

2009 California Issues & Trends Program Overview

Leadership California is a non-partisan, non-profit 501(c)(3) statewide organization founded in 1988 and dedicated to advancing women in business, government and community arenas. We fulfill our mission by providing unique learning and networking opportunities for our participants through increased understanding of the complex issues facing California from the state, national and global perspectives. Each participant has an opportunity to convert awareness and understanding into action and results for her organization and California's business, societal and political arenas.

The primary vehicle for enhancing leadership perspectives is the California Issues & Trends Program, a tuition-based program launched in 1992. Conducted quarterly at sessions around the state, the CIT exposes 60 women each year to diverse perspectives and points of view relating to issues and approaches beyond their own disciplines and areas of expertise. Through a variety of learning formats, they hear from experts on such thought-provoking subjects as changing demographics, global perspectives on business and the economy, education, health care challenges, building a strategic power network, and public policy development. There is high value in CIT participants' understanding of the leadership demands and the overall implications for organizations and communities through examination of big issues and trends.

Underlying all of our programming are themes of importance to Leadership California – being an organization that is about diversity in many forms, being an organization that views California at many levels – state, national and global, and being an organization that is about leadership for our state. The sessions for 2009 are:

Session I: March 8-10, *The Political Landscape: California's Dynamic Government Today*
Sacramento

Session II: May 3-5, *California's Heritage: Shaping the New California*
Los Angeles May 4, *Legacy of Leadership Awards Dinner*

Session III: August 2-4, *California's Global Economy: Opportunities & Challenges*
San Francisco

Session IV: November 8-10, *Sustaining Quality of Life in California for Ourselves and Others*
San Diego

2009 marks the 18th year of this exceptional program. Over 1,000 women have participated in the California Issues & Trends Program. Participants come from corporate, governmental, entrepreneurial companies, nonprofit, educational, and professional services arenas. From this unique network of educated women will come future change agents, who will reshape business, government and community from the grassroots up to the highest level of management. Alumnae of the California Issues & Trends Program are the women who companies and citizens will turn to for leadership.

Next Steps

- Secure an application TODAY in PDF on www.leadershipcalifornia.org OR by contacting Yvette Dominguez at yvette@leadershipcalifornia.org and requesting an electronic version of the application in MS WORD, which can be completed at a computer
- Complete the application NOW
- Submit the application to Leadership California NOW via mail at the address below, via fax to 626/793-8687 or via email to yvette@leadershipcalifornia.org (Due date is October 31, 2008.)
- Contact Yvette Dominguez or Pam Hemann at the Leadership California office with questions at 626/793-7834 or yvette@leadershipcalifornia.org or pam@leadershipcalifornia.org

Receipt of applications will be confirmed via email.

Notification on acceptance into the Class of 2008 will occur December 15, 2008.