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**Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute Announces  
Community Leadership Program Participants**

DES MOINES, Iowa (August 26, 2014) – The fifty individuals selected for inclusion in the *Community Leadership Program* have been announced by the board of governors of the Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute.

Each individual selected was nominated by an alumnus and vetted in a lengthy and competitive selection process. Members of the 2015 class of leaders represent private, public, and non-profit sectors within the community.

Class members will spend the next nine months engaged in a curriculum that offers a view of Greater Des Moines from divergent vantage points, connecting them with Central Iowa’s past, heightening their awareness of current conditions and challenges, enhancing individual and group leadership skills, and helping members of the class see themselves as partners for change.

Members of the [Community Leadership Program Class of 2015](#):

Sophia Ahmad	Des Moines Symphony Orchestra & Academy
Aubrey Alvarez	Des Moines Area Religious Council
Lauren August	ITA Group
Charley Campbell	Kum & Go, L.C.
Jamie Campos	Des Moines Embassy Club
Carrie Clogg	Kum & Go, L.C.
Dan Corron	Denny Elwell Company
Brian Damman	Dorsey & Whitney LLP
Ashley Danielson	Trilix
Michael Dayton	Nyemaster Goode, P.C.
Chris Deal	MODUS Engineering

Brenna Finnerty	UnityPoint Health Foundation
Trina Flack	Greater Des Moines Convention & Visitors Bureau
Tara Hall	Davis Brown Law Firm
Becky Hansel	INVISION Planning   Architecture   Interiors
Scott Hedderich	Renewable Energy Group
Rocio Hermosillo	Bankers Trust
Brad Hershberger	McGladrey
Kara Hogue	McGowen, Hurst, Clark & Smith PC
Ashley Holter	Business Publications Corporation, Inc
Tim Hoskins	Quester
Michelle Huggins	Shive-Hattery
Jill Johnson	Simpson College
Melissa Jurgens	Charles Saul Engineering, Inc.
Karen Karr	BrownWinick Law Firm
Carrie Kruse	City of Des Moines
Jason Kurth	Diocese of Des Moines
Eugenia Kutsch-Stanton	DuPont Pioneer
Sara Lehan	American Enterprise Group, Inc.
Jeff Liggett	Wells Fargo Home Mortgage
Colleen MacRae	Dickinson Law Firm
Traci McBee	Wellmark Blue Cross Blue Shield
Matthew McKinney	BrownWinick Law Firm
Mandi McReynolds	Drake University
David Nelmark	Belin McCormick, PC
Ashleigh O'Connell	Whitfield & Eddy, P.L.C.
Emily Osweiler	YMCA of Greater Des Moines
Elizabeth Proctor	Dwolla, Inc.
Cassandra Pudenz	TMG Financial Services
Lonnetta Ragland	DuPont Pioneer
Sarah Ramsey	United Way of Central Iowa
David Seybert	City of Des Moines
Sean Simonis	Meredith Corporation
Travis Simpson	Northwest Bank
Katie Stocking	Happy Medium
Jerit Tripp	Gilbert & Cook, Inc.
Cheryl Tuttle	Des Moines Art Center
Matt Unger	Food Bank of Iowa
Lori Vande Krol	Life Made Simple LLC
Jeremy Weiss	Sogeti USA

*The Greater Des Moines Leadership Institute (GDMLI) is a premier leadership organization, guiding graduates to greater public awareness, commitment and involvement – improving the overall quality of life in our community. In three decades, more than 1,800 leaders have participated in GDMLI programs, gaining a greater understanding of our community and opportunities for civic improvement. For more information about GDMLI, visit [www.gdmli.com](http://www.gdmli.com).*

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