

Annual Meeting

The NE LEAD Alumni annual meeting will be held at 1:00 pm on Saturday, January 23, 2021 via Zoom.

More information will be coming as the date draws near.

Mark your calendars to join us!

Memories of Dr. Blezek

Whether you knew him as Dr. B, Doc, Dr. Blezek or as Allen, he touched all of us. We will always have fond memories of the time we spent with him. In that light, it has been suggested that we put together a “memory book” that can be presented to his wife, Kay, in the future.

If you have special memories you’d like to share, please email or snail mail them to me. You can include a picture or two as well!! Please get your “memory” to me by December 1. Remember to include your name and LEAD Class. Let’s make this something really special !

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Fall 2020

Alumni Update

Congratulations to the

Nebraska LEAD

Program—40 years!!!



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Dear NE LEAD Alumni and Friends,

We are deeply saddened at the recent passing of Dr. Allen Blezek on July 6th after a courageous fight against cancer. Dr. Blezek was a pioneer in building the Nebraska LEAD Program and led significant contributions throughout his life to the state of Nebraska.

To honor his legacy, we are setting-up a Nebraska LEAD Program fellowship in his honor, named the *Dr. Allen G. Blezek Memorial LEAD Fellowship Fund*. We currently have just over \$5,400 in memorial money that has been collected at the University of Nebraska Foundation. The goal will be to raise \$100,000 to create an endowed fellowship. Once this goal has been reached, a LEAD Fellow will be named each year in Dr. Blezek's name. This fellowship will help with the cost of providing the same LEAD experience that we each have a personal connection with and benefited from.

We know that many of you have contributed to the memorial fund following Dr. Blezek's funeral in July. Thank you! We have included a donation information card if you have not had a chance to do so or if you chose to provide an additional contribution. We have allowed the Dr. Allen Blezek thank you in advance for your generosity.

In closing, we hope that each of you are doing well during these trying times. We look forward to meeting face-to-face in the near future. Until then, our Nebraska LEAD Program values will continue to serve as a cornerstone in today's world.

Sincerely, Matt Dolch, LEAD 33
Nebraska LEAD Alumni President

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The NE LEAD Alumni annual conference will not take place in early 2021 as anticipated. The Board of Directors has made the decision to postpone the conference until 2022. Thanks LEAD 37 for coordinating the event.

OUTSTANDING

Outstanding Alum Nominations for 2021

It is time once again to name our Outstanding LEAD Alum! We all know someone who is deserving of this award. Send your nominee's name along with some background information on that person to Matt or Nancy today! For a list of previous winners, check out our website: www.neleadalumni.com

Award Purpose:

To provide public recognition of a Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association member who has achieved notable success in using the skills learned through the Nebraska LEAD Program and through other means to become a leader in their chosen field of agriculture.

Award Nomination Criteria:

1. Nominee MUST BE a current paid member of the Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association.
2. Nominee has demonstrated leadership qualities deserving of the Outstanding LEAD Alumni Award.

Deadline for nomination documents:

January 15, 2021

Mail to: NE LEAD Alumni Assn. 520 Road 20, Bradshaw, NE 68319 or email to: matt.dolch@syngenta.com or neberle@mainstaycomm.net

Yes, I will support the **Dr. Allen G. Blezek Memorial LEAD Fellowship Fund 01153590**

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