

Norwalk Leadership Institute

Program Syllabus - 2020 to 2021

All sessions will meet virtually over Zoom.

INTRODUCTIONS & OVERVIEW OF NORWALK

Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 8:30 - 10:30 am

Speakers

- Sabrina Church - Director of Business Development & Tourism, City of Norwalk
- Steve Kleppin - Director of Planning & Zoning, City of Norwalk
- Diane Jellerette - Executive Director, Norwalk Historical Society
- Sandra Miklave - Executive Director, Norwalk Symphony Orchestra (Norwalk Arts)
- Board Member, Stepping Stones Museum for Children

GROUP PROJECT OVERVIEW & COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, November 4, 2020, 8:30 - 11:30 am

Group Project Overview

- Christene Freedman - Chief Development Officer, Riverbrook (Norwalk and Wilton) YMCA

Workshop Facilitator

- Charles Presbury - President, Presbury & Associates

REGIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, November 18, 2020, 8:30 - 10:30 am

Speakers

- Joe McGee - VP, Public Policy and Programs, The Business Council of Fairfield County (Retired)
- Tom Long - Vice President, Communications & Development, The Workplace Inc.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Wednesday, December 2, 2020, 8:30 - 10:30 am

Speakers

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

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

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, December 16, 2020, 8:30 - 10:30 am

Speakers

- JoAnn McGrath - Director of Leasing, Merritt 7 Venture – Marcus Partners
- Clay Fowler - Chairman & CEO, Spinnaker Real Estate Partners LLC
- Brian Bidolli - Executive Director, Norwalk Redevelopment Agency
- Kevin Conroy - President, Bluewater Coastal Co.
- Matthew Seebeck - General Manager, SONO Collection

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

EDUCATION

Wednesday, January 6, 2021, 8:30 - 10:30 am

Speakers

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

Moderator: Jennifer Barahona - CEO, Norwalk ACTS

HEALTH & PUBLIC SAFETY

Wednesday, January 20, 2021, 8:30 - 10:30 am

Speakers

- Peter Cordeau - President, Norwalk Hospital
- Deanna D'Amore - Director, Norwalk Health Department, City of Norwalk
- Michele DeLuca - Deputy Director, Emergency Management, Norwalk Fire Department
- Thomas Kulhawik - Chief of Police, City of Norwalk
- Staci Peete - High Risk Navigator, Norwalk Hospital

Moderator: Maria Escalera - Director of Human Services, City of Norwalk

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION

Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 8:30 - 10:30 am

Speakers

- Charles Presbury - President, Presbury & Associates
- Brenda Penn-Williams - President - Norwalk Branch, NAACP
- Michael Broncati - President & Director of Coaching of Keep Kickin Soccer
- David Lewis - CEO, Operations Inc

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

HUMAN & SOCIAL SERVICES

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

Speakers

- Nancy Coughlin - Executive Director, Person-To-Person
- Rob Cashel - President & CEO, Family & Children's Agency
- Anthony DiLauro - Executive Director, Human Services Council
- Lamond Daniels - Chief of Community Services, City of Norwalk

Moderator: Adam Bovilsky - Executive Director, Norwalk Housing Authority

LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 8:30 - 10:30 am

Speakers

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

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

GROUP PRESENTATION

Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 8:30 - 10:30 am

Group projects will be presented and certificates will be mailed to the graduates.