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Welcome Our Newest LG Alumni!

On Thursday May 25, Leadership Garland Class 42 officially graduated INTO the Leadership of Garland.

Class-elected speaker Matt Lankford, American National Bank of Texas, said, "I'd say we survived, but I think we thrived. We now have a more in-depth view of Garland and we're going to be presented with opportunities to share our leadership with the community."

Lankford further encouraged his classmates, "You can only control what happens next."

Steering Committee Chair, Elisa Morales, added, "Now is not the time to remove your foot from the gas pedal. Now is the time to put your service to others in overdrive as the need only continues to grow with each passing day."

Congratulations Class 42! We look forward to serving and leading alongside you!

Mark Your Calendars

The talented crew of leaders on the Leadership Garland Alumni Committee have put together a fantastic collection of events and opportunities to inspire your leadership growth and reconnect you with your classmates. Here's what's coming up!



Summer Social: The Music Man

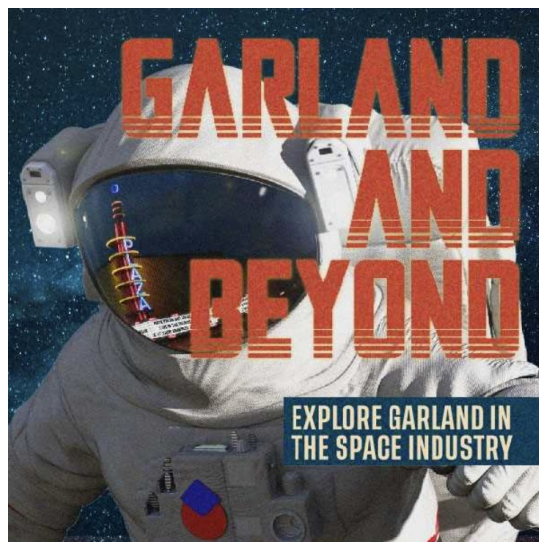
On **June 23 at 7:30 p.m.**, join us at Garland Summer Musicals to see The Music Man. Tickets are available at the link below. Use code HAROLD to access our special group rate.

Before the show, join us at 6 p.m. at Intrinsic Smokehouse & Brewery in the Downtown Square to eat, drink and network.

Granville Arts Center
300 N. Fifth St.
Garland, TX 75040

Purchase your tickets today!

[Click Here for Tickets to the Show](#)



Garland and Beyond

From **May 1 through Sept. 2**, visit the lobby at Garland City Hall to view the "Garland and Beyond" exhibit, which features displays and artifacts on loan from NASA and highlights Garland's manufacturing history in the space industry.

In conjunction with the exhibit, find space movies featured at the Plaza Theatre and space beer at Intrinsic Smokehouse & Brewery. There are even special mission badges for Space Date Nights!

[Find out more about the Exhibit and Space-themed activities planned in Garland](#)

Homecoming Barbecue

On **Oct. 23 from 5-7 p.m.**, join us for the Annual Alumni Homecoming Barbecue!

Complete with Dickey's Barbecue, a Dessert Competition, and plenty of networking with fellow alumni, you won't want to miss it!

Mark your calendar today!



[Watch for Additional Information on Facebook](#)

Watch the [Leadership Garland Alumni Facebook](#) page for event announcements and RSVP info.

Oohs and Aahs



Derek Burt (Class 35) retired from the City of Garland after 34 years of service to the community and the City's Customer Service Department.

Congratulations, Derek! We wish you all the best, and thank you for your leadership.



Sheena Sharapata (Class 36) organized the Planet Ford 635 Clay Shoot benefitting the Garland Police Never Walk Alone Foundation and raised \$40,000.

"I'm beyond blessed to be with the team at Planet Ford 635 that allows us the opportunity to create these incredible events that bring together multiple companies who want to support our veterans and first responders in Garland," Sharapata said.

[Read More from The Garland Texan](#)



Beth Dattomo (Class 33) received the "Champion of the Child 2023" award from Boys & Girls Clubs of Northeast Texas at the 15th Annual Hunt County Gala.

About her employer, Atmos Energy, Beth said, "Thank you for letting me do what I do and serve our communities on behalf of our company. It's an honor to get to do so."

Congratulations, Beth! What great leadership!

Have something fun to share with your fellow alumni? Email LG@garlandchamber.com with **Ooh and Aah** in the subject line to see your news in the next edition of the alumni newsletter.

Stay Connected

- Join the [Leadership Garland](#) group on Facebook for news and event invitations
- Make sure you've paid your annual Alumni Dues (\$30) to help keep programs going. Email [Diane Whitlock](mailto:Diane.Whitlock) to be invoiced or make a payment today.

Thank you for staying connected to Leadership Garland! Have questions? Suggestions? Want to be more involved? Let me know!

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