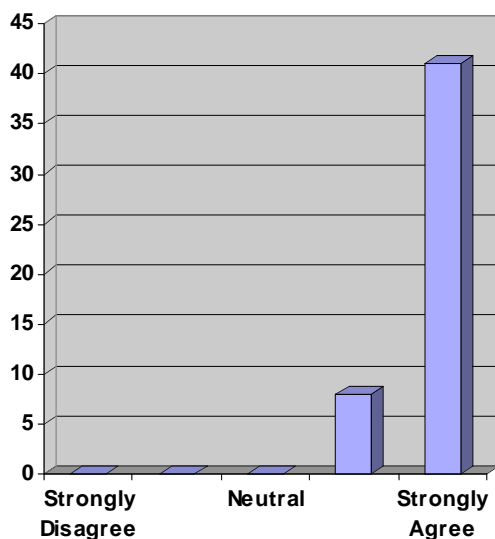


Measuring the Impact of the Sauk County Institute of Leadership

The Sauk County Institute of Leadership (SCIL) has been working to develop informed, civic minded leaders dedicated to a vibrant Sauk County since 1996. In 2007 the SCIL Board conducted an evaluation designed to measure the impact of the program. A Zoomerang® survey was emailed to 140 SCIL alumni and current class participants, and 49 responses were collected (35%). The following is a brief summary of the results.

I gained additional knowledge about local issues as a result of the SCIL program.



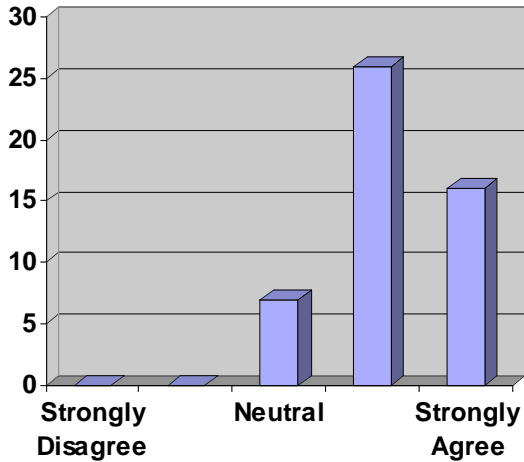
Comments:

- The SCIL program provided an excellent array of topics and speakers. When I took this course I was relatively new to the area and it gave me great insight into the projects and needs in the county.
- I gained an incredible amount of information of how the county functions, as well as interesting places within the county.
- This program taught me things I didn't even know that I should know, but now I can't imagine not being aware of them. This is a priceless resource.
- Being new to Sauk County, I was able to quickly become immersed in local issues as a participant in this program.
- Tons! Never took much interest in county issues until SCIL.

How has SCIL helped you improve the quality of your work?

- I try to take time to focus on the "important" issues and not just the "urgent" ones. I have a solid base of contacts in virtually every corner of Sauk County.
- I feel better connected to the community and other local leaders.
- It gave me knowledge about my community which in turn gave me the confidence to take on more and higher levels of leadership at work.
- I am more resourceful due to the information I received from the class.
- It has expanded the decisions I make to include more of the Sauk County "world" than I knew existed prior to the course. It has also helped me to link families with resources they need.
- SCIL has given me greater strength and self confidence in serving as the leader.
- SCIL provided me with a better understanding of the issues involving Sauk County's history, present, & future.
- I am more knowledgeable about Sauk County and its needs, and I am more excited about leadership.

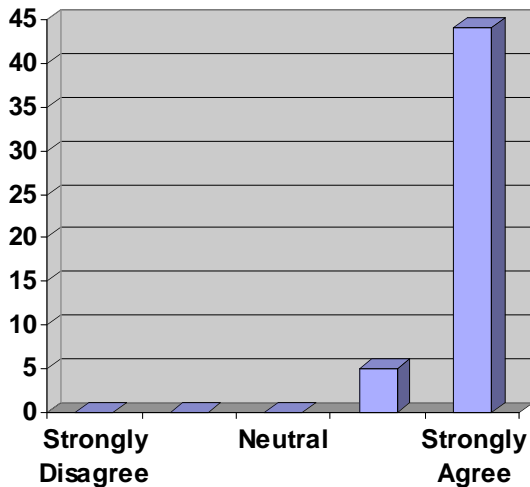
I am more effective in my existing leadership roles as a result of the SCIL program.



Comments:

- SCIL helped me develop good listening and cooperative work skills.
- I am able to handle different personalities well and get goals accomplished.
- I have more focus on the big picture priorities.
- I am less hesitant to speak up and let my opinion be known.
- I learned better evaluation skills.
- I believe that I am a more collaborative leader as a result of this program.
- I continually use resources garnered from classes.
- Being conversant in local issues has allowed me to better integrate into the community and be recognized as a valued opinion leader in the area.

It is important that a program like SCIL exists in Sauk County?



Comments:

- This is one of the most valuable training programs I have ever taken part in.
- Outstanding program. This course is a great introduction to the workings of the county and opens ones eyes to all that is happening here.
- I feel it gives each SCIL member the knowledge and confidence to build new leadership roles.
- It is a terrific program--outstanding, worthwhile and will be something that continues to be with me throughout my life.
- This program provides an excellent overview of topics/issues that are important in one way or another to everyone in Sauk County.
- We all need to get out of our area of expertise and put ourselves in situations that encourage personal growth.