

EXCCCEL 2017

Leadership and Community Development Program for Western Greene County

EXCCCEL pools emerging leaders from the towns of Republic, Willard, Ash Grove and rural areas to develop future community leaders. EXCCCEL graduates use insights and skills learned to engage in building community networks, make well-informed community decisions and find real solutions to real problems. As part of EXCCCEL they also learn about county resources, issues facing their communities and how to find solutions.

Those discoveries and creative ideas will be shared with the community through special reports published in the Greene County Commonwealth. This creates a unique community development partnership between emerging leaders, University of Missouri Extension, Greene County Commission and Greene County Commonwealth.

The purpose of EXCCCEL is community development through graduates who network and create a shared community vision, commit themselves as leaders to build a course of action to improve the lives of residents in their community, establish partnerships with others to expand available community and county resources and to better engage the community in discussions about these complex issues by using the community newspaper as a resource.

Become a Community Leader.

FOOD: To encourage participation, meals will be included from various local vendors. MU Extension will fund meal costs.

TEAMS: Attendees will work in teams and those teams will organize one evening of the program with guidance. The goal of each session is to dive deep in to local community issues and discuss possible solutions. The entire class will also work to develop, organize and lead a community initiative or project to address a community issue.

GROUP EDITORIALS — Program participants will write columns and editorials outlining major issues for communities and offering possible solutions. These writings will be printed in the Commonwealth and the Spring “Progress Edition” will feature team writings with profiles of EXCCCEL participants. All content will be submitted electronically to staff at the Greene County Commonwealth. An easy to understand format has been developed and organization and editorial assistance will be provided.

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Improve Yourself and Community by Being a Part of EXCCCEL

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build community leadership
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Day	Date	Time	What/Where
Thurs.	Sept. 14	6 p.m.	Introduction to EXCCEL Republic Monitor office in Republic. Local meal. Program overview and goals; team pairing and assignments; fundraising/development 101; media writing as it relates to the monthly space provided in the Commonwealth; and focus group example with group to narrow in on topics.
Friday	Sept. 22		First editorial: Importance of Community and Leadership
Thurs.	Sept. 28	6 p.m.	Focus on Ash Grove; Meeting location and meal to be determined
Friday	Oct. 13		Second editorial: Challenges and Solutions Facing Ash Grove, Mo.
Thurs.	Oct. 19	6 p.m.	Focus on Willard; Meeting location and meal to be determined
Friday			Third editorial: Challenges and Solutions Facing Willard, Mo.
Thurs.	Nov. 16	6 p.m.	Focus on Republic; Meeting location and meal to be determined
Friday			Fourth editorial: Challenges and Solutions Facing Republic, Mo.
Thurs.	Jan. 18	6 p.m.	Focus on region; Meeting location and meal to be determined
Friday			Fifth editorial: Challenges and Solutions Facing our region
Thurs.	Feb. 15	6 p.m.	Focus on county; meeting and eating at Greene County jail.
Friday			Sixth editorial: Challenges and Solutions Facing our County
tentative date	March 1	5 a.m.—6 pm	Legislative Day in Jefferson City in partnership with MU Extension; group transportation and meals will be provided along with legislative meetings
Friday			Seventh editorial: Local priorities for Jefferson City
TBA	TBA	TBA	Team or community event held; could be a project or event. Entire team organizers this together and funds it as well.
Friday			Eighth editorial: Lessons learned in community leadership
	March 15	TBA	EXCCEL Graduation
Spring		TBA	Progress Edition of the Commonwealth featuring Exccel members/writings

NO COST FOR 2017-18 SESSION

APPLICATIONS: A short application is required and it includes behavior expectations for participants. For the first year the class is limited to 16. **The application is available at the Greene County Extension office or online at <http://extension.missouri.edu/greene>.** Applications are due by August 18.

PROGRAM PARTNERS: University of Missouri Extension in Greene County will take the lead in partnership with the Greene County Commonwealth and Republic Chamber of Commerce. The Greene County Commission and various county and city departments will be vital to the program.

COURSE FACILITATORS: Each time we meet we will hear from different experienced community leaders. Three people will guide this program from beginning to end.

- **Ryan Squibb** - owner and publisher of the Greene County Commonwealth.
- **David Burton** - civic communication specialist for University of Missouri Extension in Greene County.
- **Andrea Banwart** - executive director of Republic Area Chamber of Commerce.

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