**Calendar - Class of 2020**

*Topics are subject to change*

“Until the great mass of the people shall be filled with the sense of responsibility for each other’s welfare, social justice can never be attained.” Helen Keller

**SEPTEMBER- WELCOME TO MCLI CLASS OF 2020!**

**THursday, September 19TH, 2019 – Orientation:** 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM, followed by Kickoff Reception

**OCTOBER - “I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples.”**

**Thursday, October 10th, 2019 – Program Day, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM - Understanding Our Communities**

- Lawrence, Lowell & Haverhill Context and Scavenger Hunt

**Sunday and Monday, October 20th & 21st, 2019– Retreat: Leadership, Identity, and Inclusion – No Absences Allowed**

1:30 PM Sunday to 5:00 PM Monday, overnight at Rolling Ridge Conference Center, North Andover

- Leadership Styles and Group Dynamics
- Diversity, Power and Leadership: Race, Class, Gender, and Sexual Orientation

**NOVEMBER “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”**

**Thursday, November 14th, 2019– Program Day, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM - Image and Access to Opportunity**

- Community Development Exercise
- Diversity, Power and Leadership - Part 2

**DECEMBER - “The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.”**

**Thursday, December 5th, 2019 – Program Day 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM - Building Economic Opportunity**

- Innovation Site Visits: Overcoming Poverty and Homelessness; Empowering People with Disabilities

**Wednesday, December 18th, 2019 – MCLI Morning, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM - Individual Goals and Leadership Commitments**

- Case Studies: Leadership Success and Failure
- Envisioning new leadership projects – the process begins!

**JANUARY - “One's dignity may be assaulted, vandalized and cruelly mocked, but it can never be taken away unless it is surrendered.”**

**Thursday, January 9th, 2020 – Program Day, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM - Fixing Broken Pipelines**

- Innovation Site Visit: Essex County House of Corrections and Approaches to Community Re-Entry

**Wednesday, January 22nd, MCLI Morning - 2020 – 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM - Personal Leadership Awareness**

- Clarifying leadership motivation, values, and goals
- Social Commitments begins

**FEBRUARY “The greatest sign of success for a teacher is to be able to say, 'The children are now working as if I did not exist.”**

**Thursday, February 13th, 2020 – Program Day, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM Empowering Future Generations**

- Innovation Site Visits: Colleges, and Charter Public Schools

**MARCH - “Culture is the widening of the mind and of the spirit.”**

**Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 – MCLI Morning, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM - Developing Vision and Influence**

- Training in pitching and persuasive strategy - Prepare to pitch at MCLI Mixers
- Group Dynamics

**Thursday, March 26th, 2020 – Program Day, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM - A Nation of Newcomers**

- Innovation Site Visits: Integrating Immigrants and Refugees
- Practice of Social Commitments
APRIL  “Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become leader, success is all about growing others.

Thursday, April 16th, 2020 – Program Day, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM - Think Globally/Act Locally

- Innovation Site Visits: Climate Change and Green Innovation
- Practice of Social Commitments

April 26th, 2020 to May 4th, 2020 Optional: Trip to Dominican Republic

For the second year, MCLI is going to Dominican Republic to experience leadership and social commitment from an international perspective. As a group, our goal is to grow our self-awareness, cultural competencies, and socially responsible leadership through an experiential, hands-on approach - MCLI’s modus operandi. “Before you are a leader, success is all about growing yourself. When you become leader, success is all about growing others.

- This voluntary trip, sponsored by participants themselves, will be an opportunity to reflect, engage in community, converse with native leaders and residents, ask the why and how, and grow deeper into our roles as servant leaders and innovators returning with lessons that will change our worldviews.
- Although one week may not be long enough to create deep change in this country, through this experience MCLI strives to change someone’s moment and change ourselves as reflective leaders through intercultural networking, building stronger connections, and forming meaningful relationships.
- We are hopeful that this experience will allow us to bring back a stronger social and leadership awareness which will inform the work we do here locally as socially responsible, community leaders.

MAY & JUNE  “To handle yourself, use your head; to handle others, use your heart.”

Thursday, May 14th, 2020 – Program Day, 8:30 AM– 5:00 PM - Building Healthy Cities

- Innovation Site Visits: Health Disparities and Environmental Justice
- Getting ready for MCLI Social Innovator Mixers
- Practice of Social Commitments

SOCIAL INNOVATOR MIXERS IN MAY & JUNE, 2020

Thursday, May 28th, 2020 – MCLI Social Innovator Mixer, 5:00 PM– 8:30 PM

- Community event: Class members pitch Leadership Commitments, with feedback & networking

Thursday, June 4th, 2020 – MCLI Social Innovator Mixer, 5:00 PM – 8:30 PM

- Community event: Class members pitch Leadership Commitments, with feedback & networking

JUNE - “We do not need magic to change the world, we carry all the power we need inside ourselves already: we have the power to imagine better.”

Friday, June 12th, 2020 – Program Day, 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM Closing Retreat – No Absences Allowed

- Reflection and assessment of program experience and learning goals

Thursday, June 17th, 2020 – Showcase & Graduation, 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

- Colleagues, friends, and family welcome!

FOLLOW UP REUNIONS - “A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.”

Monday, January 20th, 2020 – Yearly MLK Alumni Reunion

Alumni Reunion TBA - 2020

Wednesday, April 21st, 2021 – Follow-Up MCLI Morning, 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM Sustaining Our Leadership

- Reconnecting to support each other’s leadership projects and continuing development