



# Developing Leaders

March 2005 - Session 6

## Community Leadership Class Visits State Capitol in Harrisburg

The State Capitol in Harrisburg set the scene for *Community Leadership Program* as participants attended Session 6 The Political Process. Objectives for the session centered on gaining a better knowledge of government and understanding how public policy is made into law.

The day began with a meeting with Senator Joseph B. Scarnati, III. A group discussion with the Senator focused on the highly debatable topic of Act 72, which is a bill currently in the House that would allow school districts to accept state regulated tax money from licensed gambling venues in an effort to help reduce tax burdens of Pennsylvania property owners. A meeting with Representative Matt Baker also gave the participants an opportunity to ask questions related to government issues



CLP Class of 2005 trip to Harrisburg. Front row from Left to Right: Paula Reese, Jim Baker, Jeff Kriner, Tom D'Angelo, Ashley Wagner, Terry Mattison, Deb Sawyer, Senator Joseph Scarnati. Back row from Left to Right: Robert J. Blair, John Burrell, Linda Losinger, Representative Matthew Baker, Craig Evans, Bill Williams, Al Quimby, and Lillian Smith.

within Tioga County. A group photo was taken on the House Floor with Senator Scarnati and Representative Baker to round out the morning activities.

After a complimentary lunch provided by Senator Scarnati, Representative Baker and Senator Madigan, the *CLP* participants were given a guided tour which offered a history lesson of the Capitol as well

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as a chance to view some very unique architecture. The tour included both the House and Senate Floors, as well as a chance to see the State Supreme Courtroom. The group discovered that there is only one State Supreme Court; however, it is a “roving” supreme court with locations in Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and Pittsburgh. The most notable feature of the Capitol is its rotunda, or dome, weighing in at 52 million pounds and standing 272 feet high. Designed by a Philadelphia architect, the Capitol incorporates paintings, stained glass and furniture, just to name a few items, all created by some of the best artisans of the day. The building has been modernized over the years and a Preservation Committee was formed to ensure none of the historic elements of the building were lost. Guided tours of the Capitol are offered every Monday through Friday, every half hour from 8:30 AM – 4:00 PM and on limited times on weekends



*Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III addresses the CLP Class of 2005 in his office as Robert J. Blair, President/Chief Executive Officer, Tioga County Development Corporation, looks on.*



*Representative Matthew E. Baker took time out of his schedule to address the CLP Class of 2005. Pictured from Left to Right are: Deb Sawyer, Representative Baker, Al Quimby, Jeff Kriner, and Tom D'Angelo.*



*Senator Roger E. Madigan*

and holidays. For more information or to place a reservation, call (717) 787-6810.

Prior to visiting the Capitol, participants completed a class assignment requiring them to attend a public meeting such as a borough council meeting, local township meeting or school board meeting. The assignment gave the *CLP* Participants the opportunity to see local government in action, while the trip to the Capitol gave

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## Future Leader Profile - Alison Broughton

Alison Broughton of Morris is our featured *CLP* Participant for the month of March. She is currently employed with Citizens & Northern Bank as a loan officer at its Wellsboro location. Citizens & Northern Bank is a group of professionals dedicated to meeting your lifetime financial needs with a personal touch. Alison has a degree in Business Administration from Lycoming College. She is a member of the Business and Professional Women's Association (BPW). In her spare time, she enjoys the unique hobby of scrapbooking. Originally from Lake Ariel, PA, Alison believes her participation in *CLP* will give her a great opportunity to learn more about Tioga County. Alison and her husband Ryan recently welcomed their first newborn named Mackenzie.



## Adult Alumni Interview - Chris McGann

Chris McGann of Mansfield is a 2004 Graduate of the *Community Leadership Program*. Chris is currently the managing editor of the Wellsboro Gazette. He has also recently decided to enroll at Mansfield University to earn a second bachelor's degree in political science. His goal is to eventually earn a masters degree and possibly a doctorate. "My initial goal in the program was to learn

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leadership skills to help my company," Chris explained. He added that those leadership skills seem to have helped with

the internal operations of the newspaper. "However, the most important thing that I learned from *CLP* is that a leader needs to be in control of his or her own life," Chris said. "Going back to college has long been a dream of mine and I have decided that it is time to pursue that dream." Throughout the program, Chris had a chance to meet and interact with a number of local professionals. "I learned a lot from both the other participants as well as the many presenters who volunteered their time and efforts." Chris also wishes to thank Dominion Transmission, Inc. for providing the scholarship that



allowed him to participate in the program, as well as his company for allowing him to take the time to participate in *CLP*.

**Youth Leadership Program -  
Session 6 - Local, State &  
Federal Government**

The *Tioga County Development Corporation Leadership Tioga County Youth Leadership Program Class of 2005* participated in Session 6 Local, State & Federal Government on March 8, 2005. The Session was sponsored by United States Congressman John E. Peterson, Senator Joseph B. Scarnati, III, Senator Roger A. Madigan and State Representative Matthew E. Baker. The Session was held at the Tioga County Court House and the First Baptist Church in Wellsboro. As part of the Session, all of the *Youth Leadership Program Class of 2005* attended the Tioga County Commissioners meeting held on March 8, 2005.



*During the Tioga County Commissioners meeting, members of the Team L<sup>2</sup> (Leading Leaders) presented a Resolution to the Commissioners. Pictured from left to right are (standing): Deb Sawyer, YLP Co-Chair; Mallory Mosher, Wellsboro Area High School; Kellie Lampman, Cowanesque Valley High School; Kayla Wanat, North Penn High School; Justin Ellingham, Liberty High School and Robert J. Blair, President/Chief Executive Officer; (seated) Tioga County Commissioners, Sue Vogler, Mark Hamilton and Erick Coolidge and Chief Clerk Derek Williams.*

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them a better understanding of government at a state level. The group concluded with a meeting with Senator Roger Madigan. The *CLP Class of 2005* would like to thank *TCDC* and the Legislative Offices of Senator Scarnati, Senator Madigan and Representative Baker for organizing the day's events. Pictured at right is Senator Joseph B. Scarnati III welcoming Bill Williams, Jeff Kriner and Paula Reese to the Pennsylvania State Capitol.



## Future Leader Profile - Craig Evans

Craig Evans is the featured leadership profile for this month. In 1984, Craig graduated from Penn State University with Bachelor of Science degree in Biology. In 1986, he then graduated from Thomas Jefferson University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Technology and he served as an undergraduate representative on the Student and Faculty Commons Advisory Board while attending.

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Craig has made his home in Philadelphia, Boston, and the Williamsport area before returning to Tioga County. He has been employed at four different medical facilities. He was the Chief

Technologist for two years at Evangelical Community Hospital in Lewisburg. In 1992, he became a laboratory technologist at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital. During his employment for The Laurel Health System, he has been a primary operator of the laboratory information system, responsible for definition of functions and training of laboratory staff. He utilizes interpersonal skills to interact with medical staff, nursing staff, and other users of the information systems and chemistry supervisor for the lab. Craig is now serving as a Clinical System Specialist. His duties include working alongside installation specialists and the information system vendor to test new and existing clinical computer system applications and to help train the medical, nursing and other clinical department staff on those applications.



Craig resides in Little Marsh with his wife, Cindy, and four children, Christopher, 17, Caleb, 15, Curtis, 12, and Corrine, 9. His hobbies include hiking, camping, gardening, and attending his children's activities.

When asked what have you gained from attending the *TCDC Community Leadership Program*, he replied, "I very much like the wide range of business environments and social interactions that the program has given me. It's been very enlightening to realize just what exists out there in our local communities."

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