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## AgriInstitute

A leadership development and people capacity building organization that facilitates the network of agriculture and non-agricultural communities.

## Calendar These Events

**July 5-10, 2010**

ALP Class 14  
Seminar I

**August 6-22, 2010**

Indiana State Fair,  
Indianapolis

**August 31, 2010**

ALP Golf Benefit  
The Legends of Indiana  
Whiteland

**September 9-11, 2010**

ALP Class 14,  
Seminar 2

## Check Out :

### Class 13 Travel Log

See photos from ALP Class 13's recent foreign trip at [www.agriinstitute/posterous.com](http://www.agriinstitute/posterous.com)

### The Pioneer Woman

Ranch wife Ree Drummond shares her love for food and stories about country life in her cookbook and blog <http://thepioneerwoman.com/>



## Thirteenth Annual Auction Raises \$30K

Nearly 150 AgriInstitute network members attended the "Pony up for ALP" auction, held March 20 at the Indiana Farm Bureau Football Center. This year's auction, which raised more than \$30,000 for the Indiana Agricultural Leadership Program (ALP), featured 100 items donated by over 85 different individuals and agribusinesses.

"Our thanks go to all of our auction donors, attendees and buyers," said Executive Director Beth Archer. "This annual fundraiser helps offset the cost of our leadership program so that we can keep tuition affordable for our class members

and continue to expand the reach of our network in the state."

In addition to the traditional live and silent auctions, the evening also featured tailgating activities, presentations from the AgriInstitute Board, a dinner and a surprise visit by two Colts cheerleaders.

Our thanks go to the following members of the auction committee for planning and organizing the evening's event: **Mike Honeycutt** (Class 13), **Bill Malle** (Class 10), **Peggy Naile** (Class 12), **Shelee Padgett** (Class 13), **Danielle Tolan** (Class 13) and **Sarah Yeager** (Class 12).

## Class 13 Reaches Culmination of ALP Experience

The thirteenth class of the Indiana Agricultural Leadership Program, which included 30 members from all regions of the state and all facets of agriculture, attended its last session and graduated from the program on April 10.

"We congratulate Class 13 on this achievement and challenge them to continue to build upon the agricultural leadership foundation they formed during their two-year experience," said Executive Director Beth Archer. "They are very talented individuals, and we look forward to tracking the positive contributions they make in the future."



*Class 13 of the Indiana Agricultural Leadership Program recently completed its foreign travel experience and graduated from the program during a ceremony at the Indiana Soybean Alliance's offices.*

## AgrInstitute Leadership Program Class 13, an Exponential Experience

By Mike Honeycutt, ALP Class 13

I am sure at some point you have been asked to describe a major life experience in a few words or less. Maybe you were asked what you most enjoyed about a breathtaking vacation or a mission that completely changed your worldview. Maybe the request was simply to describe why you are so passionate about a cause dear to you. Doing this you most likely surmised that you could never aptly describe the depth, breadth, beauty or impact of these experiences in only a few words and do them justice. Well, if you ever felt this way then you know exactly how I felt when asked to sum up my experiences as a part of Class 13 in the AgrInstitute Leadership Program.



Class 13 of the Ag Leadership Program began its adventure in July 2008. Trips to the Statehouse, Washington D.C., and Slovakia, Hungary and Czech republic are among the highlights of their leadership-building experience.

When reflecting over the past two years what came to mind first were the personal aspects of our experience. Although that was not the main reason we were brought together it is still a powerful legacy of our involvement. How can a group of mostly strangers, who initially only share a common professional interest, build bonds of friendship so strong and lasting in such a short period? We have seen classmates get married, announce the birth of children, make major career changes and do battle with Mother Nature. This shared experience and vulnerability creates more than just a network; it allows for development of a kinship that resembles family more than professional affiliation. This bond is apparent in each alumni class and will be a major reason why Class 13 will be successful facing together the challenges that lay ahead.



AgrInstitute Chairperson Kenda Resler Friend presented Mike Honeycutt with his ALP Class 13 Graduate Certificate.

However, our employers and program stakeholders expect our experience to be more than a personal one and Class 13 had a very unique professional experience. Our journey through the program took place in the backdrop of a global financial meltdown, an extreme shift in political power and the readjustment of the agricultural economy following the commodity boom. This shaped the content of our program in many ways. Our trip to Washington was dominated by these issues and it was an obvious component in our foreign travel as we saw how Eastern Europe dealt with the same troubles while struggling to learn the democratic and free market systems. Almost every seminar was riddled with presenters focusing on the challenges these issues brought forth. Consequently, our training in advocacy, communication, conflict management, diversity, inclusion and other topics was heightened by how present situations provided us the opportunity to leverage knowledge immediately in professional life.

Each of us began this experience hoping to add to our knowledge and skill. In the end we did far more, we multiplied our knowledge and skill. The gifts brought by each individual, access to the extended network, strong program structure, world context and the outstanding leadership of our Executive Director served as the multiplying factors. So when I am asked to describe the experience in just a few words I say that it is exponential, greater than we could achieve alone and an experience where growth will perpetually compound for a lifetime.



On behalf of Class 13, Danielle Tolan presented Executive Director Beth Archer with flowers in appreciation of her work with the ALP program.

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## AgrlInstitute Announces ALP Class 14

At the annual meeting and auction of the AgrlInstitute, Chairperson Kenda Resler Friend announced the participants in Class 14 of the Indiana Agricultural Leadership Program (ALP). The group, which will embark on their ag leadership experience in July, represents a diverse cross-section of ag enthusiasts from the state.

"The large number of high quality applicants for the program was impressive, and I appreciate the hard work of the selection committee to chose the right mix of people for this class," said Friend. "It was tough to narrow it down to 30 people, and I'm excited about the leadership potential displayed in Class 14 which will be enhanced as they go through this premiere program."

Congratulations to the following members of Class 14.

- Anthony Aaron, *Ice Miller LLP*
- Matthew Bechdol, *Environmental Systems Research Institute*

- Leah Beyer, *Indiana Soybean Alliance*
- Kyle Bymaster, *Purdue University College of Agriculture*
- Tamara Choat, *National Swine Registry*
- Danna Dolliver, *Red Gold Company*
- Bradley Farrer, *Regions Bank NA*
- Ana Hernandez, *Perdue Farms*
- Matt Hill, *Elanco Animal Health*
- Raylee Honeycutt, *CountryMark*
- Greg Janzow, *Smith Dairy*
- Marietta Kendall, *USDA/FSA*
- Tim Keller, *Dow AgroSciences*
- Bruce Kettler, *Beck's Superior Hybrids*
- Greg Kneubuhler, *G & K Concepts, Inc.*
- Trenton Lindenman, *Dow AgroSciences*
- Tiffany Obrecht, *Indiana Farm Bureau*
- Don Ratliff, *Maple Leaf Farms*
- Sarah Simpson, *ISDA*
- Thomas Sloma, *Farm Credit Services*
- Scott Strickland, *Consolidated Grain & Barge*
- Andy Tauer, *IDEM*



AgrlInstitute Chairperson Kenda Resler Friend announced the participants of ALP Class 14 during the 13th Annual ALP Auction in Indianapolis.

- Kyle Tom, *Tom Farms*
- Kevin Underwood, *Underwood Farms*
- Walter Valiant, *Grain Processing Corp.*
- Jennifer Vandeburg, *Ivy Tech Community College, Kokomo*
- Sarah Weibert, *State Bank of Lizton*
- Bryan Whistler, *Indiana Farm Bureau*
- Eugene Whitehead, *Seldom Rest Farms*
- Lucy Whitehead, *National FFA Organization*

### ALP Network in the News



**Matt Williams** (Class 13) was selected as the 2009 ISDA Photo Contest Grand Champion Winner with "June on the Prairie". To view the other winning photos visit <http://www.in.gov/isda/2497.htm>

### ALP Network Updates

**Darren Radde** (Class 9) is now the Credit and Finance Department Manager for Co-Alliance.

**Nancy Dailey** (Class 3) has a new email address. It is [nadailey@att.net](mailto:nadailey@att.net)

Lincoln Jeffrey was welcomed into the world at 7lbs, 3 oz, 20.5 inches by parents **Jeff** (Class 11) and **Amber Rodibaugh**.

**Damon Spight** (Class 13) is working with Indianapolis Arlington High School's Jobs After Graduation (JAG) program to create farm interns and a summer farm camp. Contact Damon for more information at 317-802-4413 or [dspight@ffa.org](mailto:dspight@ffa.org)

Don't forget that AgrlInstitute is looking for volunteers for our inaugural Ag Leadership **Graduate Partner's Program**. To volunteer to mentor a Class 14 member, contact **Ken Eitel** (Class 7) at [keneitel@gmail.com](mailto:keneitel@gmail.com).

### April Birthday Roster

**Class 1:** Dan Schroeder, Bill Biddle, David Blackford

**Class 2:** Jerry Frey, Joe Milner, Chuck Schoon, Tom Dull, Fred Walker, Bill Brocksmith

**Class 4:** April Mason, Sam Moffitt, Glenna Wade, Bob White

**Class 5:** Steve Vail, Cary Pearl, Tony Weiss

**Class 6:** Pam Patrick

**Class 7:** Howard Halderman

**Class 8:** Eric McEwen, Lisa Bostock

**Class 9:** Tim Luse

**Class 11:** Linda Wood

**Class 12:** Joe Baldwin

**Class 13:** Margie Zoglmann, Craig Spray, Doug Hasselbring

**Happy Birthday to each of you.**

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**ALP Golf Benefit  
August 31, 2010**

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## A Peek at the 2010 "Pony Up for ALP" Auction

*Photos provided by Matt Browning*

