

Leadership Highland sets sail for the 2018-2019 Class

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Leadership Highland participants pictured from left to right: Scott Hopf, Mike Hart, Rob Holt, Mat Greene, Destiny Bryson, Michelle Unsworth, Liz Brennfleck, Diana Grooms, and Melissa Elmore. Not pictured Dan Pearce.

The Leadership Highland class of 2018-2019 met for the first time at Rocky Fork State Park on August 8, 2018. Participants in this year's class include: Michael Hart (Great Oaks), Scott Hopf (Merchants Bank), Melissa Elmore (The Highland County Chamber of Commerce), Robert Holt (Bagshaw Enterprises), Diana Grooms (First State Bank), Michelle Unsworth (Weastec, Inc.), Mathew Greene (Edward Jones), Elizabeth Brennfleck (Highland and Fayette County Boards of Developmental Disabilities), Daniel Pearce (HighCo. Inc.), and Destiny Bryson (Visitors Bureau of Highland County).

The first day of Leadership Highland was held at the East End Overlook. Dr. Jeff King, from The Ohio State University Leadership Center, taught team building skills and discussed the

participant's individual Meyers-Briggs evaluations during the morning session. Commissioners Terry Britton and Jeff Duncan provided an update on county projects occurring in the Rocky Fork Lake region. Matthew Lewis and Officer Adam Sommerville, of the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, discussed the daily operation, routine maintenance, and safety practices utilized at Rocky Fork State Park. Lewis and Sommerville also provided a boat tour of the lake demonstrating dredging efforts near the campground area, Bald Eagle nesting areas, and the re-development of a children's fishing lake. The day concluded with Meredith Oglesby and Lauren Grover teaching the participants proper dining etiquette.

The next full meeting of Leadership Highland will be on September 19, 2018, focusing on the history of Highland County. A portion of the Leadership Highland participants will be traveling to Toledo in late August to visit the 180th Fighter Wing and learn about the Brushcreek/Buckeye Military Operating Area over Highland County.