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Leadership Iowa 2023-24 Nominations Due April 1

The deadline to nominate Iowans in your community for Leadership Iowa's 2023-24 class is fast approaching. Leadership Iowa is our state's premier issues-awareness program provided by the Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) Foundation.

Forty Iowa leaders are selected annually to participate in the program, which takes place October through June. The group observes eight, two or three-day monthly sessions throughout the state. Each session provides class members with a wide range of first-hand insight exploring the opportunities and challenges facing Iowa. The program provides resources for motivated Iowans to effect change within Iowa's organizations and communities. More than 1,300 Iowans have graduated from Leadership Iowa in its 41 years.

"Leadership Iowa has been one of the greatest personal growth experiences of my life," said Matt Doty, chief operating officer at Weaton Companies in Fairfield, Iowa, and 2021-22 program participant. "This program allowed me the opportunity to really get to know people with vastly different life experiences than my own, and in the process, learn about important issues facing our great state."

Each Leadership Iowa class is carefully selected to be representative of a wide variety of industries, professions, backgrounds, civic engagement, and geographic locations in our state. The outcomes of Leadership Iowa are far greater when diverse participants can connect across industry and county lines. These invaluable connections forged through program participation often result in future collaboration and lasting friendships.

Workplaces and communities across the state benefit from representation in the program, as the ideas and inspiration gained through their participants can often be applied locally in a number of ways. Leadership Iowa is one way that companies can retain talent and invest in the personal and professional development of their employees.

Nominations will be accepted through April 1 for the upcoming class, which begins early October 2023 and concludes June 2024. Individuals must first be nominated in order to apply for the program. Self-nominations are allowed and encouraged. To nominate individuals and learn more about the program, visit www.Leadershiplowa.com.

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