The 150 Forward Plan

Chautauqua Institution is dedicated to the exploration of the best in human values and the enrichment of life through a program that explores timeless mission.

This plan imagines the impact that Chautauqua will have by the time it reaches its sesquicentennial in 2024 and sets its sights on an even more robust future in service to a broader range of people together.

Chautauqua’s mission is to create an informed, engaged, and renewed public that fosters and actively contributes to a more civil society, nationally and within the various communities represented by its individual constituents and partners.

Chautauqua is a shared community where people with a thirst for learning and an interest in ongoing multidisciplinary engagement across the arts, education, religion, and recreation come together to seek the very best in human values, now and always. And woven into every strand are the current and future Chautauquans who learn, ask questions, and imagine together, seeking the best in human values, now and always.

The 150 Forward vision calls Chautauqua to lean into its distinctive capacity to bring people together in the context of its arts, education, religion, and recreation venues, and through its travel and conventions activities, to serve as core threads that touch and complement each other, weaving a remarkable tapestry that is and will be Chautauqua Institution.

As the strands of this plan come together, we imagine Chautauqua in 2028:

- Chautauqua is lauded as a legacy organization and community that prioritizes inclusion, diversity, equity, and access, and the Institution’s strategies for addressing structural racism, the need for innovation, and the need to innovate are woven into the fabric of Chautauqua’s future.
- Chautauqua is a shared community of all people.
- Chautauqua is lauded as New York State’s best examples of lake conservation, negative ecological trend being reversed and driven to positive action.
- Chautauqua is well on its way to becoming a healthy freshwater body among New York State’s best examples of lake conservation.
- Chautauqua aspires to create an informed, engaged, and renewed public that fosters and actively contributes to a more civil society, nationally and within the various communities represented by its individual constituents and partners.
- Chautauqua is an economic driver for the region’s economic prosperity.
- Chautauqua aspires to create an informed, engaged, and renewed public that fosters and actively contributes to a more civil society, nationally and within the various communities represented by its individual constituents and partners.
- Chautauqua aspires to create an informed, engaged, and renewed public that fosters and actively contributes to a more civil society, nationally and within the various communities represented by its individual constituents and partners.
- Chautauqua is a shared community where people with a thirst for learning and an interest in ongoing multidisciplinary engagement across the arts, education, religion, and recreation come together to seek the very best in human values, now and always. And woven into every strand are the current and future Chautauquans who learn, ask questions, and imagine together, seeking the best in human values, now and always.

The 150 Forward plan will strategically leverage Chautauqua’s distinctive capacity to bring people together in the context of its arts, education, religion, and recreation venues, and through its travel and conventions activities, to serve as core threads that touch and complement each other, weaving a remarkable tapestry that is and will be Chautauqua Institution.

As the strands of this plan come together, we imagine Chautauqua in 2028:

- New York State’s best examples of lake conservation, negative ecological trend being reversed and driven to positive action.
- Chautauqua aspires to create an informed, engaged, and renewed public that fosters and actively contributes to a more civil society, nationally and within the various communities represented by its individual constituents and partners.
- Chautauqua is an economic driver for the region’s economic prosperity.