

Leadership Atmore tours MT

Our community will always need good leadership. One way to build new leaders is to teach people how to play to their individual strengths so they can get involved and make a difference.

Leadership Atmore does just that. Sponsored by the Atmore Chamber of Commerce, the program exposes participants to issues and resources on the local and state levels.

“Our goal is to establish a strong leadership base so when young professionals get back into their particular area of business, they take the skills they learned in the program and become involved at work and make this a better place to live,” said Susan Smith, Leadership Atmore Steering Committee Chair. “It’s just that simple.”

Recently, members of the current class took a tour of Muskogee Technology (MT). There, they learned about what the company does, how it bolsters the aerospace industry and how it stimulates the local economy

by creating jobs.

Smith said the program consists of eight to nine sessions involving all aspects of industries in Atmore and the state. Participants learn about the history of Atmore and how the town was started. They also get hands-on learning experience in real-life business.

“It’s a fantastic program,” Smith said. “It has been going on for about 30 years, and we have had members who grew up here, some who just moved here and others who have been involved in the community for years.”

With each new leadership class, discussions from the committee team on which businesses to feature often change up the direction the class takes.

Muskogee Technology was chosen because of its widespread growth in capabilities over the years. The recent freezer and cleanroom additions at MT allowed for further opportunity to showcase how the company has used its knowledge to its advantage.

The leadership class was able to view a presentation about MT and tour the facilities, seeing firsthand how investing in learning cutting edge manufacturing process, such as composites, can catapult the industry and exponentially increase job opportunities.

“Leadership Atmore creates a professional network of individuals who form bonding friendships and business relationships and learn how to support each other as well,” Smith said. Learning different business avenues and how they help sustain communities gives the program members insight to better their community.

But it’s not just locally, she said.

“We have an upcoming trip to Montgomery to learn about law and government and how things are done,” she said. “This program helps you learn about yourself, where you best fit with your talents and how you can make a difference not just locally, but across the state and the nation.”

