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2018 – 2019 Seminar Schedules

Nebraska LEAD 38: Year 1 Schedule

Seminar 1: September 2018 (Sun-Tue) **
Theme: Leadership Assessment and Potential
Location: University of Nebraska—Lincoln

Seminar 2: October 2018 (Sun-Tue)
Theme: Natural Resources, Water and Energy
Location: Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture

Seminar 3: November 2018 (Sun-Tue)
Theme: Leadership Through Communication
Location: University of Nebraska - Kearney

Seminar 4: January 2019 (Sun-Tue)
Theme: Our Political Process
Location: Union College – Lincoln

February 2019 (Wed)
Theme: Nuclear Energy
Location: Peru State College

Date: February 2019
Theme: Various Topics
Location: National Study Group
Kansas City, Washington D.C., Chicago

Seminar 5: March 2019 (Thu-Sat)**
Theme: Social Issues (No Alumni Dinner)
Location: Creighton University - Omaha

Seminar 6: April 2019 (Sun-Tue)
Theme: Panhandle Agriculture – The Land & The People
Location: University Nebraska Research and Extension Center – Scottsbluff

Nebraska LEAD 37: Year 2 Schedule

Seminar 7: September 2018 (Sun-Tue) **
Theme: Understanding and Developing Our Leadership Skills
Location: Chadron State College

Seminar 8: November 2018 (Wed-Fri)
Theme: Agricultural Policy, Finance and Marketing (No Alumni Dinner)
Location: University of Nebraska—Lincoln

Seminar 9: November 2018 (Sun-Tue)
Theme: Global Perspectives
Location: Wayne State College

Seminar 10: December 2018 (Sun-Tue)
Theme: Comparative Cultural, Educational, Political & Religious Systems
Location: Nebraska Wesleyan University - Lincoln

January 2019
Theme: International Study/Travel
Location:

Seminar 11: February 2019 (Thu-Sat)
Theme: Agribusiness and Advances in Health Care
Location: University of Nebraska – Omaha, UNMC

Seminar 12: March 2019 (Thu-Fri) **
Theme: Looking Ahead – Final Seminar (No Alumni Dinner)
Location: University of Nebraska—Lincoln

March 15, 2019
Annual Recognition Banquet
UNL East Campus Union

**seminar with spouses

Leadership Education/Action Development

The LEAD Program

Up to thirty individuals are selected annually to participate in the Nebraska Leadership Education/Action Development (LEAD) Program. During the two year program, LEAD Participants attend 12 three-day seminars and two study/travel seminars, one national and the other international. Content of the seminars are essential to leadership and focus on economics, government, human relations, communications, international trade, sociology, education, the arts and social-cultural understanding.

During the first year, participants study local, state and national issues. The second year curriculum emphasizes continued leadership, skill development and international study.

The LEAD Participants

All participants are Nebraska residents involved in production agriculture, agribusiness or a closely related occupation. Preference of LEAD Participants is given to individuals between the ages of 25 and 55 who possess proven leadership potential, capability and a commitment to Nebraska.

The LEAD Organization

The Nebraska LEAD Program is under the direction of the Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council and is supported by individuals, businesses and industries, as well as public and private institutions of higher education and research.

The LEAD Purpose

The dynamic industry of agriculture plays a profound and over-riding role in every phase of Nebraska life. The LEAD Program recognizes that the development of human resources for agriculture and Nebraska should not be left to chance. The LEAD Program strives to address the needs of community members involved in the business of agriculture by presenting opportunities to broaden one’s knowledge and strengthen leadership and decision-making abilities.
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