

# LEADERSHIP

## BREVARD

Session One Thursday, September 19, 2020  
"LEADership Matters"

The Leadership Brevard class of 2020 got off to a great start and on time even though their welcome reception suffered a week's delay due to "Dorian" and his/her threat to the Space Coast. Peer introductions are a key element of the first day – with several purposes – it's a class of 60 and we need to structure ways for people to get to know each other - we need to create an atmosphere of trust and inclusion early in the class series and we want to remove barriers (real or perceived!) that then allow people to focus on their personal leadership development.



Several LEAD Brevard board members were part of this day; Chairman of the Board, Dale Ketcham (LB 1986), and board members Bart Gaetjens (LB 2016) and Vinnie Taranto (LB 2014) welcomed the class and set the stage for expectations of this leadership journey – the lens of leadership for this year's theme.



New to the curriculum this year was a conversation with city managers', Courtney Barker (LB 2007) Satellite Beach, Scott Larese, Titusville, Jim McKnight, Cocoa Beach and Lisa Morrell, Palm Bay, led by Bart Gaetjens, FPL. Amazing to learn how similar some of the challenges that are shared and how much time they spend dispelling rumors or correcting misinformation on social media! Interesting too to learn that they are all working on major issues like climate change, sea level rise, population growth and other real cliff hangers.

Immediately following lunch, Mike Cadore, Eastern Florida State College spoke about "LEADership Perspectives" one of the class members said, "Mike Cadore really provoked thought and had positive high energy."



Dr. Dale Brill, of the Orlando Economic Partnership brought economic data to the group and showed us research statistics of where Brevard fits into the Central Florida region and beyond in areas like education, job creation and other demographics.



Rounding off the day was the Leadership Action Project (LAP) team 'project fair' where this year's seven LAP's recruited class members to engage in their project and shape our community. Tough choices for the class participants; shall I work with young men in the justice system that need mentors? Or develop pathways to prosperity for ex-offenders? Or build Habitat for Humanity homes? Or help the Homeless Coalition work toward ending poverty? Or Brevard's Emergency Management outreach or Keep Brevard Beautiful or the Indian River Lagoon ...??? All important and all will benefit our community. If your nonprofit or municipality is interested in being part of the next class (2021) LAP's ... the RFP's for the next class will go out in early summer 2020. Call the office or email us to get on the list for the RFP's for next year.