

BINGHAM FELLOWS CLASS OF 2026

TECH-DRIVEN, HUMAN-CENTERED: LOUISVILLE'S STRATEGY FOR THE AI AGE

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BINGHAM FELLOWS CLASS OF 2026 DELIVER SOLUTIONS TO SHAPE LOUISVILLE'S STRATEGY FOR THE AI AGE

The Bingham Fellows program is the Leadership Louisville Center's advanced leadership program, created in 1988 with an endowment from the Mary and Barry Bingham Sr. Fund.

Each year, a cohort of senior leaders from across sectors spends 11 months tackling one challenge facing Louisville, then launches projects built to last beyond graduation.

The Class of 2026, 49 leaders took on **Tech-Driven, Human-Centered: Louisville's Strategy for the AI Age.** Fellows met with the Mayor, Louisville Metro's Chief AI Officer, employers, educators, nonprofits and first responders, generated more than 125 ideas, and refined five projects with a Steering Committee of regional AI, business and civic leaders.

On November 19, 2026, they launched those projects to help nonprofits adopt AI, bring AI learning into neighborhoods, train workers at small and mid-size businesses, connect the region's AI resources, and reduce administrative burden for local law enforcement.

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AI FOR IMPACT

NO NONPROFIT SHOULD BE LEFT BEHIND IN THE AGE OF AI.

Louisville's nonprofits are eager to use AI, but most lack the time, expertise and guidance to do it safely and well. AI for Impact closes that gap by connecting them with AI practitioners and students. The model is simple: one nonprofit, one vetted AI practitioner, one real operational challenge, ten weeks. Each engagement moves from assessment to matching, hands-on implementation and measurement, so the change lasts after the practitioner leaves.

Shaped by conversations with Metro United Way, the Kentucky Nonprofit Network, the University of Louisville and local nonprofit leaders, AI for Impact is piloting with two local nonprofits. By 2028, it aims to support 50+ nonprofits a year with 25+ practitioners.

Get involved: Nonprofits, apply for a match. AI professionals and students, volunteer your skills. Funders and institutions, help build a permanent home for this work. Contact aiforimpact2026@gmail.com.

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Bridge AI

A MODERN "DIGITAL BOOKMOBILE" CLOSING THE AI DIVIDE, ONE NEIGHBORHOOD AT A TIME.

Bridge AI is a community-first initiative closing the digital divide by bringing hands-on AI education directly to underserved and underrepresented communities. It delivers mobile Pop-Up Technology Hubs to trusted local spaces, removing the financial, institutional and transportation barriers that keep many residents from learning about AI.

Through a flexible 80/20 learning model, Bridge AI turns complex technology into accessible, real-world tools. Rather than focusing on workforce training, its workshops build everyday comfort, practical confidence and scam protection, so residents can safely navigate AI in their personal and civic lives. Backed by clear metrics, multi-sector governance and a three-phase rollout, Bridge AI will grow from local pilot sites to a lasting regional footprint, ensuring communities are protected, confident and empowered to shape our digital future.

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Lou-AI-ville Academy

SMALL AND MID-SIZE BUSINESSES WANT TO TRAIN THEIR PEOPLE FOR AN AI ECONOMY. MOST JUST CAN'T DO IT ALONE.

Lou-AI-ville Academy is building a space where workers from different companies learn AI skills side by side, plus the human skills that never go out of style. It focuses on the businesses most often skipped over: too small to build their own program, and at risk of losing good people to competitors that already have one.

The team isn't teaching every class. It's making sure the right people (employers, educators and funders) end up in the same room, so this gets solved as a city instead of one company at a time. Right now that means running a first pilot with real employers and real workers, building proof before asking anyone else to believe in it. Within two years, the goal is six Louisville companies that have already said yes.

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CONNECT THE ECOSYSTEM. EMPOWER THE PEOPLE. ADVANCE THE REGION.

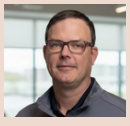
The Louisville AI Center is building the connective infrastructure to help Greater Louisville and the surrounding region navigate the opportunities and challenges of artificial intelligence. Across the region, businesses, nonprofits, educators, students and residents are seeking trustworthy information and practical guidance. Valuable expertise, resources and opportunities already exist, but they aren't always connected to the people who need them.

Through community listening, ecosystem navigation, strategic partnerships and regional intelligence, the center will connect existing resources, empower people to make informed decisions and identify opportunities for coordinated action. Rather than duplicating existing programs, it seeks to strengthen the region's collective capacity to understand and respond to AI, building an AI-ready region where innovation and opportunity are accessible to everyone.

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Project V.I.S.I.O.N.

USING AI TO GIVE OFFICERS MORE TIME FOR THE WORK THAT MATTERS, WITH COMMUNITY TRUST AT THE CENTER.

Project V.I.S.I.O.N. (Violence Intervention through Smart Infrastructure & Operational Networks) brings together 13 Bingham Fellows to explore how AI can help local law enforcement improve administrative efficiency and strengthen internal processes. The initiative explores practical uses of technology, automation and AI to simplify reporting, reduce duplicate data entry, enhance on-demand training and improve information flow between existing systems.

Through conversations with Louisville Metro Police Department (LMPD) leadership, community stakeholders and technology partners, along with officer ride-alongs, the team worked to understand daily operational challenges and identify realistic opportunities for improvement. Its evaluation emphasizes community trust, affordability, measurable results and feasibility. The project centers on supporting officer judgment, strengthening existing capabilities and building lasting partnerships. Working with LMPD, the team aims to translate its findings into focused, measurable efforts with clear ownership and a plan to sustain the work.

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THANK YOU TO OUR STEERING COMMITTEE

The Steering Committee is a critical piece of developing, refining, and supporting the work of the Bingham Fellows. Each year we invite our community's top thought leaders to help us through the landscape of that year's unique topic.

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ABOUT THE BINGHAM FELLOWS PROGRAM

Bingham Fellows is the advanced leadership program of the Leadership Louisville Center. Created in 1988 through the vision of Mary and Barry Bingham Sr. and the dedication of Leadership Louisville alumni, the program works as a social innovation accelerator. Each year, a cross-sector class of senior leaders spends 11 months on one issue facing Louisville: learning from experts and the community, choosing focus areas, and building projects with community support, measurable results, realistic budgets and a plan to sustain the work after graduation. Past classes helped create CitySpots, OneWest, Café Louie, City Champs and Home Capital.

INTERESTED IN BINGHAM FELLOWS?

The Bingham Fellows Class of 2027 will take on "The Collaboration Economy." Know a senior leader ready to tackle Louisville's next big challenge? Contact our Recruitment and Enrollment Manager, **MDellaBella@leadershiplouisville.org** to learn more.

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The Leadership Louisville Center is a nationally recognized civic engagement and leadership development nonprofit headquartered in downtown Louisville. Founded in 1979 by community leaders including Wilson Wyatt and Barry Bingham, the center's purpose is to inspire and equip leaders to be better and do better. Through community leadership programs, including Leadership Louisville, Focus Louisville, Ignite Louisville, Bingham Fellows, Encore Louisville and the Alice Houston Women's Leadership Program, as well as LeadingBetter professional development courses, the center has graduated more than 15,000 leaders. Learn more at leadershiplouisville.org.

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