

Dear Leadership Dallas Alumni:

I hope all of you enjoyed a safe summer.

I am excited to be writing to you about our refreshed Leadership Dallas Alumni (LDA) activities set to begin this Fall. The past 18 months have challenged each of us as leaders. Just as our own organizations have adapted in many unexpected ways, this time of crisis afforded the LDA Council the opportunity to make some changes as we move into a new era of leadership. The Council and I, along with the Dallas Regional Chamber (DRC) leadership programs team, are excited to present a refreshed program to engage each of you in your continued LD experience. We believe these changes will allow us to be more inclusive, provide even better programming, and facilitate us in being more active as Alumni in our region and with the LD class experience. Please read on for an outline of these changes and programming planned for you.

1. **Dues will no longer be required.** Graduation from Leadership Dallas, or transferring in from another program of equal standing, automatically qualifies an individual to be a part of LDA. This will allow the focus to be on providing quality programs. Alumni will purchase tickets per program to participate in those that interest you. The Leadership Dallas Alumni Council (LDAC) will determine when appropriate to provide Lifetime members the opportunity to purchase tickets in advance, or when feasible, at a discount.
2. **The LDAC will include the following positions:**
  - Chair, Chair-Elect, Immediate Past Chair, Committee Chairs, and DRC Pillar Representatives (*new, see below*), current LD Class Representative, and current Class Advisors. Each of these roles are required to be with DRC member companies.
  - Dallas Dinner Table Representative and committee volunteers are not required to be members of DRC.
3. **The DRC Pillar Representatives will be a new addition beginning with the 2022 Council.** These roles will serve on DRC Councils and Task Forces representing the LDAC. This will further align the LDA activities to the DRC Strategic Plan and program of work, thus creating an even greater community impact. Pillar representatives will:
  - Partner with DRC pillar staff, committees, and current class, as appropriate.
  - Serve on DRC committees, to be determined each Fall. Committees may include Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Council, Education and Workforce Council, Economic Development Council.
  - Selection will include an application process for a seat on DRC council or task force with a 1-2/year rotation.
4. **The Council will now have 4 core committees.** Committee Chairs do not have to have served on the committee previously but do need to be DRC members. The four

committees beginning in 2022 will be: Community Engagement, Membership, Programs, and Resource Development.

5. **Check out our updated [LDA website](#).** Read about the new committees, get information on upcoming programming, and how to apply to serve on the LDAC or its volunteer committees.

**SNEAK PEEK ON WHAT'S COMING THIS FALL:**

1. **Applications open for LDAC** Committee Chairs, DRC Pillar Representatives, and general committee members on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.
2. **North Texas Giving Day is Thursday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and we need YOU!** We are asking all Alumni to help raise funds for future LD scholarships as a way to give back to LD for the life changing opportunity you had the privilege to experience. Early giving begins September 1, and you can set up your own *FUN*draining page to help raise fund. Get more information by visiting [LDA's North Texas Giving Day Page](#).
3. **Friendsgiving:** In continuing with last year's theme of gratitude, we will hold a ticketed social to reconnect with our LD friends in October/November.
4. **LD 2022 Welcome Reception:** Due to the current COVID-19 Delta variant impact on public health, we will not be hosting a full welcome reception this year. Thank you to Amazon for presenting this year's event and to Oncor for their gold sponsorship. A small group will welcome the new class. Meet the new [Leadership Dallas Class of 2022](#).

*Watch for details on all the above in the September newsletter and on the new LDA website. **If you haven't signed up for the newsletter, please do so by [visiting this page](#).** You don't want to miss out on anything!*

LDA friends, it has been a privilege to serve as your chair during these past almost 2 years of unprecedented change and challenges. As I look to the coming months, I am excited for the future of LD and all the opportunities we will have to make an impact and reconnect, together.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me or to Dulari Mehta ([dmehta@dallaschamber.org](mailto:dmehta@dallaschamber.org)) with any questions you may have.

Warm regards,



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