

# Norwalk Leadership Institute

## 2023 - 2024 Program Syllabus

### INTRODUCTIONS & TOUR OF NORWALK

Wednesday, November 1, 2023, 8:30 - 11:30am

*The Norwalk Inn & Conference Center*

*99 East Avenue, Patio*

*Norwalk, CT 06851*

#### **Speakers**

- Sabrina Godeski - Director of Business Development & Tourism, City of Norwalk
- Steve Kleppin - Director of Planning & Zoning, City of Norwalk

### GROUP PROJECT OVERVIEW & COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP

Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 8:30 - 11:30am

*POTOO Solutions*

*40 Richards Avenue, 6th Floor*

*Norwalk, CT 06854*

#### **Group Project Overview**

- Presentation of Project, [REDACTED]

#### **Workshop Facilitator**

- Patricia Brigham - True Colors International

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Wednesday, November 29, 2023, 8:30 - 10:30am

(10:30 - 11:30am available to work on project, if needed)

*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
- Bryan Meek - Member, Norwalk Common Council
- Fred Wilms - Republican Town Committee
- Bob Duff - State Senator, 25th District

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

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, December 13, 2023, 8:30 - 10:30am

(10:30 - 11:30am available to work on project, if needed)

*501 Merritt 7, Multi-Purpose Room*

*Norwalk, CT 06851*

#### **Speakers**

- JoAnn McGrath - Director of Leasing, Merritt 7 Venture/Marcus Partners
- Clay Fowler - Chairman & CEO, Spinnaker Real Estate Partners LLC
- David Waters - General Counsel, Building & Land Technology
- Brian Bidolli - Executive Director, Norwalk Redevelopment Agency
- Matthew Seebeck - General Manager, The SoNo Collection

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

### EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Wednesday, January 10, 2024, 8:30 - 10:30am

(10:30 - 11:30am available to work on project, if needed)

*CT State Community College - Norwalk*

*188 Richards Avenue, E212, East Campus Conference Room*

*Norwalk, CT 06854*

#### **Speakers**

- Cheryl DeVonish - CEO, CT State Community College - Norwalk
- Dr. Alexandra Estrella - Superintendent, Norwalk Public Schools
- Marge Costa - Executive Director, Norwalk Education Foundation
- Michele Conderino - Executive Director, Open Doors
- Rhea Henry - Norwalk Workforce Coordinator, Norwalk ACTS

**Moderator:** Jennifer Barahona - CEO, Norwalk ACTS

### ARTS & CULTURE

Wednesday, January 24, 2024, 8:30 - 10:30am

(10:30 - 11:30am available to work on project, if needed)

*Factory Underground*

*16 Isaacs Street*

*Norwalk, CT 06850*

#### **Speakers**

- Marc Alan - Marketing Director, Factory Underground  
- The Norwalk Arts Commission
- Duvian Montoya - Artistic & Educational Director, The Norwalk Art Space
- Kevin Connors - Executive Artistic Director & Co-Founder, Music Theatre of Connecticut
- Diane Jellerette - Executive Director, Norwalk Historical Society
- Kimberly Henrikson - Executive Director, Center for Contemporary Printmaking

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

### DIVERSITY, EQUITY, & INCLUSION

Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 8:30 - 10:30am

(10:30 - 11:30am available to work on project, if needed)

*Financial Accounting Foundation*

*801 Main Avenue*

*Norwalk, CT 06851*

#### **Speakers**

- Brian Klecatsky - Director, Diversity and Inclusion, Charter Communications
- Simone Morris - CEO, Simone Morris Enterprises
- LaToya Fernandez - Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Officer, City of Norwalk

**Moderator:** Lissette Anidno - Director of Equity & Environmental Justice - Eversource

### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Wednesday, February 28, 2024, 8:30 - 10:30am

(10:30 - 11:30am available to work on project, if needed)

*Norwalk Hospital*

*34 Maple Street*

*Norwalk, CT 068540*

#### **Speakers**

- Peter Cordeau - President, Norwalk Hospital
- Nancy Coughlin - Executive Director, Person-To-Person
- Rob Cashel - President & CEO, Family & Children's Agency
- Lamond Daniels - Chief of Community Services, City of Norwalk
- Kenneth Waller - CEO, Norwalk Community Health Center

**Moderator:** Adam Bovilsky - Executive Director, Norwalk Housing Authority

### LEADERSHIP

Wednesday, March 13, 2024, 8:30 - 10:30am

(10:30 - 11:30am available to work on project, if needed)

*Stew Leonard's*

*100 Westport Avenue, Upstairs*

*Norwalk, CT 06851*

### **Speakers**

- Jason Patlis - President & CEO, The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk
- Fred Dimyan - CEO, POTOO Solutions
- Novelette Peterkin - CEO, The Carver
- Stew Leonard, Jr. - President & CEO, Stew Leonard's

**Moderator:** Kristin Okesson - Senior Vice President/Market Manager, Connoisseur Media

### GROUP PRESENTATION & GRADUATION

Wednesday, March 27, 2024, 8:30 - 10:30am

*The Norwalk Inn & Conference Center*

*99 East Avenue, Patio*

*Norwalk, CT 06851*

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.