



Pictured Above: 2025 TACL Board Members

## Welcome to the TACL Newsletter!

Welcome to the latest edition of the TACL newsletter! We're excited to keep you informed and engaged with updates from across the region. In this issue, you'll find session recaps, important announcements, upcoming opportunities, and much more. Keep reading to stay connected and in the loop with all things TACL!

 Don't Forget To Spread The Word





Group Photo

## **Leadership East TN Program**

*in Gatlinburg, TN*

The 2025 Leadership East Tennessee (LET) program kicked off their year with two days in Gatlinburg on Feb. 27th & 28th with Sevier County being their host for the topic of Tourism. Many came early to join alumni the evening before the class kicked off for the annual LET alumni reconnect. This year's class has 39 class members from across the 16 county region and will travel to 10 of the counties for other following topics; Law, Education & Workforce Development, Emergency Preparedness, Health & Wellness, Arts & Culture, Heritage, Agriculture, Economic Development and ending in November with Science and Technology. Thank you LET for being a TACL member.



# TACL West Tennessee Regional Session

*in Jackson, TN*

Leadership program directors and board members across West TN gathered for the TACL West TN Regional Session, held on April 22nd. The Session was a dynamic and inspiring day packed with valuable networking, impactful speakers, and interactive, hands-on activities. We're thankful for everyone who participated and continues to invest in building strong, effective leaders for our region. Your commitment is truly making a difference in the future of Tennessee!





# TACL Planning Meeting

*in Murfreesboro, TN*

The TACL Board of Directors (pictured on page 1) were hard at work planning goals to meet the needs of our membership during 2025. During this meeting, we welcomed Michelle Adkisson, Kristina Anderson, Katy Riddle, and Jennifer Smiley as our new board members! Based on surveys, individual discussions, and analysis of state and national trends, the board is focused on developing programs that will directly impact community leadership initiatives at all levels. Their efforts will concentrate on resource development, providing educational foundations, identifying funding opportunities for smaller communities, fostering statewide networks for program directors to share ideas, and cultivating key relationships with those guiding the development of leaders within communities across the state. The Board is also focused on the counties that had to stop their programs during COVID and want to restart, as well as the 11 counties in the state that do not have leadership programs to determine how we can work together to help create a community leadership program. If you are one of the counties that wants to restart your program, contact our Executive Director, Judy Renshaw, [taclresources@gmail.com](mailto:taclresources@gmail.com).



**TACL**  
MIDDLE TENNESSEE REGIONAL LEADERSHIP SESSION

HOSTED BY: **LEADERSHIP RUTHERFORD**

**Mark Your Calendar**

**When:**  
June 9, 2025  
9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

**Where:**  
Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce  
3050 Medical Center Parkway  
Murfreesboro, TN | 37129

**Middle Tennessee Regional Leadership Session**

- ✓ Share YOUR best practices
- ✓ Networking Opportunities
- ✓ Engaging Ice Breaker Activity

**Lunch + Networking**  
*Connect and enjoy a catered lunch provided by Leadership Rutherford*

**Program Highlights**

- ✓ TACL Overview
- ✓ TACL Annual Conference Update
- ✓ AI in Leadership  
*Explore how AI is impacting leadership development and work performance, presented by Ailyn Walker, Dale Carnegie*

**Quote:**  
"If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more & become more, YOU ARE A LEADER."  
- John Quincy Adams

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Please RSVP to Stephanie Brackman by June 2  
[sbrackman@rutherfordchamber.org](mailto:sbrackman@rutherfordchamber.org)  
We look forward to seeing you there!



## Attention Middle TN - Save The Date For Your TACL Regional Meeting!



**June 9, 2025**



**9AM-1:30PM**



**Rutherford County Chamber of Commerce**



## TACL East TN Regional Session

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On April 30th, leadership program directors and board members gathered for the East Tennessee Regional Seminar! It was a day full of learning, networking, and collaboration.



## TACL East TN Regional Session

Testimonial

"My experience with the East Tn. TACL seminars has been both rewarding and enjoyable. Each year, I gain valuable insights that help me continually improve our Leadership Anderson County and Youth Leadership Anderson County programs. The knowledge, connections, and inspiration I take away from TACL have played a vital role in strengthening our impact and fostering leadership growth in our community." - Marsha Stapleton



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