

Growing Associates in Naples- GAIN™



Connecting Tomorrow's Leaders Today

A Program for Young Emerging Leaders

CLASS OF 2012

Application

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY

Please make sure you do not have any conflicts with the dates that are provisionally set for the Class of 2012. Only one session absence is permitted while still ensuring graduation from GAIN. Program tuition is \$575 which is due upon acceptance to the program. Almost all session times will be conducted after business hours, 5:30pm- 7:30pm, except for the first "Kick-off" Session. Food and beverages will be served from 5:00 on at each session to allow for dinner and social / networking time with your classmates prior to the start of the session program.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must:

- ◆ Demonstrate a desire to further develop professionally and civically.
- ◆ Have an interest in furthering his/her knowledge about Collier County and community leadership
- ◆ Commit to full participation in the GAIN program. Please be sure that you can attend the sessions before applying.
- ◆ Be active in business in Collier/Lee County

SELECTION PROCESS

All applications will be reviewed by the GAIN Selection Committee which is comprised of Past Class Participants of GAIN and Leadership Collier.

All Applicants will be notified in writing of the Selection Committee's decision by March 1st.

The 2012 Class is limited in size. If you are not accepted into this class you are encouraged to re-apply for upcoming GAIN programs.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- ◆ Fill out the application form completely and return it to The Chamber offices by February 27th, 2012.
- ◆ Hand written applications will not be accepted.
- ◆ You will need to supply an e-mail address that the GAIN program administrator can use to communicate important program information. This e-mail address must be able to receive document attachments.
- ◆ It is best to submit your application electronically by emailing it to erin@napleschamber.org
- ◆ You may also mail or hand deliver your application to The Leadership Collier Foundation no later than 5:00 P.M. on February 27, 2012
- ◆ Mail and hand delivery to: The Leadership Collier Foundation, 2390 Tamiami Trail N., Suite 210, Naples, FL. 34103.

UPON ACCEPTANCE

YOU WILL NEED TO PROMPTLY:

- ◆ Submit a headshot of you (preferable format TIF or JPEG) along with a brief bio.
- ◆ Submit payment of the program tuition.
- ◆ Provide the names and contact information of two acquaintances of yours who can be successfully contacted by one of your fellow classmates. Each class participant is assigned a class member to research and introduce during our opening session...called the Secret Buddy Presentation.
- ◆ Check your schedule to confirm that you will participate in all GAIN sessions and scheduled activities.

ALL APPLICATIONS ARE CONFIDENTIAL
DEADLINE FOR APPLYING IS **February 27th (5:00 P.M.)**

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME

(LAST)	(FIRST)	(MIDDLE)

HOME ADDRESS

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<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>	<u>Home Phone #</u>	<u>Cell Phone #</u>

EMAIL

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(IMPORTANT: MOST OF OUR CORRESPONDENCE IS DONE ELECTRONICALLY)

(Check One): Female Male

Please check items that apply: African-American Caucasian Hispanic Asian or Pacific-American
 American Indian Other (please specify) _____

YEARS PERMANENT RESIDENCY IN COLLIER COUNTY

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The GAIN program is designed for participants who are emerging professionals and are within the 25 – 41ish years of age. Please check here if are an ideal GAIN program candidate

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EDUCATION

CURRENT EMPLOYER

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Parent Company (If Applicable)

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YOUR TITLE

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BUSINESS ADDRESS

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City	State	Zip	Telephone	Fax

Principal in Charge of Firm

Name	Title	Phone



Please tell us a little about yourself, i.e., current position and duties, past employment, extracurricular honors, awards and special interests.

Current position and duties-
Special interests-
Extracurricular honors and awards-

Please list any community, civic, professional, business, religious, social, athletic and other organizations in which you are or have been a member.

Organization	Positions Held	Years Member

What benefits to your professional development are you looking for in the GAIN program?

What are some of the non-business related aspects of "You" that make you unique and that others may not be aware of?

Describe an important ambition in your life. Tell what you hope to accomplish and achieve.



What are you prepared to do to benefit this community post-graduation? Do you have any specific community service aspirations involving participation on Boards, Committees or perhaps volunteerism in certain areas?

How did you hear about GAIN?

I hereby commit that, if selected:

- I will use the knowledge acquired and the relationships developed in Growing Associates in Naples for the good of our entire community by becoming, or continuing to be, actively engaged in civic and community affairs.
- I will consider being an active participant in the alumni committees which make up the Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association's programs and activities throughout the year which includes the GAIN program..
- The Leadership Collier Foundation strongly recommends continual Associate Membership to the Leadership Collier Foundation Alumni Association to maximize your Growing Associates in Naples (GAIN) experience. Your 2012 Associate Membership to the Alumni Association is included in your program tuition.

Name

Signature (indicate with an X when filing electronically to the terms and expectations).

Date _____



2012 GAIN Schedule (Provisional – Subject to Change)

The GAIN program is comprised of seven sessions over a two month period plus a graduation ceremony. A working dinner and beverages will be served at each session beginning at 5:00 P.M. All session programs, unless otherwise noted, will begin promptly at 5:30 P.M. and end by 7:30 P.M.

Session 1

Thursday, March 29th

The Chamber Building – 2nd Floor Leadership Collier Foundation Community Room - 3:00 PM - 6:15 PM

- Introduction of class - Secret Buddy presentations by all Class Participants (each class member is assigned a classmate to research and introduce at the kickoff session). Instructions will be gone over for the online DISC Assessment Survey which is part of the GAIN program. The survey will need to be completed promptly to prepare for an upcoming session with Jan Kantor of Success Systems.

The Chamber Building – 1st Floor Main Lobby:
6:30pm- 7:30pm

- Kick-Off Reception with GAIN class and Alumni.

Session 2

Thursday, April 5th

The Chamber Building – 2nd Floor Leadership Collier Foundation Community Room - 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM:

- History of Collier County - "Did You Know".
- Local Government 101.
- School Board Structure and Overview.
- Division of Elections.

Session 3

Thursday, April 12th

The Chamber Building – 2nd Floor Leadership Collier Foundation Community Room - 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM:

- Mr. Jan Kantor of Success Systems will share the results of the DISC Assessment analysis and discuss how to utilize this information and perhaps develop strategies to better meet the demands of your environment.

Session 4

Tuesday, April 17th

Golisano Children's Museum of Naples - North Collier Regional Park (Livingston Road, just south of Immokalee Road) - 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

- Tour of newly opened facility.
- Presentation and panel discussion involving children's issues and solutions in Collier County.

