



# WATAUGA leadership challenge



## SPRING 2024 COURSE OUTLINE



### DAY 1

Thursday, January 18,  
8:00am-4:30pm

#### OPENING RETREAT - Valle Crucis Conference Center

Meet your classmates and begin your leadership development journey with a day of group activities and guest speakers.



### DAY 2

Thursday, February 1,  
8:00am-4:30pm

#### UNDERSTANDING LEADERSHIP & COMMUNITY

What is leadership? How do we effectively engage in the leadership process? This session will help participants explore leadership in new ways and further develop a leadership mindset.



### DAY 3

Friday, February 9,  
8:30am-10:30am

#### CLIFTON STRENGTHS ASSESSMENT

Now that your Clifton Strengths assessment has been completed, Dr. Street will review the various leadership traits and help you understand how to further complement your unique skillset.



### DAY 4

Thursday, February 15,  
8:00am-4:30pm

#### FIRST, LEAD YOURSELF

Engaging effectively in the leadership process requires self-reflection and self-awareness of one's values, leadership styles, strengths, and weaknesses.



### DAY 5

Thursday, February 29,  
8:00am-4:30pm

#### CREATING WINNING TEAMS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The session focuses on effective team building and examines how organizational culture impacts overall success.



### DAY 6

Thursday, March 14,  
8:00am-4:30pm

#### STRATEGIC THINKING & PLANNING

People and organizations all benefit from forethought, intentionality, and mindfulness. This session will give participants the opportunity to see the value and the importance of strategic thinking and planning.



### DAY 7

Thursday, March 28,  
8:00am-4:30pm

#### UNITY AND COMMUNITY

The great "challenge" for Watauga Leadership Challenge is for participants to see themselves as agents of change in their communities. This session will focus on how to positively impact the community and how to effectively engage others to enact change.



### DAY 8

Thursday, April 11,  
8:00am-4:30pm

#### THE NEXT STEP

The Watauga Leadership Institute has provided an opportunity for participants to learn about themselves, leadership, and their community. Now what? Participants will consider how to take what they have learned and apply it to their professional, civic, and personal lives.



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