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Leadership West Virginia Announces Revised 2020 Class Schedule

(Charleston, W.Va.) – In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Leadership West Virginia (LWV) has released a revised 2020 class schedule.

In-person sessions will kick off September 17 in Fayetteville with the Tourism/Leadership Session. The class of 40 individuals have met virtually since March and will continue to do so for the next few months.

“The pandemic presented challenges to all organizations across the country, and LWV is no different,” said Pam Farris, executive director of the statewide organization. “Altering the program schedule and curriculum was simply the right thing to do, as safety is always a top priority for us. Meeting virtually for the entire year was discussed, but the experiences and in-person connections are important facets for us.”

With the addition of virtual programming and increasing online communications, which include social media, video conferences and chats, the class has been able to stay connected during this unprecedented time, Farris said.

A later “official” start date means this year’s program will overlap with next year’s. Graduation for the 2020 class is planned for May 2021, and in November for the 2021 LWV class.

The revised 2020 class schedule is below.

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| Session 1 | Tourism/Leadership orientation | Fayetteville | September 17-18 |
| Session 2 | Health Care | White Sulphur Springs | October 29-30 |
| Session 3 | Economic Development | Eastern Panhandle | November 19-20 |
| Session 4 | Justice System | Wheeling | December 10-11 |
| Session 5 | Energy | Bridgeport | March 25-26 2021 |
| Session 6 | Education | Elkins | April 22-23 |
| Session 7 | Government/Graduation | Charleston | May 20-21 |

LWV is accepting nomination forms for the 2021 class. Self-nominations are encouraged. Applications are due by November 15, 2020, and the first session is scheduled for April 2021.

Applications can be completed on the organizational website at www.leadershipwv.org.

About Leadership West Virginia

Leadership West Virginia's is an innovative program that grows, engages and mobilizes leaders to ignite a lifelong passion to move West Virginia forward with opportunities provided by in-person educational and professional development sessions around the state. Leadership West Virginia seeks to have class diversity among all ethnic groups, ages, genders, professions, backgrounds and geographic areas of the state.

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