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DALLAS, PA – On June 14, 2024, the Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce graduated 10 community professionals from their Leadership Wyoming program at The Beaumont Inn.

Leadership Wyoming is a developmental opportunity for chamber member employees to learn more about the challenges facing Wyoming County businesses, build upon leadership skills, and connect with other professionals in the area.

After being chosen through a competitive selection process by the Leadership Wyoming Committee, the candidates experience nine months of extensive, hands-on curriculum at business locations. Covering a multitude of topics such as agriculture, tourism and heritage, government and the justice system, manufacturing, economic development, health and wellness, education, and natural gas, the program exposes candidates to the diverse range of industries located in Wyoming County.

Each year, the Leadership Wyoming group selects a project to work on as a class. In previous years, classes have embarked upon community projects, student engagement efforts, volunteer hours, and workforce development initiatives. This year, the leadership group felt inspired on their visit to Interfaith Friends to hold a fundraiser to support the organization's Back to School Shoes program, raising nearly \$10,000 that will aid in providing shoes for almost 200 children. The fundraiser was a cornhole tournament at Flying Bags Cornhole in Tunkhannock, PA on April 27, 2024, and it included raffle baskets and a BBQ meal donated by Control Tech.

“The Class of 2024, while smaller than past groups, was made up of a very diverse group of individuals who learned to work together to accomplish a common goal for our community. This team is a testament to service before self and finding the common thread that brings the project to success. Congratulations to the Leadership Wyoming Class of 2024!” Chamber president, Gina Suydam, reflects.

Photo taken during luncheon with Senator Lisa Baker and State Representative Tina Pickett. Pictured: (From back left) - Matthew Piontkowski (M&T Bank), Samuel Lazzaro (P&G), Drew Wortman (Coterra Energy), Bobbi Jo Canfield (Mueller Family McDonald's), Jessica Coolbaugh (Ace Robbins, Inc), Seth Tratthen (Southwestern Energy), and State Representative Tina Pickett. (From front left) - Lindsay Shepherd (Wyoming County Chamber of Commerce), Julie Nicholas

(Williams), Senator Lisa Baker, Kristin Tewksbury (Children's Service Center), and Kelley Guedes (Camp Freedom).

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