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Neighborhood Leadership Academy Opens Fall Registration

In-depth leadership training emphasizes community-building principles

BETHANY, MISSOURI, July 23, 2020 - University of Missouri Extension invites northwest Missouri residents to register for the fall 2020 Neighborhood Leadership Academy (NLA), a leadership training focused on community building principles. Created in 2002, Neighborhood Leadership Academy provides in-depth training that emphasizes community building strategies, project planning, organizational leadership and management practices, and personal leadership skills.

The Fall 2020 program will be offered online throughout the state, with regional cohorts to allow for local discussions and applications of the program's content. Neighborhood Leadership Academy will be held Monday evenings August 24 through November 2 via Zoom and all participants who complete the program will receive a University of Missouri St. Louis Chancellor's Certificate in Neighborhood Leadership.

"Neighborhood Leadership Academy builds leadership and development principles that will help empower individuals to take on larger roles within their communities," says Jackie Spainhower, MU Extension County Engagement Specialist for Harrison and Worth counties. "Participants will plan and develop projects to enhance their own community's quality of life, and will have the opportunity to connect to a statewide network of leaders through the virtual format of the course."

Academy participants may be community leaders, volunteers, community-based organization staff, business owners, local government staff, municipal elected officials, and citizens that want to become more involved in making their community a great place to live, work, and play. NLA has graduated nearly 300 individuals from the program in its 16-year history.

To learn more about the program and apply, please visit <https://extension2.missouri.edu/regional-leadership-academy> and select "Northwest Neighborhood Leadership Academy" or contact Jackie Spainhower at spainhowerj@missour.edu or call 660-425-6434. If your business or organization is interested to sponsor a scholarship or support a participant, please contact Jackie for more information.

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