



Future Milwaukee Leadership Program

Local Leaders Transforming the Future of Milwaukee

Future Milwaukee is a premier community leadership development program offered through Marquette University's College of Professional Studies. Since 1978, Future Milwaukee's impact is demonstrated through the leadership roles and work of over 1,400 program graduates throughout diverse Milwaukee area businesses, governmental, educational, non-profit, and community organizations.

Future Milwaukee participants experience first-hand a deeper understanding of community issues, network with a diverse group of professionals, and work with private, public and non-profit organizations to help transform the future of Milwaukee. For the 2011-12 Future Milwaukee Leadership program, sessions will run from September through May, primarily every two weeks on Monday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more details, visit the Future Milwaukee Web site at www.futuremilwaukee.org.



Deborah Fugenschuh, Future Milwaukee Alumna
CEO, Donors Forum of Wisconsin

After Deborah completed her master's degree and moved to Milwaukee in 1983, she heard about the Future Milwaukee Leadership program from a friend. "I chose to enroll in the program because I was new to the community and I wanted to get a deeper understanding of Milwaukee while expanding my leadership skills and building a network of colleagues," she says.

Through Future Milwaukee, Deborah was able to build on her professional network and advance her career. When she joined Future Milwaukee, Deborah was working as a campaign associate at the United Way of Greater Milwaukee. Today, she is President and CEO of the Donors Forum of Wisconsin, a statewide membership association of grantmakers including various types of foundations and individuals of wealth. In her current role, Deborah is responsible for the strategic vision of the organization and ensuring a sound and sustainable future.

"As a new-comer to Milwaukee, the Future Milwaukee program was a real eye-opener to what the city is and what the city does," said Deborah. "The benefits of the Future Milwaukee program were many, but those I hold most dear to me are the expansive network of friends and colleagues I have made through the program. Every position I have taken since coming to Milwaukee has been through my network of Future Milwaukee colleagues. The program has helped me develop lifelong friendships and the long-lasting bond I have with the City of Milwaukee."



Tami Scully Garrison, Future Milwaukee Participant
Community Affairs Manager, MillerCoors

"It was like a perfect storm," says Tami as she refers to everything that led to her decision to join the Future Milwaukee Leadership program. After learning through Facebook that her friend had joined the Future Milwaukee Leadership program, Tami contacted her to learn more. Then she did a Google search for Future Milwaukee and saw a fellow member of TEMPO Milwaukee featured on the Web site as well as other people she already knew and respected on the list of Future Milwaukee alumni.

Through the Future Milwaukee Web site, Tami discovered that the program offered a good opportunity for professional development, which is encouraged and supported by her employer. Tami decided to apply for Future Milwaukee because the networking and greater connectivity with the community can be applied to her professional work with non-profit relationships and investments at MillerCoors, as well as her responsibilities as a board member on five non-profit boards within the community.

"I am amazed and inspired by the knowledge of the Future Milwaukee speakers who are experts in their fields as well as my Future Milwaukee classmates who are the future leaders of Milwaukee," says Tami. "With thought-provoking group discussions and community project work, Future Milwaukee participants are incredibly engaged and connected to various organizations in the community. Working together with a group of Future Milwaukee participants on my first community project was like a love fest, as we developed admiration and respect for one another."

The program inspired Tami to determine her role in facing the challenges in the Milwaukee community. "I'm motivated to get out there and make a difference!" she says.

Apply Online Now

Now is the time to apply for the next Future Milwaukee class beginning September 2011. Online applications are being accepted through June 30 at www.futuremilwaukee.org. If you have questions, please call 414-288-3153 or send an e-mail to mcps@marquette.edu.