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

Finding New Ways to Connect with Consumers

Across the country, people involved in agriculture are embarking on new initiatives to connect consumers with the source of their daily food. While many within agriculture may not consider “humanities” as a possible avenue for this, some programs with Indiana are indeed using this as a bridge to consumers, and the Indiana Humanities Council is interested in supporting these programs.

In fact, the Indiana Humanities Council has started a Food For Thought initiative aimed at engaging Hoosiers in discussions about food and how it defines and reflects Indiana’s culture and humanity in general. They recognize that food we eat, the way we grow, prepare and eat it, as well as our rituals and traditions, distinguish us and unite us. That’s why food often plays a role in the arts, humanities and community events and initiatives.

As part of this effort, the Council is partnering with organizations with programming that, in ways both obvious and subtle, encourages people to think, read and talk about food. Official Food for Thought partners already include: Conner Prairie ;IN Historical Society; Indiana Artisan ; IN State Department of Agriculture ;IN Office of Tourism Development ; Harrison Center for the Arts ; and the Spirit & Place Festival. However, they are interested in identifying other partners who may be eligible for limited program funding.

There will be two rounds of review for partnership and program support. Deadlines are: February 26, for programs between May 2010 and February 2011; and September 30, for programs scheduled

for January 2011 through October 2011.

So, what's on your plate?

Whether a program or event that you are involved in deals with issues related to innovations in food production, cooking, hunger or nutrition, they are interested in learning more about. If you know of a program that focuses on the slow-food movement, obesity or food safety, they are interested in hearing about it. They are interested in highlighting everything from artistic performances that feature food to community discussions about hunger, and from discussions about food-related literature to conferences focused on nutrition.



So, please take a moment and think about organizations that you are involved in and how they could take part in an endeavor like this. Be

creative. Benefits of participation include being a part of a statewide publicity campaign and featured in their online calendar. Limited funds will also be available for program support.

Through these and other efforts, Indiana Humanities Council is working to reach a broad audience, build a diverse collaboration of organizations and events, and encourage and support participation through partnerships, grant-making and a shared marketing and promotional campaign, all with the goal of getting Hoosiers to come together to think, read and talk.

To accomplish that, they need your help. Please visit www.indianahumanities.org for the partnership application. Contact Nancy Conner, 317.638.1500, ext. 128, or nconner@indianahumanities.org

Calendar These Events

July 5-10, 2010

ALP Class 14
Seminar I
Lindenwood Retreat

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
Columbus

Sept. 28-Oct. 2, 2010

Intl. Leadership Alumni Conf.
Fort Worth, Texas

Check Out :

**First Farmers Feed US
Winners Receive Free
Groceries for a Year**

http://www.hoosieragtoday.com/wire/news/00877_ffuWwiner1_124056.php

**A blog from a Class 13
Member regarding their
recent graduation**

www.sarahbethaubrey.com/blog.php?author=1&fds=1270094400&ids=1272686400

Donor Spotlight:

Co-Alliance LLP is the partnership of five successful cooperative businesses (Midland Co-op, IMPACT Cooperative, LaPorte County Co-op, Frontier Co-op and Excel Co-op).

Through the company's connections with the nation's (and the world's) leading-edge energy and agribusiness supply companies, Co-Alliance strives to bring the very best products, services, technologies and expertise home to local co-op members. The company's core business areas are premium power fuels, home energy products, agronomy inputs and services, grain marketing, and swine/animal nutrition products. It operates facilities in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan.

As a farmer-owned cooperative, Co-Alliance shares the AgrlInstitute's commitment to the strengthening the industry of production agriculture in everything they do. The company has supported the AgrlInstitute, both financially and in program participation, since 1983. "We focus on developing our people and investing in programs that bring out the best in our industry," explains **Co-Alliance CEO Kevin A. Still**. "A hallmark of a strong co-op is providing an unmatched return-on-investment to local members, which Co-Alliance delivers in the form of patronage and equity redemption. In the same way, our leadership team and directors have found we gain a good return on our investment when we support AgrlInstitute."

For example, **Darren Radde** (ALP Class 9) is the Credit and Finance Department Manager at Co-Alliance, **Sam Moffitt** (class 4) is the Swine Production Manager, and **Todd Masten** (ALP Class 10) is Energy Division Manager. Putnam County grower **Kim Ames**, also an ALP Class 9 member, has served on the Co-Alliance Board of Directors for many years.

"Our mission is to lead our markets, grow member profitability, give back in communities we serve and remember our cooperative roots. The quality and impact of AgrlInstitute's programs make supporting this local organization a good fit for our company," Still concluded.

Linked By Leadership:**Purdue University and AgrlInstitute**

The College of Agriculture and the AgrlInstitute share the mission of developing leaders. The College of Agriculture Leadership Development Certificate Program was developed to provide a structured framework through which undergraduate students in Agriculture could enhance their leadership skills. The program is flexible and allows students at all levels of leadership development to grow in their own personal leadership abilities.

The goal of the program is to prepare students for the workforce by responding to feedback from employers, alumni and recent graduates through structured leadership experiences. According to Dr. Dale Whittaker, Associate Dean and Director of Academic Programs and Professor of Agricultural and Biological Engineering, "We believe that developing leadership for Indiana families, communities, and companies strengthens the state and makes it a better place to live."

"The College of Agriculture encourages and expects faculty and staff to take on leadership roles at the local, state, national and global levels," said Jay Akridge, Glenn W. Sample Dean of the College of Agriculture. "Effective leaders must be nurtured, though, and the AgrlInstitute is an invaluable resource for building on their leadership potential. Their experiences in the leadership program broaden their understanding of Indiana's agriculture industry and the issues it faces. And, Purdue Agriculture is enthusiastic about supporting the broader AgrlInstitute agenda of developing agricultural leaders for our state."

Many of the AgrlInstitute graduates are also alumni of Purdue Agriculture. Having alumni who have successfully engaged in the leadership development opportunities through the AgrlInstitute will provide a unique learning and networking opportunity for Agriculture students participating in the Leadership Development Certificate Program.

To help understand the faculty's beliefs about leadership, the following philosophy statement was adopted by College of Agriculture faculty: *We believe that all students can and should exercise leadership. Leadership does not require formal authority or position and can be practiced by anyone interested in making a difference in his/her family, workplace, and community.*

Leadership is a process of people working together toward common goals that bring about positive change. The effectiveness of leadership is based on trusting relationships. Through this exchange, people influence one another's thoughts and actions. By incorporating the diverse skills and viewpoints of others, individuals are empowered and group energy is mobilized to pursue collective goals. Decisions are made and actions are taken.

The development of leadership begins with personal initiative and an understanding of one's passions, motivations, strengths, limitations, and personal values. This also includes an understanding of the ethical nature of leadership as it relates to one's character and a commitment to act with trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship.



Purdue University College of Agriculture recently hosted the AgrlInstitute Board of Directors for one of its regular meetings. Pictured (L to R) are Board Member John Baugh, Executive Director Beth Archer, Purdue Dean of Agriculture Jay Akridge, Chairperson Kenda Resler Friend, & Board Member Tracie Egger.

AgrlInstitute Website Enhancement to Improve Your Experience

There's no doubt we live in a "digital" world, and our AgrlInstitute Web site is being upgraded to better meet the needs of our growing network and multiple audiences. Here's a quick preview of what you will **soon** find on www.agriinstitute.org.

Updated look and feel – We hope the improved design will allow you to quickly find what you are looking for, and provide a positive impression of our organization.

Member section – We are working on a place for you connect with the ALP Network and our supporters by providing contact information updates through a password-protected website.

Donor section – Our new site will recognize AgrlInstitute's great fi-

ancial partners (including links to their web sites if available), provide information about the Community Foundation Endowment effort, provide you an opportunity to contribute on-line and more.

ALP class activities— The new page will closely follow the activities of the current class.

A huge thanks goes to Drew Skwarcan of Weblogic, Inc. who has been our tireless partner in designing and doing the heavy lifting of our web page design.

Watch your email for the official "release" of this new web page. Your feedback and ideas about the site are very welcome. Please send them to cultivate@agriinstitute.org

Community Foundation Efforts Continue to Grow

The list of Community Foundations now holding an AgrlInstitute Fund continues to grow. AgrlInstitute funds have recently been established in the Boone County Community Foundation and the Benton Community Foundation. Leading the effort in Boone County are ALP Class 13 members, **Shelee Padgett** and **Jim Hurst**, and Class 8 member, **Don Lamb**. The Benton County effort is being championed by Class 14 member, **Trenton Lindeman**. If you want to know more about these funds, contact Dan Arnholt, su-danfarms@bcremc.net or Beth.

ALP Network in the News

Ted McKinney (Class 4) has been reappointed to the Indiana State Fair Commission.

Brett Glick (Class 13) has been appointed to the Indiana Soil Conservation Board.

Kevin Underwood (Class 14) and **Steve Dlugosz** (Class 4) have been appointed to the Indiana Pesticide Review Board.

Dull Tree Farm, **Tom Dull** (Class 2), will be included in the 7th Annual Indiana Farm Management Tour on June 23-24.

ALP Network Updates

Elisha Priebe (Class 12) has recently become engaged to Brian Buchanan, an AgrlInstitute Board Member.

Keith Payne (Class 11) has taken a new job with Aviagen and is now in West Virginia. His new contact information is 304-93-2680 (work number) and 304-667-9779 (mobile), and kpayne@aviagen.com

May / June Birthday Roster

Class 1: Brad Starr, Greg Finch

Class 2: Jeff Willson, Alan Gossard, Bob McKee, Tom Memmer, Brian Wise

Class 3: Terry Hayhurst, Bret Marsh, Mark Wilson, Kim Drackett, Cindy Barnett

Class 4: Bill Gelfius, Mike Lemmon

Class 5: Mark DUrr, John Duttlinger, Gary Mithoefer, Ken Kemper

Class 6: Tony Johnson, Greg Bohlander, Sara Davis, Scott Tucker, Vanessa Smith, Rod Clamme

Class 7: Paul Baute, Phil Walker, Scott Beck

Class 8: Bryce Biddle, Nick Gagliano

Class 9: Kim Ames, Darren Radde, Tom Schaffer, Mark Law

Class 10: Todd Applegate, Janice Bacon, Todd Masten, Barb Robertson, Becky Carroll, Chris Zolman

Class 11: Bill McBee, King Clark, Jason Selking

Class 12: Roz Leeck, Gary Michel

Class 13: Perry Lewis, Craig Carter, Sarah Aubrey, Levi Huffman

Class 14: Eugene Whitehead, Tim Keller, Greg Janzow

Happy Birthday to each of you!

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Seeding knowledge, Growing Skills,
Nurturing Passion, Connecting Leaders

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ALP Golf Benefit
August 31, 2010

Please help us update our records and notify us of your correct mailing and e-mail addresses.
Thank You!

ALP Class 14 Kicks Off in July

The members of Indiana Ag Leadership Class 14 will begin their experience on Thursday, July 8, at the Lindenwood Retreat Center (www.lindenwood.org) in Donaldson, Indiana. This unique location is adjacent to the campus of Ancilla College, close to Plymouth, Indiana, in Marshall County.

This year the class will be meeting in Columbus (Sept. 9-11) and West Lafayette area (Dec. 2-4). Their next session will then be held from January 13-15, 2011 will be in Indianapolis.

A BIG AgrInstitute thank you goes to **Betsy Bowman**, Class 13 member, who has graciously volunteered to help seek in-kind support for the seminars around the state. Providing a meal, meeting venue, program sponsorship, transportation, etc. are all ways in which you or your company can provide meaningful support for each of the seminars. It is a great way for you and your business to connect with this great class of leaders. Contact Betsy today at 317-416-0262 or bowmanbv@lilly.com to help sponsor as session.

Indy Area ALP Network Meets Again

The Antelope Club was the place to be on April 28, as 15 members of the Indy area ALP Network joined in the fun, informal social gathering.

Four new members of the ALP network from Class 14 were treated to stories from members of Class 1, Class 8, Class 12 and Class 13 of the ALP program. In fact, attendees were encouraged to outdo one another with a little 'story competition.' Without a doubt, the seven Class 13 members had the most up-to-date ALP stories.

Did you miss this gathering? No worries. Another gathering will be held in late summer. Watch your email box for the invitation.

If you don't live in the Indy are, why not help us organize an ALP Network gathering in your neighborhood. It is easy...and fun. Call Beth to get something going on this.