

Networking

An important part of developing community leaders is providing networking opportunities during and outside of the monthly session. Networking mixers allow participants to discuss the activities of the day and provide time to make connections in a non-formal setting. Networking mixers also allow them to learn more about each other's profession as well as similar interests that could spur leadership action beyond the Academy.

Sponsorship

Sponsorship opportunities are available for companies who want to partner with us in building leaders for our community. Various levels are available to meet the needs of the sponsor.

Andy Hansen Scholarship



Andy Hansen was Plant Manager at John Deere Ottumwa Works from 2010-2013. While in Ottumwa, Andy provided leadership and encouraged others to step into leadership roles. He demonstrated his leadership through volunteerism and was part of several Board of Directors. Following his tenure, the Ottumwa Regional Legacy Foundation wanted to honor Andy's dedication to the betterment of the Ottumwa community by creating the Andy Hansen Legacy Scholarship.

This scholarship is for one year's tuition for a participant from a non-profit organization or small business that might not otherwise be able to send someone. To be considered for the scholarship, the applicant must complete the scholarship application.

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Developing Leaders for our Community



About

Ottumwa Leadership Academy offers a 10-month, tuition-based program that provides participants an “MBA” in Ottumwa and Wapello County with targeted leadership development strategies.

The Mission of Ottumwa Leadership Academy is to develop effective leaders for the betterment of our community.

Educate, Empower, Encourage, & Engage



Participation

Application Process

Completion of an application is required to be considered for class participation. Class size is limited. Participants are selected based on leadership potential and demonstrated community interest. Candidates who are not selected are encouraged to apply again for future classes.

Successful completion of the program requires:

- Attendance required

Attendance is required at the opening retreat, closing retreat, and graduation are mandatory, as is attendance at 9 of the 10 monthly sessions in between.

- Attendance at one community meeting

A report about the experience must be done to complete graduation requirements. Community meetings can take place in Ottumwa, Wapello County, or near-by city or county and can include:

- Completion of group projects

Topics are identified and project groups formed during the first 3 months of the Academy. Groups are expected to work outside of the scheduled monthly sessions on their projects.



Curriculum Overview**

Leadership Development

(Topics may include)
Personality Assessment
Management vs. Leadership
Creating a Culture of Excellence & Ethics
Non-Profit Board Governance
Presentation Skills
Conflict Resolution
Personal Mission Statements
Etiquette
Team Building

Opening Retreat

Two half-day sessions with an overnight stay.

Quality of Life

Focus on county tourism, arts & culture, recreation, & other civic organizations.

Media, Public Relations & Communications

Hands-on training with local media.

Criminal and Civil Justice Systems & Public Safety

Perspectives from a judge, prosecutor, police chief & sheriff. Tours of law enforcement center & fire station.

Classes begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Lunch is provided.

**O.L.A. has the right to change curriculum topics and/or detail. This is to provide a general road map for the upcoming year.



Human, Community & Health Services

Perspectives from human, community, & health services organizations along with a poverty experience.

County & Municipal Government Planning & Development

Perspectives from mayor, city administrator, city council & county supervisors.

State Government

Trip to the State Capitol. Meet with local representatives and state leaders.

Education

Perspectives from area educators

Business, Industry & Agriculture

Perspectives from Chamber, Economic Development, Main Street, Rippling Waters. Tours of manufacturing, and local businesses.

Closing Retreat & Graduation

Session wrap-up and Graduation with team project presentations.