



**2017/2018**

## **LEADERSHIP STEAMBOAT**

*Your Portal to Meaningful Community Involvement  
Course Outline and Schedule*

### **Leadership Development:**

An important part of the Leadership Steamboat program is enhancing each participant's leadership skills. Included in this year's program are 6 leadership sessions, led by Steve Muntean of Muntean Leadership Group. Topic areas include developing a leadership mindset, building a cohesive, high performing team, motivating and empowering people, coaching to high levels of performance, increasing personal and team accountability and increasing communication skills.

### **Thursday & Friday, September 21/22**

#### **ORIENTATION RETREAT (Half day Thursday, all day Friday)**

A two-day retreat designed to allow new students to get to know one another and discuss the contents of the Leadership Steamboat course. Students get an opportunity to really get to know each other, voice their opinion on issues important to them and decide the context of future seminars. Also incorporated will be an introduction to leadership styles and a group profile activity.

### **Friday, October 13**

#### **COMMUNITY FIELD TRIP: AGRICULTURE and LAND CONSERVATION**

Students will spend a half-day looking at the challenges facing ranching and preservation of land in the Yampa Valley. The second half of the day will focus on the expectations and planning of individual and group projects.

### **Friday, November 3**

#### **COMMUNITY ISSUES**

We will look at current issues impacting the Yampa Valley such as affordable housing, development and growth, or any three issues that are most important to the group. An open forum allows students a chance to meet the players involved with these issues. This day will also feature a leadership training session.

### **Friday, December 1**

#### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT – GETTING THINGS DONE – YAMPA VALLEY STYLE**

Leadership Steamboat will bring community leaders to talk about how they were successful in achieving major changes in the valley – a new hospital, airport, ice rink, ski area, judicial center – how do these things happen? What are the commonalities? What are the challenges? Lessons learned can be applied to potential future group project ideas.

### **Friday, January 5**

#### **COMMUNITY FIELD TRIP – MINING / GROUP PROJECT PLANNING**

Students will spend a half-day looking at the challenges facing mining in the Yampa Valley. The second half of the day will focus on strategic planning tools as they relate to the group project.

### **Friday, February 2**

#### **YAMPA VALLEY BUSINESSES**

This day will feature various industries that make up the businesses of the Yampa Valley. A visit with industry leaders representing tourism, health care, manufacturing or construction will help class members understand the challenges that face them.

### **Friday, March 2**

#### **POLITICAL ACTION (City, County, and School District)**

An in-depth look at City, County and School government and the issues and challenges each face. The day features panel discussions with public officials and a tour of public facilities. Question and answer sessions allow students the chance to interact with these officials. Students will present their individual projects during the second half of the day.

## Friday, April 6

### **PUBLIC SERVICE FORUM**

An inside look at the various volunteer organizations operating in our community. Students will present organizations that they have studied as part of their individual projects. This day will also feature a leadership training session.

## Friday & Saturday, May 4

### **REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE FIELD TRIP**

The class will join City and County leaders on a bus ride to a regional resort destination for an overnight field trip to learn firsthand how they are grappling with similar issues and infrastructure. This will be a good opportunity to get to know our community leaders as well as learn from our counterparts in another town.

## Friday, June 1

### **FINAL RETREAT**

This is a one-day retreat to analyze and critique the leadership program and group project. It will include an evaluation of individual efforts, teamwork, goal achievement and overall contribution to the community. Class photo will be taken this day as well!

## Thursday, June 7

### **GRADUATION**

Celebrate your achievement and community understanding at a party to be held in your honor. Bring family and co-workers to enjoy this event with you!

#### **Required Reading:**

**There will be materials that will be distributed to the group as required reading before specific sessions.**

#### **Projects:**

**A large part of the program is a group project of the class's choice. There will be time allotted during some of the classes, but some meetings and tasks will need to be completed outside of class time.**

**There is also an individual project requirement; this will need to be completed outside of class time.**

#### **Program Facilitators:**

**Randy Rudasics – Manager, Yampa Valley Entrepreneurship Center at Colorado Mountain College since 2006. Previously Randy was President of Star Staffing Services in South Bend, Indiana and was a Manager with Hewlett Packard Company. Randy is a 2007 Leadership Steamboat graduate. 970-819-2016, [rrudasics@coloradomtn.edu](mailto:rrudasics@coloradomtn.edu). Randy is entering his 6th year as a facilitator of Leadership Steamboat.**

**Kara Stoller – Chief Executive Officer, Steamboat Springs Chamber Resort Association. Kara serves as a member of Ski Town Rotary, Northwest Colorado Broadband Board, First Impressions Council, is a Mountain Village Partnership Ex-Officio Board Member, served as the Parks and Recreation Commissioner from 2011 - 2015 and is a graduate of Leadership Steamboat. In 2016, she was honored with the Twenty Under Forty Outstanding Young Achievement Award.**

