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## **CHAMBER PARTNERS WITH BENEDICTINE TO OFFER COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP CLASS**

**BC students and community leaders will learn alongside each other**

ATCHISON, Kan. (Nov. 18, 2008) — College students and community leaders will have the opportunity to learn from and with each other as the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce and Benedictine College announce a new course offering focused on community leadership.

According to the course description, this unique course, entitled Community Leadership, will give Benedictine College students the opportunity to acquire community leadership skills sitting alongside community participants enrolled in the Leadership Atchison County development program. The course curriculum is based on the Community Leadership Program developed by the Kansas Health Foundation and the Kansas Leadership Center.

Students will be introduced to the community leadership networks and dynamics that define leadership in Atchison County through guest lectures and field experience. Some of the topics covered include servant leadership, team and coalition building, strategic thinking, project planning and evaluation. Students will also participate in a service-learning project with the class.

The class will meet from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays from Jan. 14 to May 3 at Benedictine College. Arrangements for other activities will be made once the class convenes.

Not only will the college students enrolled benefit from the experience. The course is a perfect opportunity for city and county officials, leaders of community organizations, school officials and many others to brush up on leadership skills and community awareness.

The cost of the course is \$200 for Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce members.

The mission of the Atchison Area Chamber of Commerce is to focus on the quality of life, attraction, growth and retention of jobs and businesses in Atchison County. Established in 1919, the Chamber continues to be the leading business organization of the community. With the support of over 400 member investors, the Chamber delivers programs and services that make our community a better place to live, work, raise a family and visit.

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