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**Shawnee Chamber  
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# News

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### **Shawnee Chamber announces Shawnee Tomorrow 2009 Leadership Class**

The Shawnee Chamber of Commerce (SCC) and the leadership steering committee take pride in announcing the **Shawnee Tomorrow Leadership** class of 2009. The class is comprised of 17 individuals who live and/or work in the Shawnee area. The corporate sponsor for the 2009 *Shawnee Tomorrow* program is The Sweet Life Rosehill.

The following individuals were selected for the 2009 Shawnee Tomorrow Leadership Class:

Mike Beatty – City of Shawnee  
Bryan Blizzard – GBA-George Butler Associates  
Nick Burke – 59 Plaza LLC  
Liz Crawford – City of Shawnee  
Kevin Fern – Shawnee Convention and Visitor's Bureau  
Steve Hale – Brotherhood Bank and Trust  
Renee Hultgren – USD #232  
Rob Kampen – CommunityAmerica Credit Union  
Kelly Kilgore – MARCIT  
Michelle Lewis – Bayer HealthCare LLC  
Mike Peerson – Weaver's Auto Center, Inc.  
Michael Rea – Johnson County Community College  
Aaron Ridenour – Capitol Federal Savings  
Kristen Shelley-Chapin – Chapin Law Firm  
MeLissa Trujillo – CoreFirst Bank and Trust  
Jeff Vaught – The Vaught Group  
Sherry Wickenhauser – The Sweet Life Rosehill

The Shawnee Tomorrow program includes a series of eight educational sessions covering a broad spectrum of issues concerning the community. The program sessions began in January and are held approximately every two weeks culminating with graduation in June, 2009. The sessions are designed to be interactive and

stimulating. Participants will be introduced to civic leaders, government officials, educators, and experts from a variety of fields. Participants develop an in-depth understanding of the inter-relationships and complexities of the community.

The 2009 Leadership Steering Committee is chaired by Justin Nichols, Lathrop & Gage, LLC, along with Dana Blubaugh, Pittsburg State University; Dawn Downes, The Reach Healthcare Foundation; Dennis Goedicke, First State Bank; Bryan Kidney, Finance Director – City of Shawnee; Wade Kordonowy, HCA Midwest; David Prunte, Overland Park Chamber of Commerce; and Mary Taylor, Shawnee Chamber of Commerce.

**Shawnee Tomorrow Leadership** was founded in 1989 by the Shawnee Chamber of Commerce. The goal of the program is to create awareness, appreciation and action in the Shawnee community and to develop individuals to assume leadership roles within the Shawnee community, Johnson County and the state of Kansas and beyond.

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