



LAX COASTAL
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LAX COASTAL LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

2026 - 2027

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Strengthen Your Leadership Skills

The LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce is committed to making our region a vibrant place to work, live, and thrive. As part of that commitment, we proudly offer the Leadership Academy—a premier professional development program designed to cultivate the next generation of community and business leaders.

This exclusive six-course program, limited to just 20 participants, is designed for individuals passionate about making a meaningful impact in the LAX Coastal community. From December through May, participants attend monthly full-day sessions focused on leadership development, regional awareness, and personal growth. Through interactive discussions, behind-the-scenes experiences, and access to influential leaders, participants gain insight into the local political landscape, economic drivers, and history of the LAX Coastal area while building lasting relationships with fellow emerging and established leaders.

The curriculum explores local government, regional economic assets, and key areas including Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) and Marina del Rey. Participants engage with elected officials, public safety leaders, civic organizations, and industry experts to better understand the issues, opportunities, and partnerships shaping the future of the LAX Coastal community and Los Angeles.

Leadership Academy equips participants with the knowledge, connections, and confidence to lead effectively in their organizations and make a lasting impact throughout the LAX Coastal community.





Dr. Kevin Shane Walsh

Leadership Academy Facilitator

Dr. Kevin Shane Walsh is the Managing Member of Global Community Enrichment (GCE), a Senior Facilitator for The Academy for Leadership and Training (TAFLAT), and a Channel Partner with Ken Blanchard Companies. An expert in leadership development, executive coaching, organizational effectiveness, strategic planning, facilitation, and team building, Dr. Walsh has helped leaders and organizations strengthen performance and achieve lasting results.

He has worked with executives across a wide range of industries, including Cartoon Network, The Wonderful Company, American Express, JP Morgan Chase, and US Doctors for Africa. Dr. Walsh earned his Doctorate in Organizational Management and Consulting Psychology from Phillips Graduate University and serves as a faculty member at Phillips Graduate University, Rollins College, Loyola Marymount University, and College of the Canyons. Through GCE, he has partnered with organizations such as The Walt Disney Company, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, FIJI Water, City of Hope, and the LAX Coastal Chamber of Commerce.

The Leadership Academy gave us a close up and behind-the-scenes view of civic and community operations. We had meaningful discussions with high level policy makers at City Hall, the airport, the transportation operations center, wastewater treatment plant and with the top military leadership at the LA Air Force Base. The nine months went by way too fast and I wish I could do it all again.

- Trisha Murakawa, Murakawa Communications



2026-2027 Program Dates

- Friday, December 11th
- Friday, January 8th
- Friday, February 5th
- Friday, March 12th
- Friday, April 9th
- Friday, May 14th

Graduation Day : Friday, June 11th, 5-10 PM

2026-2027 Program Topics

- Communication Styles
- Connective Leadership
- Political Landscape of Los Angeles
- Homelessness & Public Safety
- LAX & Infrastructure
- LA County Government & Marina del Rey









READY TO REFINE YOUR LEADERSHIP SKILLS?

TWO WAYS TO REGISTER

Online

Register anytime using our fast, secure online registration form at Laxcoastal.com.

By Phone

Prefer to register by phone? Call us at 310-645-5151, and we'll be happy to assist you.

PAYMENT INFORMATION

1 participant, 1 ticket to Installation Awards Gala + LA Graduation (also available as a Sponsorship)

Member Price: $1,545 | Future Member Price: $1,795



CHRISTINA V. DAVIS SCHOLARSHIP

One women-owned business will have the chance to receive a full scholarship for the Leadership Academy. Click here to download the Christina V. Davis scholarship application.

The Chamber receives a limited amount of scholarships for participants each year. If you feel you are a deserving recipient, or are interested in sponsoring a scholarship, please contact a member of our staff to discuss your options.

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