

APRIL 2026



Have you always wanted to enhance your leadership skills while taking part in a fun, engaging, and proven Leadership Program? Then Leadership Cumberland is for you! Our **Fellows Program** is a program that serves the county by developing individuals to become effective leaders in the workplace and community.

Over 750 individuals have graduated from Leadership Cumberland's Fellows Program since 1989 and our class size is limited to 35 individuals. Make sure that you are one of them by applying at the link below today!

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OUR FELLOWS TAUGHT EACH OTHER COMMUNITY



Our LC Fellows Class of 2026 met for their March session at Orrstown Banks Community Building. To start the day a group of Fellows presented an overview of the Community Building chapter so they could become familiar with the stages of community as well their cycles. Next we had two alum, Angela Dickinson '24 and Tom Kaden '23 of Someone To Tell It To, present on Compassionate Listening. This incorporated the leadership trait of community building by showing genuine concern for others through the use of compassionate listening.

After lunch, Cate Mellen, CFRE '20 of United Way of Carlisle & Cumberland County spoke on Nonprofit Fundraising and provided a fundamental overview of the dos and don'ts of nonprofit fundraising. To finish out the day, we heard from Scott K. Shewell of Safe Harbour, Inc. and Orlando Elmonte, Deputy Secretary of Planning and Development to talk about the Affordable Housing Crisis and the 2026-2035 Housing Action Plan for Pennsylvania. We're looking forward to the April Session!

JLC STUDENTS LEARNED UNDERSTANDING



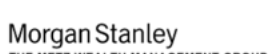
Our Junior Leadership Class met for their March session at Volvo Construction Equipment in Shippensburg. They started out the day with an Ice Breaker Activity led by a group of students and then learned about Habit 5: Understand then be Understood from Coach Mike Greene of IntegrityWorks Coaching. The team at Volvo CE then took them on Plant Tours to view the production line and then provided a Career Exploration Panel to talk about different career paths available.

After lunch, Stacey Clark presented "Make Your Breath Matter" and spoke to the students about different breath exercises they can use to manage stress and situations they may come across. To finish out the day, George Book, Jr. our Program Director and Donovan Lindsay of College Knowledge Foundation led a discussion with the students to evaluate the program so far.

We can't believe next month will be the last session of the year before graduation!

LC FELLOWS CLASS OF 2026 GRADUATION BREAKFAST



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Join us to celebrate the Graduating Class of Fellows for 2026! We will recognize our guest faculty, corporate partners, and community sponsors who help make our program possible as well as hear from our graduating class of fellows about their experiences. Come and join us to celebrate the class of 2026 and learn more about Leadership Cumberland!

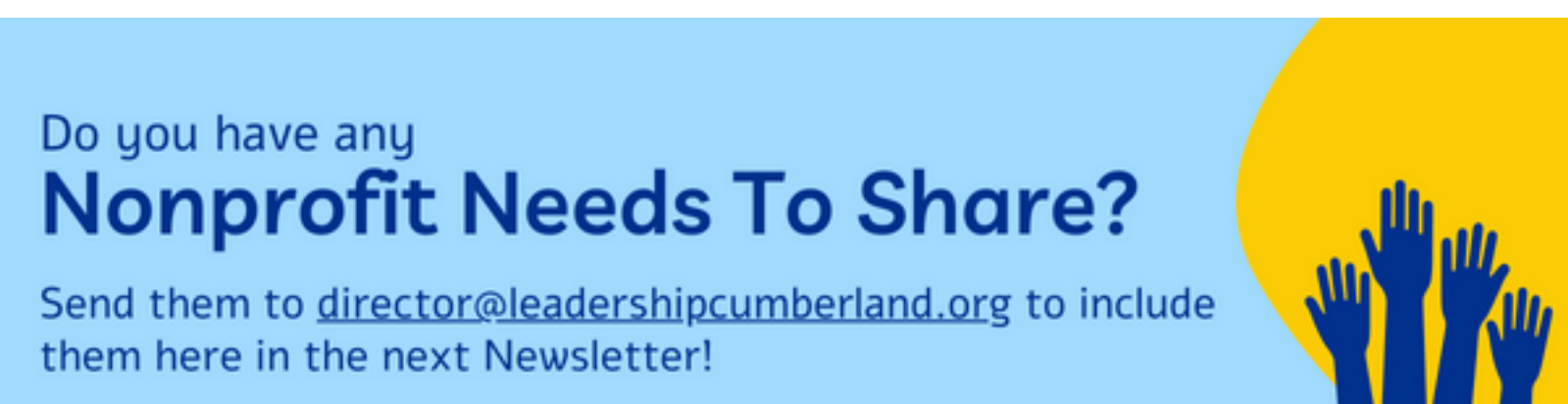
Event Schedule
8:30 - 9:00 AM - Registration & Breakfast
9:00 - 10:30 AM - Graduation Program

Ticket Options
\$35 - General Admission Ticket
\$210 - Table of 4 & Ad in Program
\$350 - Table of 8 & Ad in Program

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NONPROFIT BOARD OPENINGS, EVENTS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 30TH ANNUAL AMANI FESTIVAL
We are excited to invite you to the 30th Annual Amani Festival, a vibrant celebration of cultural diversity and community unity, taking place on Saturday, May 2, 2026 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Carlisle Expo Center, located at 100 K. Street, Carlisle. **We are in need of volunteers to work in shifts of about 3 hours to assist with setup (6 a.m. to 10 a.m.), tear down (4 p.m. to 7 p.m.) and assist during the festival (9 a.m. to 5 p.m.). Additionally, we invite people to join Amani by serving on the board or a committee.**

Co-founded by Floyd Stokes and Dr. Eliseo Rosario to promote diversity education, the Amani Festival—meaning "peace" in Swahili—brings together people from all backgrounds through the joy of food, music, dance, art, education, and shared traditions. Everyone is welcome to join us in this free family friendly event. If interested, volunteers can contact Michelle Palmer at micheltaleen@gmail.com.

2026 CAAP SUMMIT - EFFICIENCY WITH EMPATHY
Attend the CAAP Summit "Efficiency with Empathy: Where Innovation Meets Humanity" on May 20-21, Hybrid or in person in Harrisburg! As AI reshapes how work gets done, this summit centers on using technology to simplify systems, reduce burnout, and create space for compassion—both for clients and the people who serve them. Participants will explore how to implement AI and tech based solutions while cultivating supportive, psychologically safe workplaces grounded in human connection. Visit www.thecaap.org/caap-summit-website to register for the event!

CAHA - SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 2026
The Carlisle Area Healthcare Auxiliary is currently accepting scholarship applications for traditional and non-traditional students in the Cumberland County region who are pursuing an education in the healthcare field. Healthcare majors could include nursing majors, radiology technicians, Physician's Assistant, therapy degrees such as physical, respiratory, occupational and speech, medical and surgical technology. Many of the scholarship recipients are now employed at UPMC Carlisle, at Rehabilitation and Long-Term Care facilities and at local medical practices. Scholarship applications are available at the UPMC Carlisle Gift Shop or the Visitors Desk. Application deadline is April 15, 2026. Please contact Ellen Hair, Scholarship Co-chairperson, at 717-486-4179 for further information.

CAHA SPRING FUNDRAISER
Annual Mother's Day Plants/Flower Sale is coming soon. ORDER FORMS will be available at the UPMC Carlisle Hospital Gift Shop and payment by cash or check will be accepted. The orders will come into the hospital the week of May 4, 2026. Please check the Auxiliary FACEBOOK page and/or call the GIFT SHOP at 717- 960-3361 (Monday – Friday) for specific dates and times to pick up the PLANTS/FLOWERS.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CASA PROGRAM
Volunteers are the backbone of our program and the success for our children. The mission of the Cumberland County Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program is to assist the Court in determining what serves in the best interest of abused and/or neglected children whose cases are in the Dependency Court system. Through independent information-gathering and active case engagement, trained CASA volunteers develop and present their recommendations to the Court to aid in establishing a safe, permanent and nurturing home for the child or sibling group to whom they have been appointed. The four key roles of a CASA volunteer are: gather relevant information, facilitate, advocate for the child's best interests, and monitor the case- all with the goal of helping to support that child or sibling group to reach PERMANENCY. Reach out to Jennifer Braund, CASA Volunteer Coordinator & Trainer at (717) 240 - 6159 or learn more at cumberlandcountypa.gov.

YWCA CARLISLE & CUMBERLAND CTY - HUMAN TRAFFICKING SIMULATION
Presented by the Cumberland County Human Trafficking Coalition, this event is part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) and Child Abuse Prevention Month. This is not a typical training. Through guided, real-world scenarios, participants will engage in an interactive simulation that highlights how human trafficking occurs, the barriers survivors face, and how individuals and communities can respond more effectively. Registration Details: Tickets are \$30 per person and lunch is included. For questions or additional information, please contact YWCA Carlisle & Cumberland County. Register Here: <https://www.cacarlisle.charityproud.org/EventRegistration/Index/27056>
We hope you'll join us!

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