



LEADERSHIP PENDER

Application & Fee Deadline: Monday, June 9, 2025

Sponsored by:

**Burgaw Area Chamber of Commerce
Greater Topsail Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism**

Leadership Pender is a program designed to develop and enrich existing and emerging community leaders who are qualified and committed to the growth and well-being of Pender County. The program provides an opportunity for participants to learn about the needs of the county and the individuals responsible for providing services to meet those needs. For Pender County to thrive and prosper in the next century, we will need dedicated leaders with new ideas working together.

GOAL Opportunity for committed and qualified local business professionals to develop leadership skills to assume leadership roles in Pender County and make a positive impact on our county.

OBJECTIVES Identify and cultivate highly motivated potential community leaders and develop an esprit de corps among participants which will provide a common ground for working together on present and future community needs.

Systematically educate and challenge the participants to learn about the assets of and needs of the community as well as the dynamics of social and economic change.

Learn about the uniqueness and history of Pender County.

Create a dialogue and sense of teamwork between the participants and existing community leadership.

Learn about various businesses and organizations that keep Pender County strong.

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE LEADERSHIP PENDER COUNTY CLASS OF 2025-26:

Attend Orientation Retreat and Mixer: August 13, 2025

Attend eight (8) sessions as indicated below, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm (every second Wednesday dates subject to change)

September 10, 2025: Education

October 8, 2025: Workforce Development

November 12, 2025: History and Culture

December 10, 2025: Non-Profit

January 14, 2026: Healthcare

February 11, 2026: Public Safety

March 11, 2026: Environmental

April 20, 2026 (**MONDAY**): Local Government

May 13, 2026: Graduation & Next Steps

Attend at least seven (7) of the eight (8) sessions to qualify for graduation from September to April

Volunteer a minimum of 10 hours total at a Pender County non-profit organization not affiliated with the participant.

Attend at least one of each Chamber of Commerce Networking After Hours event.

I have read and agree to these expectations (initial here):