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# Leadership program informs future leaders

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Leadership Council Bluffs

The Council Bluffs Chamber of Commerce has developed a special program to identify, motivate, and inform future leaders in our community.

"Leadership Council Bluffs" is intended to offer individuals with community leadership potential the opportunity to develop knowledge and sharpen leadership skills through a series of sessions focusing on issues affecting our community.

As we begin our sixth class, it is important to reflect back on the five prior classes. A total of 100 students have graduated from this



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program.

Many of these people are active today in Council Bluffs working with other citizens to build a better community. They take pride in their commitment to this city, and we take pride in them.

"Leadership Council Bluffs" is designed to sharpen leadership skills by helping participants sense what Council Bluffs needs.

The program exposes future leaders to the past, present and future of the community by combining presentations by current leaders, tours, panel discussions, and dialogue between participants and community decision makers.

The goal is to bring participants face-to-face with the challenges of Council Bluffs is meeting and to inspire them to accept the responsibility for providing necessary leadership.

Here is a look at the format used for "Leadership Council Bluffs."

• Opening retreat: A two-day introduction and welcome to the

program.

• Heritage Day, visions from the past: A historical tour of Council Bluffs.

• Developing a sense of community: What is a community? How we can work together.

• Education and public finance: The challenges of public service and the issues that are education face.

• Community involvement and participation: Community leaders share their vision of Council Bluffs.

• Government in action: A trip to the state capital to gain a better understanding of how state government works.

• The metropolitan focus: The important role that Council Bluffs plays in the metro area.

• Heading into the future: Gaining insight into what events will influence the future.

• Closing retreat and graduation ceremonies: Review of past accomplishments and a time to celebrate.

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