

Guided by the belief that leadership is key to a community's economic success, the Adel-Cook and Berrien County Chamber's have again partnered with UGA's J.W. Fanning Institute to provide updated curriculum and training for session facilitators for the 2026 class. LINC consists of six-day long sessions (1 each month) designed to expand your personal leadership skills, as well as provide exposure to resources, assets and other leaders in both communities. This is a unique opportunity for participants to learn more about their neighboring community.

#### **APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION**

All applications are confidential, and selection is anonymous. Please provide sufficient information for the Selection Committee to make a determination of your eligibility based on your current skills and commitment to community involvement and growth.

Complete only those items that apply to you. Leave others blank.

#### I. BASIC INFORMATION

Name				
	Last	First	MI	Name Called
Spouse's Name_				
-	Last	First	MI	Name Called
Home Address			Cell Phone_	
City		County	State	Zip Code
Date of Birth		Male/Female_		Race
Present Employe	er			
Business Addres	ss			
Bus. Phone #		Bus. Fax #	E-mail_	
How long have y	you lived :	and/or worked in Berrien/C	Cook County?	

# II. PRESENT EMPLOYMENT Present Title or Position Briefly describe your responsibilities in your employment **BUSINESS/PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS (IF ANY)** III. Do not include civic organizations, public office, or political activities. Name of Group Position Held Period of Affiliation IV. **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT** Please include civic, religious, political, government, social, or other activities and your involvement in these activities. Do not include business/professional activities. Period of Affiliation Name of Group Position Held

## V. ACTIVITIES DURING SCHOOL YEARS

Educational background				
Activities, offices, and recognition for special contributions				
VI. COMMITMENT				
What do you consider your leadership strengths?				
Weaknesses?				
What are you hoping to gain by participating in LINC?				
What do you feel you can contribute to LINC?				
As a potential leader in Berrien/Cook County, what are your major concerns?				
What goals have you set for yourself?				



## CONTACTS

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#### **Berrien County Chamber**

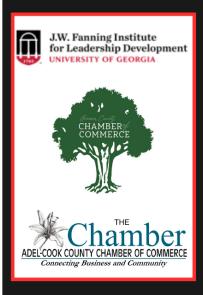
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## **FACILITATED BY**



## **SESSION SCHEDULE**

Community Leadership Program 2026

#### PROGRAM OUTLINE

LINC consists of 6-day long sessions (1 each month) designed to expand your personal leadership skills, as well as provide exposure to resources, assets and other leaders in both communities. This is a unique opportunity for participants to learn more about their neighboring community. Each day will consist of classroom time and tours highlighting local industries in each community.

## • January 27 - Opening Retreat

Held in Berrien County

Real Colors Test | Team Building | Understanding

Leadership

8:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

## February 24

Held in Cook County 8:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M. Effective Communication

#### March 24

Held in Berrien County8:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M.Collaboration | Group Decision Making

## April 28

Held in Cook County

Conflict Management

8:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

## May 19

**Held in Berrien County**Leading Change
8:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

#### June 18

Held in Cook County

Multigenerational Leadership

8:30 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

## Graduation Ceremony - June 18

Held in Cook County
Venue TBA

6:30 P.M.

Have you discussed your nomination with your employer and do you have the full support of your employer and spouse (if any) for the time required participating in LINC?					
YES	_NO	Employer's Signature			
Program Fee: \$550 (includes sessions, materials, meals, and graduation) must be paid prior to kick-off retreat on January 27 <sup>th</sup> .					
Successful completion of the LINC class shall mean attendance at the initial retreat and completion of at least (5) of the (6) sessions. A participant can participate in the graduation exercises without meeting attendance requirements, but will receive a certificate of participation instead of a plaque of completion. Do you fully understand and agree to meet these criteria?					
YES	_NO				
Date		Signature			
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## Application must be returned by December 15, 2025

Applications should be mailed to: LINC

Adel-Cook County Chamber of Commerce 100 S. Hutchinson Avenue, Adel, GA 31620