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# Business Class of 2027 Overview

## About L'Evate and the Business Class of 2027

L'Evate is a community-based organization dedicated to fostering leadership within the community. The organization offers participants valuable insights into how the local community operates, highlighting its cultural and organizational diversity. Through this program, participants gain the opportunity to connect and network with other community leaders, further enhancing their leadership journey.

### Program Structure and Focus

The Business Class of 2027 includes a series of program days focused on developing leadership skills, teamwork, and group development. Each monthly session addresses topics that significantly impact the community, such as wellness, diversity, criminal justice, business development, government, education, sports, and the arts. These experiences are designed to enrich participants' lives and underscore the importance of leadership in the success and economic future of the community.

### Selection Guidelines

- Applicants must demonstrate current leadership ability or strong leadership potential.
- Participants should live in or work within the L'Evate service area.
- Those who work in offices outside the service area are eligible if their primary work focus is within the service area and they maintain a strong community presence.

The application and details regarding the L'Evate service area can be found on the organization's website: [www.levate.org](http://www.levate.org).

L'Evate is committed to assembling a diverse class that reflects the demographics of its service area. As a nonpartisan educational organization, L'Evate aims to cultivate well-informed and motivated community leaders who are prepared to collaborate for the betterment of the community.

### Tentative Schedule for Class of 2027

**Attendance at both the Orientation and Retreat is mandatory. NEW App. Deadline April 3, 2026**

Date	Event	Time
August 3, 2026	Orientation and Alumni reception	3:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
September 1 & 2, 2026	Opening Retreat (Tuesday & Wednesday)	
October 6, 2026	Program Day	
November 10, 2026	Program Day	
December 1, 2026	Program Day	
January 12, 2027	Program Day	
February 9, 2027	Program Day	
March 2, 2027	Program Day	
April 13, 2027	Program Day	
May 11, 2027	Program Day	
May 20, 2027	Graduation	6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### Contact Information

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