

*Making Northeast Florida  
a better place to live and work.*



**CLASS OF** *2009*



*Educating leaders to be  
more global Regional thinkers.*



# Who we are:

## Our Vision and Our Mission

We envision a future in which there has been a fundamental transformation in the capacity and perception of leadership in Northeast Florida:

- ◆ To accept full responsibility as regional stewards of the public trust
- ◆ To raise public awareness of the importance of effective regional and statewide leadership
- ◆ To collaborate regionally to impact the quality of life of ordinary citizens, communities and institutions
- ◆ To provide recognized, diverse, high-level leadership within and beyond the region

Our mission is to build a strong, diverse, regional network of leaders with a shared commitment to collaboration and to connecting our communities to make Northeast Florida a better place to live and work.

**Program content** includes regional history and demographics, growth management, as well as environment and water resources issues. Analysis of additional issues of interest such as transportation, education, diversity, economic development, and human services will also contribute to the focus of the organization.

**Curriculum goals** include acting as a forum for dialogue on regional issues that are significant to Northeast Florida as a community, promoting and encouraging initiation of innovative approaches to regional issues and bringing clarity and effectiveness to the role of regional community stewardship. Ultimately, the NEFRLA serves as a network of program alumni for future regional development efforts.

In an effort to combat the effects of today's economy while still embracing the importance of developing Regional Leaders, the Northeast Florida Regional Council implemented the Northeast Florida Regional Leadership Series. Participants still enjoyed similar benefits as the Academy with a few changes.

In what ways is the Regional Leadership Series (RLS) different from the Regional Leadership Academy (RLA)?

The Regional Leadership Series still embraces all the same core goals at the Leadership Academy, but it does offer the following differences:

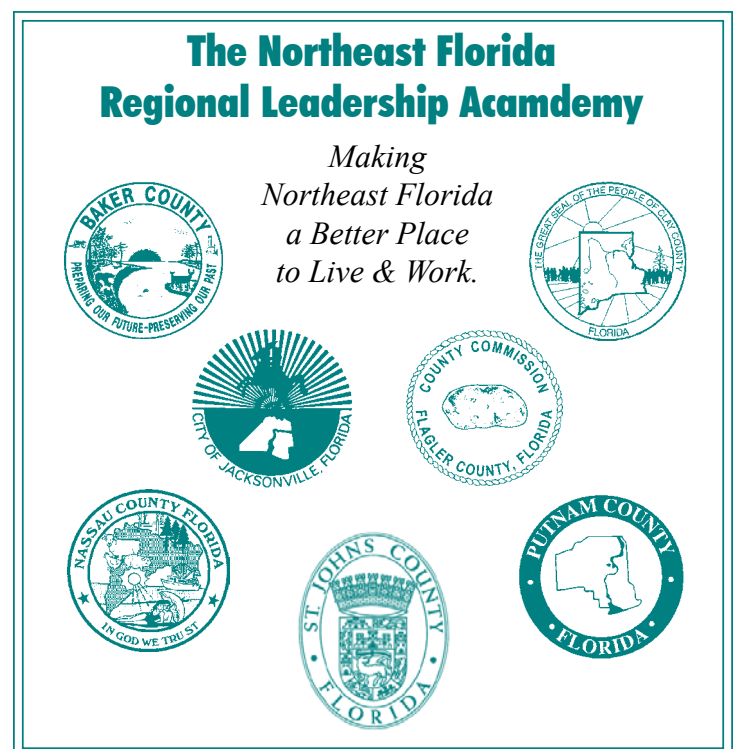
**More flexible format:** The RLS will be comprised of both "traditionally structured" classroom-type programs AND additional opportunities to attend meetings of Regional significance throughout Northeast Florida.

**Revised venues:** The RLS will be held primarily at the Northeast Florida Regional Council (NEFRC) which offers a convenient centralized location for many within the region.

**More opportunities for attendance:** If your schedule doesn't permit you to attend the structured Programs held at the NEFRC there are other meetings of Regional significance held throughout the duration of the program. In addition, there are twelve (12) opportunities to attend programs as opposed to the seven (7) in the traditional RLA format.

**Less costly:** Because of the restructuring of the meeting venues and eliminating overnight stays, some field work and other production costs, the cost to underwrite the expense of the RLS is less without compromising the strength of the curriculum.

**Class credits:** The RLS offers credits which allows participants to pick and choose the offerings that are of greatest interest to them or fit best within their schedule.





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