



# Community Leadership Service

GREATER WILLIAMSBURG

Sponsored by the Greater Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce, Community Leadership Service's mission is to inspire participants to make a difference through leadership and volunteerism by building sustaining relationships that add value and vibrancy to the greater Williamsburg area via a behind-the-scenes view of area organizations and engagement with key leaders.

We value:

- ▲ Community Engagement
- ▲ Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion
- ▲ Education
- ▲ Innovation and Flexibility
- ▲ Mentorship
- ▲ Volunteerism

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## Program Overview

Sponsored by the Greater Williamsburg Area Chamber of Commerce, the Community Leadership Service (CLS) program provides participants with a unique perspective of the Greater Williamsburg area – its leaders, civic needs, governing bodies and key organizations in a single organized experience, unmatched by any other program.

## Program Components

Participation in CLS requires a serious commitment of your time, energy and community involvement.

### ORIENTATION MEET AND GREET

Meet your fellow classmates and learn about the program's objectives and community issues. This half-day session is the program kick-off and held in October of the year prior to each class.

### WEEKLY FULL DAY SESSIONS

January through March, address topics of community interest and concern in the following subject areas:

- ▲ History: Past Meets Present
- ▲ Government, Tourism and Economics
- ▲ Health and Wellness
- ▲ Environment and Conservation
- ▲ Educating the Community
- ▲ Addressing Community Needs
- ▲ Protecting the Community
- ▲ Arts and Culture
- ▲ Interactive Evaluation and Graduation



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## Interested in CLS?

We are looking for individuals who have a passion for our area, a thirst for learning things, and a desire to volunteer in our community. If that sounds like you, then consider applying for the CLS Program.

You only need to have a clearly expressed interest in our community and be able to commit to the time required for the entire program.

## Participant Selection

The CLS Board makes the selections, seeking a cross-section of participants from the community that reflect the program's values.

CLS runs in even numbered years. Application submission is January 15 through June 1 in the year prior to the class with selections and notification in July of that year.

## Applications

Are you ready to experience this view into the inner workings of the Greater Williamsburg area and learn how you can utilize your skills and experiences for your community?

### APPLY NOW!

Applications, tuition rates and frequently asked questions are available on our website: [www.CLSGreaterWilliamsburg.org](http://www.CLSGreaterWilliamsburg.org).

## Alumni and Our Key Organizations

Participants complete the program having gained a deeper understanding of their community and where they can make a positive impact. Many of the key organizations involved in the program engage CLS alumni as thought partners, volunteers, and board members, which strengthens area ties, bolsters growth, and fosters new opportunities within the community.

Since 2006, a total of 128 individuals have participated in the CLS program, and they have told us it's the best way to increase their ability to make a difference in the community. Some of our alumni shared where they volunteer:

"Education Foundation Programs and Teaching Awards Committee." *JL, '16*

"Historic Jamestown Visitor Center and the Colonial Heritage Foundation." *DW, '08*

"Williamsburg House of Mercy." *CW, '18*

"Peninsula Agency on Aging, and Colonial Williamsburg." *TJ, '08*

"Sentara Hospital Concierge Desk." *JW '12*

CLS Alumni come from a broad range of backgrounds and experiences, including:

- City and County Government
- Corporate Executives, Sales and Training
- Education, Teaching and Administration
- Healthcare Administration and Consulting
- Human Resources Management
- Information Technology Management
- Legal, Medical and Dental Professionals
- Military Leadership and Command
- US Intelligence and Government Agencies

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