

*"Venango Vision has provided me the opportunity of a lifetime... to network and socialize with proven community leaders, to build relationships with future leaders, and the skill set and abilities to become a better leader. Venango County is a better place because of the difference Venango Vision graduates make in our communities. I am proud to be a Venango Vision alumna!"*

Ashley Stroup-McCauley  
(Venango Vision Class of 2006)

*"I'm not sure I can quantify the benefits of the Venango Vision program. I met and came to know well community leaders and people interested in being a leader in the community. I learned about personalities and planning and how to really make the team concept work well. I have cemented relationships with people I consider friends and newsmakers and community leaders. I have learned first hand outside the news environment that, where the rubber hits the road, there are hundreds... thousands of good people doing good things everyday in this county. I have formed relationships with people who share my view that Venango County is a great place to live and work...who have a vision for what can be, instead of what it was. I have learned that a little humor goes a long way and eases the tension of bringing about change. The networking was wonderful. The relationships are real. The vision is tangible. The spirit is here and now. A worthwhile program...you bet. The best leadership course I have ever experienced."*

Mark E. Heim  
(Venango Vision Class of 2007)

*"Participating in Venango Vision has been an unparalleled experience for me as a new area resident who quickly became involved in our community. The seminars and speakers provided unique "Cliff-Notes" for quickly learning the region. The networking with caring, involved leaders will also support my community participation for a long time."*

Elaine Parke-Susco  
(Venango Vision Class of 2008)

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We look forward to working with you to build strong leaders and a stronger community. For an enrollment application, please contact

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# Venango Vision

The Venango Vision Regional Leadership Program is an investment in the area's greatest resource—its current leaders, emerging leaders, and future leaders. The program merits support of all organizations and individuals concerned about rural areas of Pennsylvania such as ours.

Our economy and quality of life are changing daily and bringing both problems and opportunities for growth and expansion. Many aspects of everyday life need the attention of dedicated leaders in the community.

Whether it is health care, economic development, or environmental maintenance, issues concerning our region are complex and their solutions are often complicated. Venango Vision's design is to develop leaders who create solutions and excel in providing direction for their community.



**It only takes one good leader to make a difference...just imagine the power of a community filled with leaders.**

## Our Focus . . .

The institute will focus on a diverse range of experiences designed to develop and enhance leadership abilities.

- Presentations from leaders across the country
- Task-based learning involving real-life problems and scenarios facing the Venango County community and its residents
- Networking with others to build a stronger community



## Our Participants . . .

Participants of the program are people like you. They come from all walks of life. They are homemakers, students, community leaders, health care and human services personnel, executives, and supervisors. They have no specific occupation or organizational affiliation. Participants have diverse interests but share a common commitment: to work together to improve the quality of life in Venango County for generations to come.

## Program Overview . . .

The program is an eight-month course that focuses on bringing three generations together: current, emerging, and future leaders. Participants will attend half-day and full-day seminar sessions. Participation fees are as follows:

Youth \$150      Adult (post-high school) \$850

Venango County adult residents may apply for scholarships up to \$425.