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11TH SUFFOLK LEADERSHIP ACADEMY ANNOUNCED

November 11, 2009 - The Suffolk Leadership Academy's Planning Council with the support of the City of Suffolk proudly announces the eleventh annual Suffolk Leadership Academy. The current academy is scheduled to begin on February 2, 2010 and will continue for 11 sessions. The Suffolk Leadership Academy is designed to develop and strengthen leadership skills for citizens desirous of serving the community in various roles as well as to foster a better understanding of the workings in the city and state government.

Sessions will be held at City Hall, Council Chambers located at 441 Market Street and will include instruction in the theory and the practical application of leadership by Mr. W. Ross Boone. The topics this year will include: History of Suffolk, Local Government, Economic Development & Regionalism, Tourism, Agriculture, Education and Volunteerism. Special trips to the General Assembly in Richmond and a tour of Suffolk are included in the class as well. The programs may be viewed by the citizens of the Suffolk community on the Suffolk Municipal Access Channel (Channel 8).

The instruction portion of the class runs from 5:30-6:00 and guest speakers begin at 6:00 p.m. Dinner is provided for every class and each class ends at 8:30 p.m. Over 200 students have graduated from the Suffolk Leadership Academy.

The cost of the class is \$350.00. Individuals are encouraged to apply and companies are encouraged to sponsor a student or to enroll one of their "best and brightest" employees to become a member of the class. Sponsorships are available at the following levels:

- Gold \$1,000 (includes 2 student sponsorships and 4 tickets to the closing reception)
- Silver \$ 500 (includes 1 student sponsorship and 2 tickets to the closing reception)
- Bronze \$ 350 (includes 1 student sponsorship)

For more information about the Suffolk Leadership Academy, please contact Kenda Council at 539-8789 x 3339 or kcouncil@nsacademy.org. Please submit your application form to: Suffolk Leadership Academy, P.O. Box 4047, Suffolk, Virginia 23439 before January 29, 2010.

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>
February 2, 2010	4:30-5:30 p.m.	Student Meet & Greet at Rescue Squad 2nd Floor Meeting Room
	5:30-8:00 p.m.	Opening Reception & History of Suffolk
February 9, 2010	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Tour of Suffolk
February 16, 2010	5:30-8:30 p.m.	City Government & City Council
February 23, 2010	7:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.	Trip to Richmond
March 2, 2010	5:30-8:30 p.m.	Economic Development, Budget & Projects
March 9, 2010	5:30-8:30 p.m.	Health, Public Safety & Social Services
March 16, 2010	5:30-8:30 p.m.	Agri-Business & CEO Forum
March 23, 2010	5:30-8:30 p.m.	Education & Transportation
March 30, 2010	5:30-8:30 p.m.	Parks & Recreation, Housing, Tourism, Community Development & Utilities
April 6, 2010	5:30-8:30 p.m.	Regionalism & Volunteerism
April 13, 2010	5:30-8:30 p.m.	Suffolk Leadership Academy Alumni
April 20, 2010	5:30-8:00 p.m.	Shadow a Leader Projects
April 26, 2010	5:30-8:00 p.m.	Graduation Ceremony

(schedule subject to change)

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