

A photograph of three professionals in an office setting. A Black man on the left, a white woman with glasses in the center, and a Hispanic man on the right are shaking hands. The background is a blurred office interior with large windows.

# DAYTON

Area Chamber of Commerce

## GEN D IGNITE

CLASS OF 2026

# INFORMATION

Leadership  
Development

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Connection & Support

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Community Impact

## What is Gen D Ignite

Gen D Ignite is a seven-month leadership development cohort program designed for early career professionals in the Dayton region who are looking to accelerate their growth both personally and professionally.

Through immersive full-day sessions, participants engage in a variety of trainings and workshops focused on leadership development, community engagement, and professional relationship building.

# Program Overview

**Opening Retreat:** During this two-day kickoff retreat, participants will experience interactive team building activities, social experiences, and meaningful discussions.

**Session Days:** The cohort will gather for four monthly sessions where participants will explore personal strengths, learn strategies for meaningful relationship building, and hear from innovative leaders in our region.

**Closing Retreat & Launch:** The cohort will conclude with a closing retreat to share insights, reflect on personal and professional growth, and prepare for future engagement opportunities in the Dayton region.

**Class Project:** Throughout the seven months, the cohort will be tasked with and guided by a program liaison on a meaningful class project that gives back to the Dayton region.

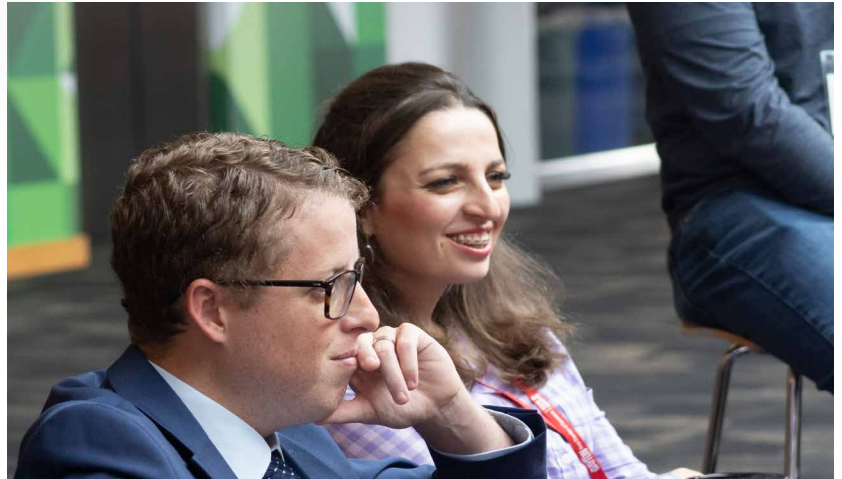
## Learn More

[daytonchamber.org/services/chamber-programs/gen-d-ignite/](https://daytonchamber.org/services/chamber-programs/gen-d-ignite/)

## SELECTION CRITERIA

Participants are selected based on a variety of criteria including the applicant's professional and community service experiences, motivation to participate, and organizational support. The ideal applicant is someone looking to develop their personal and professional skills, engage in community service, and build strong relationships with other advancing leaders. Applications will be reviewed by a committee and participants will be notified via email in April.

## PROGRAM SPONSOR



## YEAR AT A GLANCE

The program will begin with a mandatory two-day opening retreat in May. Participants will then meet monthly for a full-day session (8AM – 5PM). The program concludes with a mandatory closing retreat and launch ceremony in October.

Participants who fail to fulfill the program's attendance requirements will be ineligible to graduate from the program.

| March 20  | Application Deadline               |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| April     | Acceptance Letters Sent            |
| May 8     | Tuition Due                        |
| May 21-22 | Overnight Opening Retreat*         |
| June 25   | Day Session                        |
| July 23   | Day Session                        |
| Aug. 27   | Day Session                        |
| Sept. 24  | Day Session                        |
| Oct. 15   | Closing Retreat & Launch Ceremony* |

\* Mandatory Attendance