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To Prepare and Motivate Men and Women in Agriculture for More Effective Leadership

The Nebraska Agricultural Leadership Council

2022 – 2023 Seminar Schedules

Nebraska LEAD 41: Year 1 Schedule

Seminar 1: September 2022 (Sun-Tue) **
Theme: Leadership Assessment and Potential
Location: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, East Campus

Seminar 2: October 2022 (Sun-Tue)
Theme: Natural Resources, Water and Energy
Location: Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture, Curtis

Seminar 3: October 2022 (Sun-Tue)
Theme: Leadership Through Communication
Location: University of Nebraska-Kearney, Kearney

February 2023
Theme: Nuclear Energy
Location: Peru State College, Peru

Date: February 2023
Theme: Various Topics
Location: National Study Group
Kansas City, Washington, D.C., Chicago

Seminar 5: March 2023 (Thu-Sat) **
Theme: Social Issues (No Alumni Dinner)
Location: Creighton University, Omaha

Seminar 6: March 2023 (Sun-Tue)
Theme: Panhandle Agriculture – The Land & The People
Location: University Nebraska Research and Extension Center, Scottsbluff

Nebraska LEAD 40: Year 2 Schedule

Seminar 7: September 2022 (Sun-Tue) **
Theme: Understanding and Developing Our Leadership Skills
Location: Chadron State College, Chadron

Seminar 8: November 2022 (Wed-Fri)
Theme: Agricultural Policy, Finance and Marketing (No Alumni Dinner)
Location: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, East Campus

Seminar 9: November 2022 (Sun-Tue)
Theme: Global Perspectives
Location: Wayne State College, Wayne

January 2023
Theme: International Study Tour
Location: Ecuador, Colombia, Panama

Seminar 10: December 2022 (Sun-Tue)
Theme: Comparative Cultural, Educational, Political & Religious Systems
Location: Doane University, Crete
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, City Campus

Seminar 11: February 2023 (Thu-Sat)
Theme: Agribusiness and Advances in Health Care
Location: University of Nebraska-Omaha, UNMC

Seminar 12: March 2023 (Thu-Fri) **
Theme: Looking Ahead – Final Seminar (No Alumni Dinner)
Location: University of Nebraska-Lincoln, East Campus

March 17, 2023
Annual Recognition Banquet
University of Nebraska-Lincoln, East Campus

** 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.