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**Leadership Iowa 2024-25 Participants & Community Hosts Announced**

Forty leaders from across the state have been selected to participate in the 2024-25 program of Leadership Iowa, Iowa's premier issues-awareness program offered by the Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) Foundation. **See the Leadership Iowa 2024-25 participant list [here](#).**

More than 1,400 Iowans have taken part in the program since it began in 1982. Participants represent all regions of the state and a variety of industries, companies, and backgrounds. Leadership Iowa exists to educate, inspire, and grow a network of informed leaders, and to encourage their ongoing engagement on local and statewide levels.

"Leadership Iowa continues to cultivate informed, engaged leaders who are prepared to address the challenges and opportunities facing our state," said Mike Ralston, ABI President. "The 2024-25 class represents a diverse group of individuals committed to making a positive impact in their communities and across Iowa. We are excited to see how their experiences in this program will inspire them to further drive meaningful change."

The 2024-25 class will travel to communities throughout Iowa for a series of two-day monthly sessions beginning in October and concluding in June. Each session allows participants to delve into an important topic as it relates to our state by way of discussions with subject-matter experts, interactive experiences, industry tours and more.

Session topics and hosts change annually. The following communities and topics will be represented this year:

- Algona – Opening Retreat (*October*)
- Shenandoah & Clarinda – Agriculture and Renewable Resources (*November*)
- Ottumwa – Economic Development & Workforce (*December*)
- Des Moines – Government (*January*)
- Clinton – Manufacturing (*March*)
- Sioux Center – Education (*April*)
- Cedar Rapids – Public Safety & Security / Community Preparedness & Response (*May*)

The class will graduate at ABI's annual conference next June in Council Bluffs.

The Presenting Sponsors of the 2024-25 Leadership Iowa program include Chevron and EMC Insurance.

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The Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit organization dedicated to making a difference in the lives of Iowans by providing personal and professional development programs for students and adults. The ABI Foundation's leadership and educational initiatives foster growth and innovation in Iowa, promote quality leadership, and inspire the current and future workforce in our state. Learn more at [www.IowaABIFoundation.org](http://www.IowaABIFoundation.org).