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Leadership Iowa 2026-27 Participants & Community Hosts Announced

Forty leaders from across Iowa have been selected to participate in the 2026-27 Leadership Iowa program, Iowa's premier statewide leadership experience offered by the ABI Foundation. See the Leadership Iowa 2026-27 participant list [here](#).

Since its founding in 1982, Leadership Iowa has brought together more than 1,500 leaders from communities and industries across the state. The program is designed to educate, inspire and connect leaders while giving participants a deeper understanding of the issues shaping Iowa's future.

"The Leadership Iowa program brings together leaders with diverse experiences and perspectives who share a commitment to making Iowa a great place to live and work," said Nicole Crain, ABI President. "We look forward to seeing the engagement and ideas for Iowa's future from this year's class."

Throughout the program, participants will travel to communities across Iowa for two-day sessions focused on key issues and opportunities facing the state. Sessions include discussions with subject-matter experts, industry tours, interactive experiences and opportunities to connect with leaders in each community.

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

- Oskaloosa – Opening Retreat (October)
- Boone – Agriculture & Renewable Resources (November)
- Marshalltown – Economic Development & Workforce (December)
- Des Moines – Government (January)
- Mason City/Clear Lake – Manufacturing (March)
- Council Bluffs/Treynor – Education (April)
- Spencer – Healthcare & Public Service (May)

The 2026-27 class will graduate at ABI's annual conference, which will be held June 8-10 in Dubuque. The Presenting Sponsor of the 2026-27 Leadership Iowa program is EMC Insurance.

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The Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) has been the voice of Iowa business since 1903. Its mission is to provide a strong, unified voice to business and industry on issues affecting Iowa employers. ABI is comprised of member companies representing all industries and sizes in Iowa's 99 counties. ABI members employ more than 330,000 Iowans.

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 community engagement, and inspire the current and future workforce in our state. Learn more at www.IowaABIFoundation.org.

