

## A Leadership Academy in the Midcoast Region of Maine

The Midcoast is a unique region, rich with spirit, creativity, and tradition. MLA strives to build a network of leaders who will nourish its promise.

Modeled after successful community leadership programs held throughout the country, MLA was created to further develop the skills of existing and emerging leaders, expanding their capacity to positively guide the future of our Midcoast communities.

Our inaugural program class graduated in 2007, and we are proud to be building a strong tradition of positively impacting the economic and cultural quality of life here in Midcoast Maine.



Vibrant Downtowns (Belfast)



MLA6 Graduates

### What Our Alumni Are Saying

*“Each day brought new insights, experiences and surprises. I learned a LOT about myself and how I react to different leadership styles and learned ways to better myself that will benefit not just me, but hopefully also everyone I have a chance to work and interact with in the future.”*

*“Once you’ve been through something like this, you feel like the possibilities for growth are endless. Meeting new people and increasing my network web as I transitioned from the public to private sector was invaluable. A wonderful program—worthwhile!”*

*“The program has been hugely useful and personally galvanizing. It couldn’t have come at a better time professionally — the organization I work for has just gone through a merger, and I am transitioning to a leadership role. The classes really focused my efforts. I found it great to develop a focus about community involvement and development.”*

## Midcoast Leadership Academy

“MLA8”

*Strengthening Our Community Leadership Network in Midcoast Maine*



Active Working Waterfronts (Rockland)

## The MLA Certificate Program

- A partnership between Midcoast Leadership Academy and UMaine Hutchinson Center

MLA brings together emerging and established leaders -- sharpening current skills, developing new ones, broadening understanding of pertinent community issues, building networks, and forming the relationships necessary to sustain a strong community leadership base.

Each program year, a group of 20-25 individuals is thoughtfully selected from Knox and Waldo Counties through an application and selection process which aims to provide diversity of thought, knowledge, and experience.

## MLA Staff and Faculty

Our program is lead by its graduates, accessing our growing network of alumni from throughout Midcoast Maine.

Our distinguished guest speakers are drawn from the worlds of academia, business, government, consulting, and the non-profit sector.

## Program Days

Program days focus on experiential learning and discussions of issues that are pertinent to the cultural, social and economic climate of our region. Sessions are led by experts in each topic area, employing action-oriented group activities, including issue-based experiential learning. Case studies and field trips are among the tools participants will use in pursuit of regional leadership.

Monthly program days are generally scheduled from 8am to 4pm. September to June Sessions are held at various locations throughout Knox and Waldo counties during the year.

We realize that occasional unavoidable conflicts will arise, but graduation is dependent on near perfect attendance.

## Leadership Skills

- Building Coalitions
- Ethics
- Leadership Styles
- Conflict Resolution
- Mentoring
- Leading Change
- Telling our Story



Expanding Creative New Industries (Savage Oaks, Union)

## Issues Based Learning Topics

- Education
- Government, State & Local
- Maine & Midcoast Economies
- Healthcare
- Justice System
- Arts & Technology
- Heritage Industries
- The Environment
- Our Unique Community



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Positively impacting the economic and cultural quality of life in Midcoast Maine by enhancing the professional and personal development of existing and emerging community leaders.



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**Earn:** UMaine Certificate, 3.6 CEUs/36 contact hours

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