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Welcome



Shelby **Broomfield**
Director

Are you ready to take your leadership journey to the next level? If you're passionate about making a positive impact on the Salkehatchie region, then Leadership Salkehatchie is the perfect program for you.

We believe that strong leadership is essential for building a vibrant and thriving community. By participating in our program, you will have the opportunity to connect with like-minded individuals, gain valuable insights, and develop the skills necessary to become an effective leader.

Why choose Leadership Salkehatchie?

Community Focus: Gain a deeper understanding of the Salkehatchie region and its challenges.

Professional Development: Enhance your leadership skills and build a strong network.

Impactful Engagement: Make a difference in your community through active participation.

If you're interested in learning more about Leadership Salkehatchie and how it can benefit you, please don't hesitate to contact us. We would love to discuss your goals and answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Shelby Broomfield
Director
USC Salkehatchie Leadership Institute

Make a difference in your community.

Become a leader who shapes the
future of the Salkehatchie region.

The USC Salkehatchie Leadership Institute (SLI) was founded in 1998 to stimulate economic growth in Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, and Hampton counties. It serves as the community outreach arm of USC Salkehatchie.

One of SLI's key programs is Leadership Salkehatchie. This regional program aims to develop emerging community leaders in Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper counties. It provides participants with educational experiences that emphasize social and community awareness.

By completing the program, participants gain the knowledge and skills to effectively serve the Salkehatchie region.

OUR MISSION

Leadership Salkehatchie empowers emerging leaders in the Salkehatchie region through tailored training. Our programs foster a deeper understanding of the region, enhance professional skills, and encourage active community engagement and networking.

PROGRAM BENEFITS

- **Develop your leadership skills** and become a catalyst for positive change.
- Gain a **deeper understanding** of the region's key challenges and opportunities.
- **Connect** with influential community leaders shaping the future of the region.
- **Give back** through a hands-on community service project.
- **Expand** your network with like-minded leaders from the Leadership Salkehatchie program.

Program Overview

Schedule and Locations

Leadership Salkehatchie is a nine-month program that begins with an **orientation** early winter. During orientation, we'll discuss program requirements, program history, and upcoming sessions. The orientation also includes individual headshots, a group photo, **personal development assessments**, and **leadership development presentations**.

After orientation, the program will meet **monthly for full-day sessions** focused on various topics, including:

- Leadership development
- Economic development
- Healthcare
- Education
- Community service
- Local and state government
- Criminal justice

Program sessions will be held at different locations throughout the Salkehatchie region (Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, Hampton, and Jasper counties) and in Columbia. These locations are carefully chosen to align with the day's topic.

Session locations have included:

- Manufacturing facilities
- USC Columbia campus
- Regional organizations
- Educational institutions
- Lowcountry Regional Airport
- 14th Circuit Solicitor's Office

The program will conclude with a **graduation ceremony**.

Curriculum and Presenters

Leadership Salkehatchie features a diverse range of presenters, including:

- **Community leaders** discussing regional topics
- **Expert speakers** on leadership development
- **Facility tours** showcasing the region's resources
- A hands-on **community service project** benefiting local residents

Each session delves into different aspects of community life and vitality. Participants will learn from speakers with a variety of backgrounds, occupations, and professions. Additionally, you'll have the opportunity to hear from and network with previous Leadership Salkehatchie participants.

Become a Participant

Participants are nominated by leaders in regional business, industry, and education. A committee reviews applications and selects finalists. Applicants who are selected for the program will receive a scholarship to cover the program's cost.



Program Participants

The ideal Leadership Salkehatchie participant is:

- **Passionate about leadership development** and eager to refine their skills.
- **Committed to the Salkehatchie region** and actively involved in their community.
- **Available to attend monthly sessions** from January to September, typically lasting 6–8 hours.
- **Willing to participate** in a hands-on community service project.
- **Open to serving** on a local or state board, if not already involved.
- **Collaborative** and able to work effectively in teams.
- **Curious** and eager to learn about new perspectives and ideas.
- **Motivated** to make a positive impact on their community.
- **Resilient** and able to overcome challenges.
- **Ethical** and committed to integrity in their leadership.

Participation requirements:

Leadership Salkehatchie candidates must be deeply committed to the future of the Salkehatchie region and its communities. To successfully participate, you must:

- **Attend the orientation, graduation, and miss no more than one session.**
- **Commit to regular attendance**, punctuality, and active involvement in all activities, including the class project which may meet after sessions or at other times.
- **Complete** a class-based community service project.
- Have the **full support of your employer.**
- Be willing to **assist with future Leadership Salkehatchie programs**, as time allows.

Leadership Alumni



Kristin Huber
Class of 2014



I attended the USC Salkehatchie Leadership Program in 2014 and that **one**

year investment has paid substantial dividends. Community engagement is a critical part of my job with Government and Community Relations at Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS). I was raised in Williston, S.C. (Barnwell County) and lived under the assumption that I had deep roots and connections throughout the “gateway to the Lowcountry.” Leadership Salkehatchie not only expanded those roots and connections but **provided the education and tools** that I still reference today.



Victoria Rizer
Class of 2024



The D.C. trip was a phenomenal way to conclude Leadership Salkehatchie.

Being able to speak with representatives about the issues that rural South Carolina faces, and that we assessed throughout our classes, was a step in the right direction as leaders in our communities. As a group, **we were able to begin the process of effecting change**, and I know that we are all grateful for this **exceptional opportunity** to be a positive influence for our communities.”



Cliff Warren
Class of 2020



As a retired school administrator, I am very aware of Leadership

Salkehatchie’s impact. The emphasis the program places on community dynamics **encourages participants not to just observe from the sidelines, but to roll up our sleeves and to contribute.** Whether it is advocating for improvement, supporting small businesses, or volunteering in our communities, we learned that **true leadership requires not only vision but also action.**”

Community Service Project

The Leadership Salkehatchie Community Service Project is a collaborative initiative that fosters teamwork and leverages the unique skills of program participants to address critical needs within the Salkehatchie region.

We are committed to not only educating participants about regional challenges but also providing them with opportunities to **make a tangible difference**.

Leadership Salkehatchie partners with a local nonprofit organization to select a project that will have a lasting positive impact on the community. The chosen nonprofit must:

- **Be a 501(c)3 organization** based in the Salkehatchie region (Allendale, Bamberg, Barnwell, Colleton, Hampton, or Jasper counties).
- **Address a specific community need** with well-defined expectations and objectives.
- **Submit an online Leadership Salkehatchie Community Project Proposal** for review by the program class and director.
- **Propose a project** that can be completed by September 30.

By partnering with a local nonprofit, we can provide valuable support while also creating meaningful opportunities for our participants to contribute to their community.

Benefits to nonprofits

By participating, nonprofits will:

- **Expand your reach** and impact by addressing critical community needs.
- **Create sustainable change** through a meaningful and impactful project.
- **Increase community awareness** of pressing issues and potential solutions.
- **Gain a network** of dedicated civic leaders passionate about community engagement.
- **Receive valuable support** from a team of skilled and committed volunteers.
- **Enhance your organization's reputation** as a leader in community service.

Interested in submitting a proposal?

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