## **BEST PRACTICES**



AS WE NEAR THE END OF THE YEAR, WE WANTED TO REFLECT BACK ON OUR 2024 TACL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

### **MEASURING YOUR IMPACT**





#### FIRST TIME ATTENDEE SESSION





**WELCOME EVENT AT LAZY G BUFFALO RANCH** 



LEADERSHIP JACKSON ATTENDEES EMJOYING THE RANCH ENVIRONMENT



**BILL IMADA, MULTI-CULTURAL COMMUNICATION** 



MICHAEL MCRAY, RESTORED: TURNING PAIN POINTS INTO PURPOSEFUL PATHS

#### DYNAMIC KEYNOTE SPEAKERS STARTING AND ENDING THE CONFERENCE

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead where there is no path and leave a trail." -Ralph Waldo Emerson



## TACL CHAIR, MARK HUTCHINS, ADDRESSES THE CONFERENCE ATTENDEES, AS WELL AS DR. MICHAEL TORRENCE, PRESIDENT, MOTLOW STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE.





#### **LOTS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO INTERACT.**







#### **TACL AWARDS NIGHT**



KARA WILLIAMS, LEADERSHIP MAURY, RECEIVED THE TACL ROBERT M. SMITH OUTSTANDING TENNESSEE LEAD-ERSHIP EDUCATOR AWARD.



STEPHANIE BRACKMAN, LEADERSHIP RUTHERFORD, ACCEPTS THE AWARD FOR TACL OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FROM TACL CHAIR, MARK HUTCHINS.



Attendees expressed their appreciation to the award winners.



Relationship building is key during the conference: Jackie Borowiak, Leadership Warren, and Tasha Holmes, Leadership Collierville.



TACL ATTENDEES GATHER FOR A PHOTO DURING THE CONFERENCE.

# SHARING LEADERSHIP IDEAS AND DEVELOPING A NETWORK MAKES US ALL STRONGER

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#### **2024 TACL PROGRAM FUNDING RECIPIENTS UPDATE**



Lakelinn Simmons, Leadership Warren



Sydney Lopiccolo, Decatur County Leadership

Two 2024 TACL Program Funding Recipients gave an update about their project and how it had a positive impact on their leadership program.

1. Warren County - Youth program - designing, printing of marketing material for the program to reach more youth. - Middle

2. Decatur County - Restart their Leadership Program - West

3.3-D Youth - Johnson City - East - Elisa Britt was unable to be present but gave an update. Due to the catastrophic circumstances of the flooding and wind damage in East TN. We allowed Johnson City to alter their project to their adult and youth leadership programs working with TEMA to assist those impacted

by Hurricane Helena in providing supplies and delivering food to affected families. Both youth and adults learned skills in communication, organization, teamwork, and compassion.

#### **30 IDEAS IN 30 MINUTES**



1. Topic: Program Days That Leave Them Talking:

A. Faune Nunnery & Cindy Schueman, IMPACT Leader-ship-Invite non-profit organizations to your session. Then have "Speed Dating," dividing up the class to rotate from one to the other, spending specific amount of time with each organization to learn their mission and volunteer opportunities.

2. Topic: Most Creative New Idea Added the Last Two Years:

A. Ben Briley, Leadership Roane County -Mentor Program: Partnered class members with alumni based on similar interests. Contact during the program year, meet for lunch, etc.

#### **GREAT DOOR PRIZES CLOSED OUT THE CONFERENCE**



## SPECIAL THANKS TO ALL THE IMPACT LEADERSHIP BOARD & ALUMNI FOR ALL THE HOURS INVESTED IN A GREAT TACL CONFERENCE!



#### **TESTIMONIALS-2024 TACL CONFERENCE-COOKEVILLE, TN**



#### JENNIE WAGNER, LEADERSHIP DICKSON COUNTY, DICKSON COUNTY CHAMBER

"The 2024 TACL conference in Cookeville, TN was an exceptional gathering of passionate and visionary leaders from across the state. The event provided a perfect balance of practical workshops, inspiring keynote speeches, and engaging networking opportunities. Attendees left with new strategies to tackle challenges and enhance their community impact through their programs. The conference also fostered a strong sense of collaboration, emphasizing the importance of working together to create positive change. It was a well-organized, energizing experience that showcased the remarkable dedication and innovation of Tennessee's community leaders—a must-attend for anyone invested in building stronger, thriving leadership program! The communities that host the event go above and beyond every year to make the event relevant to all attendees as well as fun and fresh. I'm so glad that Tennessee has this amazing group that continues to grow and prosper year after year and that I'm able to be a part of it."



#### JENNIFER BROWN, BOARD MEMBER, LEADERSHIP ROANE COUNTY, ROANE ALLIANCE

"The TACL Conference is always an invaluable experience for leadership professionals across the state. It fosters a dynamic environment for sharing innovative ideas and best practices, providing attendees with actionable insights to strengthen their communities. The diversity of perspectives and expertise was inspiring, and the collaborative atmosphere encouraged meaningful connections and partnerships. Whether through engaging workshops, thought-provoking panels, or informal networking, the conference empowers leaders to return to their communities equipped with fresh strategies and renewed energy to drive positive change. TACL truly demonstrates the power of collective leadership in building a brighter future for Tennessee."



#### ELLEN HOPGOOD, LEADERSHIP DYER COUNTY, DYERSBURG/DYER COUNTY CHAMBER

Attending the TACL Conference was an incredibly inspiring experience (as always). I had the privilege of meeting many passionate leaders from across the state who shared their insights and experiences. Their energy and dedication were contagious, and I walked away with valuable ideas for reinvigorating both our adult and youth leadership programs. From innovative engagement strategies to new ways of fostering collaboration, I learned practical tools that I am excited to implement. This conference reminded me of the power of community and leadership, and I'm eager to infuse that renewed energy into our Dyer County programs.

### BIG SALE

Contact Judy Renshaw, TACL Executive Director, for details on how to purchase, taclresources@gmail.com.



We still have some great TACL items for purchase. Shirts are available for \$25 (Sizes M-L-XL) as well as TACL Tumblers that have a dual purpose of holding a beverage with one top or change tops and put in a canned drink only \$10.



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2025 TACL CONFERENCE in MONROE COUNTY, TN

on

OCTOBER 15th – 17th

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