



Nashville Itinerary

Wednesday, Sept. 3	Arrival + Kickoff at Titan's Stadium + State Dinner	• Arrive in Nashville (<i>bus leaves BNA at 12:15p</i>) • 12:30p - Game on, Nashville: LEADS takes the field. Titans Stadium tour & lunch. • 3:00p - HCA Fireside Chat • 4:00p - HCA reception & tours • 5:30p - Hotel check-in • 6:30p - Books, Boots and Bourbon State Dinner at Bell Tower
Thursday, Sept. 4	Panels + Clarksville Tour	• 8:00a - Breakfast, 3 Panel Sessions: ◦ 8:30a - Panel A: From Riverfront to Renaissance: Lessons from Nashville's East Bank ◦ 9:30a - Panel B: The House Always Wins: Why Affordable Housing is a Smart Bet ◦ 10:20a - Panel C: Paving the Way: How Pennies Power Progress • Travel to Clarksville • 12:30- Lunch at the Old Glory Distillery • Educational Alignment, 2 Panel Sessions: ◦ 1:00p - Panel A: Making the Grade: Education Evolution ◦ 2:00p - Panel B: Where Service Meets Strategy: Building a Thriving Region Around Those Who Serve • 3:00p - Site Tours at Clarksville Youth Academy + Industrial Park • 4:00p - Travel back to hotel • 6:00p - Reception and Group Dinners
Friday, Sept. 5	Final Panels + Departure	• 8:00a - Breakfast • 8:20a - Panel A: Politics with Purpose: A Fireside Chat on Public Service • 9:30a - Panel B: Room for Growth: The Business of Being Hospitable • 10:30a - Quick Wins, Strategic Moves, and Big Shifts: What Comes Next? • 11:25a - LEADS 2026 Reveal • 12:15p - Departure (<i>one bus dropping off at BNA</i>)



Nashville Registrants

FIRST	LAST	ORGANIZATION	TITLE	FIRST	FIRST	ORGANIZATION	TITLE
Jennifer	Abshire	Abshire Public Relations	Founder & CEO	Joe	Ford	Hinesville Housing Authority	Board Chair
Annalee	Ashley	Georgia Southern University	Vice President for External Affairs and Chief of Staff	Kay	Ford	Savannah Economic Development Authority	Chair
Summer	Beal	Bryan County Chamber of Commerce	President & CEO	Karen	Guinn	Collective Marketing Company	Creator
Mark	Bennett	Gulfstream Aerospace Corporation	Government Relations and Corporate Giving	Susan	Hancock	Abshire Public Relations	President
Somi	Benson-Jaja	Shot by Somi Studios	Owner	Azsha	Hankerson	Comcast	Sr. Specialist Government & Regulatory Affairs
Bert	Brantley	Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce	President & CEO	Joel	Hanner	Georgia Power Company	Area Manager
Anna	Chafin	Regional Industrial Support Enterprise	President & CEO	Brandt	Herndon	Effingham Co. Industrial Development Authority	CEO
Jason	Chambless	Thomas & Hutton	Vice President of Civil Site Development	Van	Johnson	City of Savannah	Mayor
DeLisa	Clift	Hinesville Housing Authority	Interim Executive Director	Corey	Jones	Lucky Savannah Worldwide	Owner
Linda	Cramer	Chatham County Manager's Office	Assistant County Manager	Bill	Kelso	Goodwill Southeast Georgia	Chief External Affairs Officer
Mickey	Daniell	Georgia Power	Savannah Area Manager	Susan	Kraut	Effingham County Chamber of Commerce	President & CEO
Jennifer	Davenport	Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce	VP of Community Affairs and In House Counsel	Kendria	Lee	Georgia Southern University	Associate Vice President for External Affairs
Leon	Davenport	Thunderbolt Consultants	Principal	David	Luker	RSM	Partner
Faye	DiMassimo	City of Savannah	Chief, Planning and Economic Development	MarRonde	Lumpkin-Lotson	City of Savannah	Senior Director Economic Development
Jared	Downs	Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce	VP of Governmental Affairs	Derek	Mallow	East Savannah United	Executive Director/ CEO
Patton	Dugas	Truist	Market President	Mia	Mance	Savannah Downtown Business Association	Executive Director
Lori	Durden	Ogeechee Technical College	President	Chris	Marsengill	Kimley-Horn	Associate
Brendan	Ferrara	EmployAbilty	CEO	Jason	Marshall	Goodwill Southeast Georgia	President and CEO
Ryan	Foley	Savannah Technical College	President	Sam	McCachern	Thomas & Hutton	President and CEO



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Jamie	McCurry	Georgia Ports Authority	CAO
Laura Lane	McKinnon	Housing Savannah	Executive Director
Joseph "Jay"	Melder	City of Savannah	City Manager
William	Mock	Georgia Power	Region Executive - Southeast
Laura	Moore	BankSouth	Savannah Regional Market President
Sheron	Morgan	WorkSource Coastal	Executive Director
Diana	Morrison	Ad Specialty Services	President
Roger	Moss	Savannah-Chatham County Public School System	Board President
Darrell	Naylor Johnson	SCAD	Vice President
Gabrielle	Nelson	City of Port Wentworth	Mayor Pro Tem
Michael	Owens	Tourism Leadership Council	President & CEO
Jon	Pannell	Gray Pannell & Woodward LLP	Partner
Kal	Patel	Image Hotels	President
Melissa	Phillips	Pond & Company	Principal Market Director
Shannon	Phillips	Abshire Public Relations	Vice President
Leah	Poole	Liberty County Chamber of Commerce/CVB	President & CEO
Ryan	Purvis	Development Authority of Bryan County	CEO
Conni	Reynolds	Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce	Executive Assistant to the President/CEO
Greg	Sapp	State Court of Chatham County	Chief Judge

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Matthew	Saxon	Effingham Co. IDA/ City of Pooler	Chairman of Effingham County Industrial Development Authority / Assistant City Manager
Ryan	Sewell	Sterling Seacrest Pritchard	Partner
Joe	Shearouse	City of Savannah	Chief Operating Officer
Mark	Smith	Water Utility Management	CEO/ Owner
Tim	Strickland	River Street Sweets	Owner
Brad	Talbert	Memorial Health University Medical Center	CEO
Benjy	Thompson	Development Authority of Bulloch County	CEO
Hugh "Trip"	Tollison	Savannah Economic Development Authority	President and CEO
James	Touchton	City of Port Wentworth	Director of Economic Development and Executive Director of the PWDA
Michael	Traynor	Union Mission Inc.	President & CEO
Whip	Triplett	North Point Hospitality	Chief Operating Officer
Jen	Wade	RSM	Director
Denise	Watts	Savannah-Chatham County Public School System	Superintendent
Angela	Westerfield	Visit Savannah	Chief Marketing Officer
Jermaine	Whirl	Savannah State University	President
Aaron "Adot"	Whitely	Chatham County Board of Commissioners	Commissioner
Samantha	Wilkins	Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce	Small Business & Events Manager
George	Woods	Salt Marsh Consulting Group	Principal
Grace	Wooten	Pape-Dawson	Vice President
Jason	Zdunich	Hyundai Motor Group Metaplant America, LLC	Assistant Manager, Military & Community Relations