

**The student must be willing to invest the time and effort to successfully complete the program.**

**An effort will be made to select participants who represent a diverse cross section of the area. The diversity of participants ensures much of the meaningful, personal interaction and mutual learning in the program.**

## **TO APPLY**

**Forerunners is provided as a service to students in the area by the Leadership Tuscaloosa Alumni Association.**

**Although there is no cost to participate in the program, students selected for Forerunners are required to submit an application fee of \$100, and to participate in a group fundraising project. All proceeds offset program expenses.**



**Partial scholarships are available. Please indicate your interest on the application. Applications are available through school sponsors.**

## **SCHEDULE OF CLASSES**

**The first session of Forerunners will be held in September of 2021. You will receive monthly agendas by email prior to each session.**

**Meetings will be held on the third Wednesdays of the month. No meeting will be held in December.**

**The final meeting will be held in May 2021, during which class members will be honored at a graduation luncheon. School sponsors and parents will be invited to attend.**

## **QUESTIONS?**

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**A dynamic, personal development program to help the Tuscaloosa County area youth reach their full potential.**

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# THE PURPOSE

*The effectiveness of personal involvement in the future development and progress of the Tuscaloosa County community can be enhanced through increased knowledge of the area's economic, social, historical, and political issues and needs. It is the intent of Forerunners to provide a foundation of knowledge that potential leaders can use to aid their involvement and success in community endeavors.*

*Our goal is to make each selected participant more aware of and sensitive to the wide range of needs and opportunities in the community through shared experiences with a cross section of highly capable fellow participants.*

*Forerunners has proven to be a unique, meaningful experience. Students will gain from involvement in the program with the ultimate beneficiary being the community.*

*The Tuscaloosa area is a wonderful place to live and work. Forerunners will play an increasing role in shaping the positive direction of many future leaders inclined toward making our community even better.*



# THE GOALS

**The objective of Forerunners is to help meet the community's need for informed, responsible, and effective leadership. The program is designed to:**

- **Inform participants about the area's assets, needs and potential in major areas.**
- **Stimulate interest and awareness in community problems and encourage a team approach to solutions.**
- **Improve understanding of individual leadership roles and the diversity of leadership styles and skills required.**
- **Develop and expand capacity for communication and interaction with one another, community leaders and fellow citizens.**

# THE PROGRAM

**The Forerunners program consists of one-day sessions over a nine-month period beginning in September.**

**The participant must be able to arrange transportation to each session, which will be held in a variety of locations around the Tuscaloosa area.**

**Each session will provide an analysis of areas of community concerns and offer opportunities for decision making and problem solving. Class members will meet with leaders from throughout the community to discuss the issues.**

**The program has been designed by the Forerunners Curriculum Committee, composed of Leadership Tuscaloosa Alumni Association members.**

# THE PARTICIPANTS

**Participants are selected from tenth grade students in the Tuscaloosa County area. Following selection, the students will participate in the program in the eleventh grade.**

**Criteria for selection include demonstrated leadership skills and active involvement in school and the community.**