



Leadership Pearland Class of 2026 Business Day

Pearland, Texas, October 21, 2025

The Pearland Leadership Class began the day with an excellent presentation by **Sonya Atkins-Goodman** of **HumanEdge Resource Solutions** on *Generational Leadership*. Sonya emphasized the value of fostering a diverse blend of fresh ideas and seasoned wisdom within teams. She also highlighted the importance of being intentional in developing and cultivating leadership across all generations.

The next morning session featured a presentation by **Matt Buchanan**, President of the **Pearland Economic Development Corporation (PEDC)**. Matt provided an overview of the PEDC's *Prosperity Plan*, emphasizing the importance of job creation and industry retention in strengthening our community's tax base. He also underscored PEDC's commitment to making Pearland a place where people want to live, work, and play.

The Leadership Class then visited **Koza's**, where **Joseph Koza** provided the group with a guided tour of their facility. During the tour, Mr. Koza shared an overview of the wide range of products they offer and explained the processes involved in fulfilling large-scale orders—many times in the thousands. The group gained valuable insight into how their team efficiently manages production while maintaining exceptional service for their clients. Koza's specializes in creating high-quality promotional items for both businesses and individuals.

The Business Day excursion continued with a visit to **Merit Medical Services**, where the class enjoyed a delicious lunch from Central Texas Barbeque. The host, **Paul Douthwaite**, provided an informative tour and introduced to the group the various life-saving medical devices manufactured by Merit Medical right here in Pearland, Texas, and distributed globally. These innovative products are primarily designed for use in cardiology, radiology, oncology, and endoscopy.

The next stop was **Endress+Hauser**, where **Jannelly Billy** guided Leadership group through their state-of-the-art facility. Information was given by several of their employees and The Pearland Leadership Class discovered that Endress+Hauser is a global leader in measurement instrumentation, providing cutting-edge solutions worldwide. The tour also included their advanced training area, showcasing the company's commitment to in-house professional development and continuous innovation.

Next, the class visited **Spacio.US**, where **Missy and David Graham** welcomed the group with a "trick-or-treat" style tour of their facility. Spacio.US is a flexible coworking space designed to accommodate a variety of needs across three distinct buildings. Their versatile spaces are ideal for events and meetings, offering a wide range of layouts, making it an excellent option for aspiring entrepreneurs.

The Business Day for the Pearland Leadership class concluded with a tour of another great business in the Pearland Area: **Burns & McDonnell**. Burns & McDonnell is an infrastructure design company. **Kristen McAdams** gave our group a tour of their Construction Academy – where they offer comprehensive training that includes hands-on field instruction.