP PROJECT OVERVIEW & COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, November 3, 2021, 8:30 - 11:30 am

POTOO Solutions

40 Richards Avenue

6th Floor

Norwalk, CT 06854

Group Project Overview

- Representative from Norwalk Community College
 - *Community Career Day at NCC*

Workshop Facilitator

- Charles Presbury - President, Presbury & Associates

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Wednesday, November 17, 2021, 8:30 - 10:30 am

Norwalk City Hall

Common Council Chambers

125 East Avenue, 3rd Floor

Norwalk, CT 06851

Speakers

- Mayor Harry Rilling - City of Norwalk
- Darlene Young - Member, Norwalk Common Council
- Tom Keegan - Member, Norwalk Common Council
- Terrie Wood - State Representative, 141st District
- Bob Duff - State Senator, 25th District

Moderator: Harry Carey - Director of External Affairs, AT&T

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 8:30 - 10:30 am

301 Merritt 7

Norwalk, CT 06851

Speakers

- JoAnn McGrath - Director of Leasing, Merritt 7 Venture – Marcus Partners
- Clay Fowler - Chairman & CEO, Spinnaker Real Estate Partners LLC
- Steve Kleppin - Director of Planning & Zoning, City of Norwalk
- Brian Bidolli - Executive Director, Norwalk Redevelopment Agency
- Matthew Seebeck - General Manager, The SONO Collection

Moderator: Jessica Casey - Chief, Economic and Community Development, City of Norwalk

EDUCATION

Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 8:30 - 10:30 am

Norwalk Community College

188 Richards Avenue

East Campus Conference Room

Speakers

- Cheryl Devonish - CEO, Norwalk Community College
- Dr. Alexandra Estrella - Superintendent, Norwalk Public Schools
- Sherelle Harris - Director, Norwalk Public Library
- Marge Costa - Executive Director, Norwalk Education Foundation

Moderator: Jennifer Barahona - CEO, Norwalk ACTS

ARTS & CULTURE

Wednesday, January 5, 2022, 8:30 - 10:30 am

The Norwalk Art Space

455 West Avenue

Norwalk, CT 06850

Speakers

- Duvian Montoya - Artistic & Educational Director, The Norwalk Art Space
- Kevin Connors - Executive Artistic Director & Co-Founder, Music Theatre of Connecticut
- Marc Alan - Marketing Director, Factory Underground
- The Norwalk Arts Commission
- Kimberly Henrikson - Executive Director, Center for Contemporary Printmaking
- Weverson Ponte - Founder & Co-Owner, MAD Labs

Moderator: Sandra Miklave - Executive Director, Norwalk Symphony Orchestra
- Board Member, Stepping Stones Museum for Children

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION

Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 8:30 - 10:30 am

OperationsInc

383 Main Avenue, Lobby Conference Center

Norwalk, CT 06851

Speakers

- Charles Presbury - President, Presbury & Associates
- Tyrone Taylor - Manager, HR/Training & Development, OperationsInc
- Anne-Marie Knight - Director, The Black Business Alliance
- Michael Broncati - President & Director of Coaching of Keep Kickin Soccer

Moderator: Lissette Andino - Manager, Regulatory Affairs - CT, Eversource

HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY

Wednesday, February 2, 2022, 8:30 - 10:30 am

Norwalk Hospital

34 Maple Street, 5th Floor

Norwalk, CT 06850

Speakers

- Peter Cordeau - President, Norwalk Hospital
- Sue Zecca - Deputy Chief of Police, City of Norwalk
- Michele DeLuca - Deputy Director, Emergency Management, Norwalk Fire Department
- Kenneth Waller - Chief Executive Officer, Norwalk Community Health Center

Moderator: Deanna D'Amore - Director, Norwalk Health Department, City of Norwalk

HUMAN & SOCIAL SERVICES

Wednesday, February 16, 2022, 8:30 - 10:30 am

Human Services Council

1 Park Street, Second Floor

Norwalk, CT 06851

Speakers

- Nancy Coughlin - Executive Director, Person-To-Person
- Rob Cashel - President & CEO, Family & Children's Agency
- Maria Escalera - Director of Human Services, City of Norwalk
- Anthony DiLauro - Executive Director, Human Services Council
- Staci Peete - High Risk Navigator, Norwalk Hospital

Moderator: Adam Bovilsky - Executive Director, Norwalk Housing Authority

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Wednesday, March 2, 2022, 8:30 - 10:30 am

Stew Leonard's

100 Westport Avenue, Upstairs

Norwalk, CT 06851

Speakers

- Stew Leonard, Jr. - President & CEO, Stew Leonard's
- Jason Patlis - President & CEO, The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk
- Fred Dimyan - CEO, POTOO Solutions
- Mendi Blue-Paca - Chief Community Impact Officer, Fairfield County's Community Foundation

Moderator: Teresa S. Polley - President/CEO, Financial Accounting Foundation (Retired)



GROUP PRESENTATION & GRADUATION

Wednesday, March 9, 2022, 8:30 - 10:30 am

LaKota Oaks

32 Weed Avenue

Norwalk, CT 06850

Group projects will be presented to the audience, and certificates will be presented to graduating participants. An open invitation will be sent to all speakers throughout the program, and participants are able to bring one selected guest.