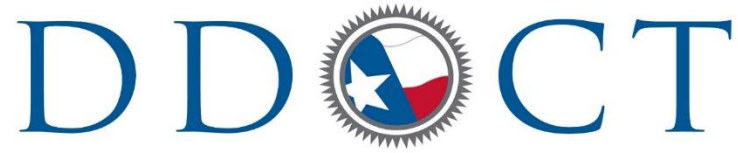


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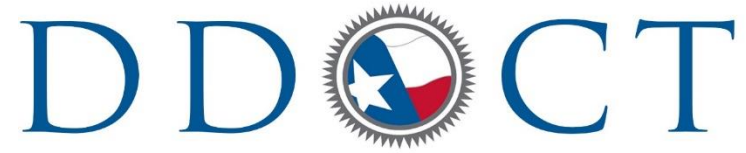
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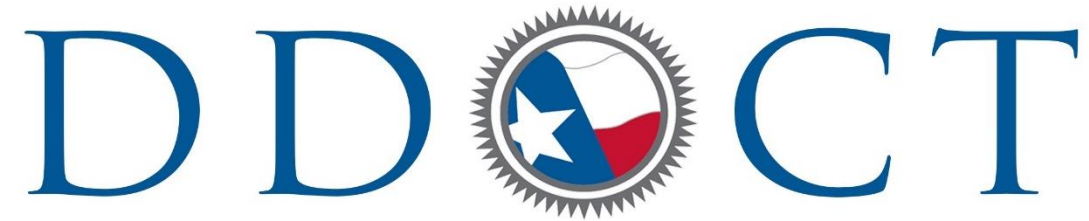
Leadership Central Texas is offered by the Development District of Central Texas to citizens with an interest in leadership who live or work within the seven county-region served by the Central Texas Council of Governments to include Bell, Coryell, Hamilton, Lampasas, Milam, Mills, and San Saba counties.



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The purpose of Leadership Central Texas is to identify and develop regional leaders, to promote awareness of regional and state leadership opportunities and to create a network of relationships among leaders to insure the growth and future well-being of our Central Texas Region.



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*The Graduates of
Leadership Central Texas 2017*



2017

“My mission is to create an environment that will allow every member of our community to thrive by providing them with life skills, resources, educational tools and training opportunities to compete in an ever-changing global economy.”

Tavares Bethel



2017

“Leadership Central Texas has been an inspiration to me as I witnessed how the programs within CTCOG and other agencies do so with complete cooperation. I was surprised and amazed at how many assistance programs are in place in the region. The State of Texas is indeed blessed!”

Rolly Correa



2017

“My leadership plan of action is positive and impactful leadership. I challenge myself and all central Texans to serve one another with an attitude that demonstrates a cooperative effort of excellence, integrity, loyalty and selfless service.”

Kendra Coufal



2017

“To be a productive citizen, you must be an engaged citizen. Sitting on the sidelines is never an option. Leadership Central Texas has exposed me to information and networking on a regional scale that I can now look to utilize as I go forward into my next stage of community involvement.”

Chris Diem



2017

“This opportunity has inspired me to come out of retirement and volunteer my time to assist with the future development of my city and county. My mission is to provide positive and sound leadership and to be an ambassador within my community.”

John Driver



2017

“My personal mission statement is to plan for future growth by leading departments to expand capability, improve responsiveness and enhance our Citizen’s quality of life. I am inspired to look for additional network opportunities and to learn more about services available at health and human service agencies.”

Kara Escajeda



2017

“There is more to our environment than what meets the eye. Learning about what keeps Central Texas functioning in the manner in which it was designed has motivated me to practice being deliberate and strategic as I work to make a difference in my community and mindful of how the decisions I make will impact future generations.”

Joann Foster



2017

“My personal mission is to advocate for disenfranchised and underserved populations by promoting programs that serve the community from a critical perspective. I learned the importance of programs that are progressive in generating revenue for lower socioeconomic regions to promote homeostasis and better establish their autonomy.”

Lolita Gilmore



2017

“Leadership Central Texas provided me with the knowledge and tools to become actively engaged and has truly inspired me to plunge deeper into the depths of advocacy, collaborative efforts, and awareness to aid in the transformation and development of our prodigious district.”

Ebony Jackson



2017

“My leadership plan is to educate on public matters within the community and to put into action the things I’ve learned through this program; to become a proactive citizen, versus just an active citizen.”

Marcie Lowery



2017

“Central Texas Council of Government’s Leadership program gave me the situational awareness of our most intricate resources. I have a much better appreciation for the infrastructure and development of Central Texas and I am proud to be a part of this incredible community.”

Ann Marie McKenna



2017

“Leaders are to live their organization’s mission, because the culture will never be better than the example they lead.”

Mary Shabunia



2017

“My personal mission statement and leadership plan of action is to become more involved. I am going to establish a charter school to enable all students the ability to improve their education and become productive citizens, regardless of any adversity.”

Carolyn Turner



2017

“Leadership Central Texas has given me the opportunity to learn what it takes to be a leader and has inspired me to take a more active role in my community and the organizations that I am a part of so that our central Texas region can thrive.”

John Weber

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