

### **Take it From the Leaders!**

*"The Leadership Glades program was a wonderful learning experience for me. The camaraderie of the class members, and the knowledge I gained was truly rewarding.*

*Even though I had lived in the Glades all of my life, I learned through Leadership Glades many facets of the area that were unknown to me before. I highly recommend this program for everyone; it will surely add a new dimension to your life."*

**Dolly Hand**  
*Inaugural Class of 1992*

*"The Leadership Glades program provides a wealth of information about what goes on in the Glades area. Whether you have lived here all your life or are new to the area as I was; this class shows what this community is all about. Participation in the Leadership Glades program and becoming involved afterward on the Leadership Advisory Board is a life changing experience. I challenge you to change your life, join a class, you'll be glad you did."*

**Kay Brand**  
*Class of 2000*

*"The Leadership Glades Program has been a great experience and will be a lifelong memory for me. By going through this leadership program, I have learned a great deal about the different industries located in the Glades area. It is also a great way to form a network with other leaders in the Glades. I would highly recommend this program to present and future leaders of the Glades."*

**Keith Wedgworth**  
*Class of 2003*

### **2010 - 2011 Advisory Board**

*Mike Arena, Chair '08*  
*Andrew Bilardello, Class Rep. '10*  
*Debbie Bowles, Treasurer '06*  
*Julie Bussey, Class Rep. '10*  
*Terri Calsetta, Vice Chair '99*  
*Jan Cook '09*  
*David Davis '09*  
*Melanie Grimes, Secretary '04*  
*Kathy Krawchuk, '97*  
*Kathy Lockhart '94*  
*Eddie Rhodes, Chamber Rep. '09*  
*Alan Sullivan '98*  
*Maude Vereen '99*  
*Diane Woods '06*

*Secretary Emeritus: Mary Orsenigo '92*  
*Chamber Executive Director: Brenda Bunting '02*

### **Class Dates and Topics**

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**Orientation**  
September 21, 2011

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**Education & Cultural Arts**  
October 19, 2011

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**Business & Economy**  
November 16, 2011

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**Health & Human Services**  
December 14, 2011

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**Agriculture & Agribusiness**  
January 18, 2012

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**Government & Judicial System**  
February 15, 2012

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**Environment & Water Management**  
March 21, 2012

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**Graduation**  
April 3, 2012



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## **2011 - 2012 Class Year**

### **A Leadership Development Program**

# **Leadership Glades**



*A program of  
the Belle Glade  
Chamber of Commerce*

# Leadership Glades



## **An Opportunity To:**

- Develop leadership skills
- Learn about critical issues of the Glades
- Discuss concerns with key decision makers
- Establish new contacts
- Contribute to the future of the Glades

If you are interested in serving the community, committed to professional growth, and dedicated to the future of the Glades, then you are a candidate for

## **Leadership Glades!**

Leadership Glades is an exciting program designed to prepare potential leaders to meet the challenges facing the Glades.

Participants explore critical issues through a series of seminars and related activities. Interaction with key decision-makers, local area experts, community leaders, and representatives of local government, assist participants in better understanding the forces that impact their business, community, and daily lives.

Leadership Glades believes the cooperative effort of well-informed citizens is the key to preserving and enhancing the quality of life that Glades residents enjoy.

## **The Program**

As the Leadership Glades program is designed to be interactive, not passive, the challenges and opportunities of the future are addressed in a seminar format. Issues are presented in an open, in depth manner. Leadership Glades does not advocate any one viewpoint, but strives to present all sides of a topic.

Upon acceptance into the program, participants will receive a schedule of seminar subjects and dates. Participants are required to attend an orientation session on September 21, 2011. Six day-long seminars are held on a monthly basis from October 2011 through March 2012. Seminar settings vary, moving throughout the Glades in order for the class to meet in locations appropriate to the issues being addressed.

Knowledge acquired from Leadership Glades will give each participant a deeper insight into special problems facing the Glades.

## **Topics to Be Addressed:**

- Leadership Skills
- History of the Glades
- Quality of Life
- Environment
- Water Management
- Health
- Human Services
- Agriculture
- Business Diversity
- Agribusiness
- Education
- Government
- Community Issues
- Community Involvement
- Future of the Glades
- Cultural Arts

## **Selection Criteria**

Leadership Glades participants are representative of the area's geographic, business, and ethnic mix. Criteria used for selection include the following:

- A sincere commitment, motivation and interest to serve in the community
- Participation in community activities
- Interest in seeking key volunteer or leadership roles
- A commitment to 100% attendance

## **After the Program**

Upon completion of Leadership Glades, graduates may further relationships formed during the program, remain informed on community and county issues, and assist in designing future leadership programs.

## **Getting Started**

To be considered, applicants should submit a completed application form to Leadership Glades, 540 S. Main St., Belle Glade, FL 33430, by August 12, 2011. Once accepted into the program, a fee of \$275.00 is required to cover meals, transportation, and other program expenses before Orientation on September 21, 2011.

Applications for Leadership Glades are available at the Glades area Chamber of Commerce or online at: <http://leadershipglades.com/>

### **For more information contact:**

Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce  
561-996-2745 or [bgchamber@aol.com](mailto:bgchamber@aol.com)

### **or write:**

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