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Hobson Receives Leadership Iowa Honor

FOX Vice President Keith Hobson was one of 40 to graduate from the 2005-2006 Leadership Iowa class this summer in Sioux City. Leadership Iowa is a program facilitated by the Iowa Association of Business and Industry (ABI) designed to deal with significant issues facing Iowa.



Each year approximately 40 Iowa professionals from around the state are selected from nominations from the public and private sector to participate in Leadership Iowa. Each month's 2-day session is held in a different Iowa community, and reflects on how a different topic relates specifically to Iowa. Topics include government, agriculture-biotechnology, education, health care, economic development and others. "We educate, challenge and inspire our participants to bring out their inherent quality to 'point the way,'" says Kay Neumann-Thomas, Vice President of Programs for the Iowa Association of Business & Industry and the facilitator for Leadership Iowa. According to Leadership Iowa application materials, "the ultimate goal is to instill passion in our current and emerging leaders while fostering a high level of civic engagement."

The 2006-2007 Leadership Iowa session marks the 25th year of the program for ABI.

Hobson stated, "Leadership Iowa not only provided insight into some of the most pressing issues affecting the State of Iowa, it also allowed for discussions with our congressional, legislative, and business leaders from around the State. I would recommend the program to nominees who are interested in leading the way for Iowa's future."

Carla Schumacher, a project engineer at FOX, is also a past Leadership Iowa graduate. Please contact Keith or the Iowa ABI for more information about the Leadership Iowa program.