

The Update

“LEAD by Example”

Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association

WINTER 2022



Thriving in Chaos

Saturday, February 4, 2023

ONE BOX CONVENTION CENTER | 2750 S 27TH AVE
BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA

AGENDA

9:00 am – Introduction
9:30 – LEAD 38 International Seminar
Presentation
10:00 – Ag Lender Panel
10:45 – Break
11:00 – Trade Group Leaders Panel
11:30 – Custer County Leadership

12:00 – Lunch & Board Meeting
1:00 – Board Bus for Tours
1:30 – Adams Land & Cattle Tour & Presentation
2:30 – Thomas Livestock Tour & Presentation
4:00 – Tour of Kinkaider & Tasting
5:30 – Return to One Box
6:15 – Social Hour & Dinner

TICKET INFO.

PURCHASE TICKETS AT: [EVENTBRITE.COM/E/460843634717](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/460843634717)

GENERAL ADMISSION

\$85 - includes all meals and transportation

EARLY BIRD PRICING:

Use code **LEAD2023** to receive \$15 off registration. *Expires 12.31.22*

Unable to join us? Make a donation on our Eventbrite site.

HOTELS

**BLOCKS OF ROOMS RESERVED
FRIDAY & SATURDAY NIGHT AT THE FOLLOWING:**

ARROW HOTEL
509 SOUTH 9TH AVE
BROKEN BOW, NE
308.872.6428

COBBLESTONE HOTEL & SUITES
2750 SOUTH 27TH AVE
BROKEN BOW, NE
308.767.2060

BOARDERS INN & SUITES
215 S. EAST ST
BROKEN BOW, NE
308.872.6428

Alumni Directory Update

The membership directory is one of the member benefits for Nebraska LEAD Alumni. Every three years, we publish an updated edition, and this will happen in 2023. I'll get right to the point: we need your help! If you have changed your mailing or email address, phone or have any other changes, please let us know.

Your LEAD Alumni directory is a handy guide for networking with fellow alumni. Every graduate of the program is listed by class in the front of the directory. However, the bulk of the directory is a listing that includes names (with spouses), phone and address, and an email address for those alumni. If that individual is a Lifetime member, we make a note of that by highlighting their name in bold print.

As you leaf through the current copy, you will see some folks missing some or all of their information. Sometimes, people move or change their phone number or email address. I learned first-hand that when you move, it's easy to forget to inform everyone that might want these updates. When preparing to publish the directory, we work hard to provide an accurate edition.

Nancy and I began this process right after we published the last directory in 2020. As members received their copies, some folks let us know about the errors to their entries and we corrected them. I use InDesign software to publish a print-ready copy of the directory, and these changes are made in red as soon as I receive them.

As each new LEAD Class graduates, we are provided their information and I include them in a different color to indicate that they are new entries. As these new alumni become members, they often provide updated information, which we note. The working copy becomes quite colorful to show all of the different changes!

Another source of corrections happen when annual members pay their dues and include their updated information on the membership slip. This doesn't happen as often with our Lifetime members since they don't have to send an annual payment. When newsletters go out, some are returned from the Post Office because they were undeliverable. Nancy will try to track down those involved in an attempt to update her files and mine. Sadly, we are often informed as members pass away. We note their passing in the class lists and remove their personal information from the detailed listing.

Nancy and I will review all of the updates – a task made a little bit easier due to the tracking colors. By mid-February we will send the print-ready pages to be published at Service Press in Henderson. Our goal is to have fresh copies to share with the graduating LEAD Class in March, and to mail copies to all dues-paid members at that same time. (Side note: this might be a great time to renew your membership!)

If you have an update, please let us know! Thank you for your help in this endeavor.

Tim Graff graffx@me.com

Nancy Eberle neberle@mainstaycomm.net



LEAD 38 members at USA Embassy and CATIE Inter-American Institute (Latin America Regional Center).

Seeking your support!

The outbreak of the pandemic forced the cancellation of the recognition banquet for LEAD Class 38 almost two years ago. The Nebraska LEAD Alumni in cooperation with the Nebraska LEAD Program is hosting an event to honor Class 38. Show your support to their class by attending a recognition banquet slated for Friday, February 3, 2023 at the One Box Convention Center in Broken Bow, Nebraska. The social hour begins at 5 o'clock including a cash bar and dinner will follow at 6 PM. The dinner will be served by Jubilee Catering, featuring a green salad, beef brisket, potato and vegetable. Iced tea or coffee will be available.

Like Nebraska LEAD Class Recognition Banquets, the program will include presentations and speakers from the class, comments from Director Dr. Terry Hejny, and Chancellor Ronnie Green has been invited to deliver an address.

Dinner tickets are available for \$30 for adults, \$15 for children 5-12, and free for kids 4 and younger. Tickets may be purchased using the form below, or can be purchased online at the Nebraska LEAD Alumni website, www.neleadalumni.com.

Be a part of this celebration! Please send your registration in as soon as possible to guarantee enough servings will be available and include your phone number so we can inform you of any last minute changes.

Nebraska LEAD Class 38 Recognition Banquet

February 3, 2023 ♦ One Box Convention Center, Broken Bow, Nebraska

Your name: _____

Address: _____ *Phone* _____

Adult tickets _____ *x \$30.00 each = \$* _____ *Youth 5-12 tickets* _____ *x \$15.00 each = \$* _____

Youth 4 & younger _____ *free*

Please make your checks payable to the NE LEAD Alumni

or you may use a credit card registering online at www.neleadalumni.com

President's Message



*Gerald Clausen, President
LEAD I*

THE STATE OF LEADERSHIP

As a reader of many newspapers, magazines, online info, books, etc. I wonder sometimes, what is the state of leadership in the world, U.S., Nebraska, our many counties, cities and communities. It sometimes appears that no one is stepping up for leadership.

We are all graduates of one of the finest leadership programs in the country, if not anywhere. The LEAD program is strongly supported, well funded, well guided and well directed, specifically by Dr. Terry Hejny, our Director. What is the product of the LEAD program and what is the product of the Nebraska LEAD Alumni Association? Each of us may have a slightly different answer to these questions. I would submit to our membership that the end product should be a strategically trained and exposed group of ag/rural oriented persons to support and enhance the interests and needs of rural Nebraska and also the needs of all Nebraskans and human society. I would submit that the best way to accomplish these goals is to band together to learn, plan and execute events that support this philosophy.

LEAD Alumni is offering a great opportunity on Friday evening February 3 and Saturday February 4, 2023 at the 2023 Annual LEAD Alumni Conference to celebrate some of the accomplishments of LEAD graduates, further enhance your thirst to learn, mingle with fellow LEAD grads and plan through our organizational structure to be more aware of the current issues and needs of Nebraska Agriculture. (See further info in this publication). Some may say it's too far to go to Broken Bow, it's too cold, it's too something. As past participants in LEAD seminars we traveled the State in all kinds of conditions and we learned new things, each of us in our own ways. I invite you to enjoy that thirst to learn again and also enjoy the presence of a very pleasant LEAD atmosphere.

LEAD Alumni also offers the Ag Adventure bus tour (announcement of 2023 itinerary soon), international and national study travel seminars (2023, Morocco), regional gatherings (please inquire about hosting one in your area) and other opportunities yet to be determined.

I plan to see you in Broken Bow on February 3rd and 4th.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

What: NE LEAD Alumni Association Annual Meeting

When: February 4, 2023 - Noon to 1 pm

Where: Annual Conference meeting area - One Box Conference Center in Broken Bow NE

PLEASE JOIN US!

Hello Alum!

If you need a New Year's resolution, how about "TRAVEL MORE"!
"Travel is the only thing you buy that makes you richer."

With harvest complete, and the holidays winding down, maybe you would consider traveling with the LEAD Alumni on one of our Travel Study Seminars.

We are SOLD OUT for our 2023 International Travel Study Seminar to Morocco and Madrid. We are looking forward to getting to learn about agriculture and lifestyles in the African country of Morocco.

2024 will bring our next National Travel Study Seminar, and we will be traveling February/March 2024. We plan to announce the national destination soon.



"The biggest mistake people make is putting off traveling until they retire. "In my thirty plus years in the travel business, I can't tell you how many times I have heard people tell me that they delayed traveling until they were retired, but when retirement came around their health had failed to the point they could not travel. How sad. That is why I always tell people to travel right now as you never know when your health issues (or those of your spouse) will keep you from traveling. No one's work is so important that you can't take one to two weeks a year to dream big dreams and visit new parts of this great big world." – Steve Glenn, President, Executive Travel –



Pat Heyen, National and International Travel Study Coordinator

We would love to have you travel the world with the LEAD Alumni. Come and join us for one of our National or International Travel Study Seminars, you won't be disappointed, and you will be traveling with some of the best, like-minded people around. Join the Alumni Association by paying annual or lifetime dues so you can travel with the LEAD Alumni.



The most important step any Nebraska LEAD Fellow graduate can take is to stay connected to this amazing network of agricultural leaders from across Nebraska. Continue the personal and professional growth that you began by staying in touch with your classmates and those of the other 37 classes to enhance your "LEAD Experience" by becoming a life member or renewing your Nebraska LEAD Alumni Membership today.

If you have not already done so, it's time to think about your 2023 membership to the NE LEAD Alumni Association. Below is a form for you to use and return. Join the 650+ members now!

THE NEBRASKA LEAD ALUMNI 2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM
Join the LEAD Network with your Membership
 \$45 Annual Membership
 \$450 Lifetime Membership

Some Benefits of Membership:

- Membership Directory – Printed every 3 years
 - Quarterly Newsletter
 - Regional events
 - Provides Financial Support to LEAD program
 - Educational Travel Seminars - national, international and Ag tour
 - A link with "Leaders" all across the U.S.
- And much more!

Yes, I'll join the LEAD network -- Enclosed are my dues for 2023

Annual Dues \$45 Lifetime Dues \$450 LEAD Class # _____

Name: _____ Spouse _____

Address: _____

Home Phone No. _____ Work or Business No. _____

E-mail _____ Cell Phone _____

We have an electronic payment system on the website. If you'd like to send your membership dues electronically, go to: <http://www.neleadalumni.com/> and complete the information there, or snail mail by return mail to: Nancy Eberle, Executive Secretary, 520 Road 20, Bradshaw, NE 68319

Nancy's Notes



Nancy Eberle, Executive Secretary

The holiday season has just ended - I hope all of you receiving this newsletter had a wonderful time, great memories and are looking forward to this New Year! As you can see from the content in this publication, we have several opportunities for you to reconnect with your LEAD fellows, classmates and extended family. We hope you will plan to join us in Broken Bow on February 3 for the recognition dinner for LEAD 38 as well as the annual conference the next day, February 4, 2023 at the One Box Conference Center. The conference planning committee has put together another great program for all of us to share.

Sometime in February Tim Graff and I hope to be able to send in our updated directory information to the printer and once proofed and printed, follow up by sending the new 2023 directory to all alumni membership. If you are not currently a member, use the form within this newsletter to join or re-join with us. As we have said many times, the directory is only as good as the updated information we receive from each of you so be sure to send any changes in address, email, phone etc. to us soon so we can make those changes now.

Pat Heyen and her committee have been hard at work planning our next International Travel Study Seminar to Morocco. This seminar is currently sold out. They are already focusing on the next National Travel Study Seminar. Stay tuned through the newsletter, Facebook page or website for information coming soon.

With our new restructuring process, many of you have been contacted by your District Board Representative. Hopefully you will be able to connect with others in your district in some manner in the future. If you want more information on the restructuring process and districts don't hesitate to contact me or any of our board members. They are listed under the "Contact us" in the website by officer designation or by region: <http://www.neleadalumni.com>

Happy New Year!!! Until next time LEAD on!



~ CLASS NOTES ~

Last October "Terry Hejny, director of Nebraska LEAD Program, was saluted for outstanding service by the International Association of Programs for Agricultural Leadership (IAPAL). The association selected him as its 2022 Outstanding International Leadership Program Director." Congratulations Terry (LEAD Class 20) - very deserving!

Nebraska Sorghum Executive Director, Nate Blum, (LEAD Class 36) represented Nebraska Grain Sorghum producers at the opening ceremony of the International Year of Millet. Blum was invited to attend due to his role as President of Sorghum United. The IYM opened with a ceremony at the United Nations Food and Agriculture (UNFAO) Sheikh Zayed Centre in Rome on December 6th.

Anita Keys (LEAD Class 17) was distinguished as the 2022 Ag-Ceptional Woman of the Year. She was recognized by the Ag-ceptional Women's Conference held on November 18 in Norfolk NE.

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Thank you Mark Suhr and Matt Dolch (LEAD 33 fellows) who hosted a tailgate regional event in Lincoln on October 29, 2022!!

*Pictured are
Matt Dolch,
Barry Young
and Mark Suhr
(LEAD 33
fellows).*



LEAD fellow enjoying the beautiful fall day!

Good eats, good conversation, great hosts!

Mission Statement

Our Mission is to encourage our members to continue as agricultural leaders by using their skills, insight, knowledge and network to LEAD by their example.

Connect with us through our website at <http://www.neleadalumni.com> our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/Leadalumni> or on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a164IDsg07Q>

*Please remember to submit important
Nebraska LEAD Alumni news to:*

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NETWORK!

Keep the spirit of the
Nebraska LEAD
Program ALIVE!

Update is the official newsletter
of the Nebraska LEAD Alumni
Association. The purpose of
the publication is to keep you, a
vital part of the LEAD network,
linked with fellow alumni!