



"Having lived my entire life in Bismarck and serving over 20 years with the Bismarck Police Department, I thought I knew all about the dynamics that makes Bismarck-Mandan the great community it is, but, after attending the Leadership Bismarck-Mandan Program, I became much more educated."

The Leadership program offers a broad insight into the various industries, corporations, public safety and other governmental organizations that utilize daily the values taught in the Leadership program. In addition to acquiring extensive knowledge about Bismarck-Mandan, the program provided me with the opportunities to meet and network with current and future leaders in the community who are making a positive impact in the community I choose to live."

*Don Donlin,  
City of Bismarck Police Department*

"The Leadership Bismarck-Mandan program is an incredible opportunity to learn about the issues that influence our region. Rarely, if ever, do you encounter an experience that places you side-by-side with other future leaders in such a hands-on way. Each issue day thoughtfully tackles a specific aspect



influencing our cities, and provides a dialogue to engage in a respectful discussion with your peers. As a relatively new transplant to the Bismarck-Mandan area, the experience of the leadership program opened my eyes to those issues that aren't always on my radar, and encouraged me to build meaningful relationships with others who are passionate about building a better community."

*Wendy Van Duyne,  
Bartlett & West*

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Leadership Bismarck-Mandan  
engages emerging leaders  
in business and community issues.

## WHO PARTICIPATES

Up to 20 participants are chosen each year by a committee based on the following criteria:

- Interest in the community's well-being
- Willingness to be involved in community service
- Potential for community leadership
- Ability to devote time and energy to the program
- Previous community involvement

## HOW YOU BENEFIT

As a participant, you'll gain an inside look at the inner workings of our community and develop a better understanding of the future challenges facing Bismarck-Mandan. As a graduate of the program, you'll become part of a network of community leaders, and you'll be recognized for your willingness and ability to contribute to community life.



## THE PROGRAM

Participants delve into today's most compelling issues. Community experts lead stimulating Issue Day sessions during the program on topics relevant to Bismarck-Mandan and its future. Faculty consists of local civic, education and business leaders as well as out-of-town guest speakers. The 12 Issue Days include the following topics:

- Community Characteristics
- Local Issues
- Economic Development
- Diversity/Communications
- Natural Resources
- Agriculture
- Human Services
- Arts and Leisure
- Education
- Health
- Media
- Law
- Faith, Ethics and Values
- Energy
- Military
- Legislative and Political Involvement

Most Issue Days run from 8:00am to 1:00pm so participants can avoid missing full days of work. The orientation day encompasses a full day.

### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDE:

- Introductory full-day retreat
- Group field project presentations
- Wrap-up facilitation focusing on commitment to leadership
- Graduation ceremony and reception

After graduation, all Leadership graduates are included on the Leadership Bismarck-Mandan Alumni Association's website, [www.lbmaa.org](http://www.lbmaa.org). All graduates are encouraged to become actively involved in our community.

## HOW TO APPLY

Leadership Bismarck-Mandan applications are available online at [www.bismarckmandan.com](http://www.bismarckmandan.com) or call the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce at 701-223-5660. Deadline for applications is typically the beginning of August.



Bismarck-Mandan's future is directly tied to the quality of our leadership. Our community needs people who are informed about local issues, are willing to stand up for progressive action and are effective in serving on volunteer committees and organizations.

That's why the Bismarck-Mandan Chamber of Commerce created the Leadership Bismarck-Mandan program. By going through this program, you'll strengthen your leadership skills, broaden your understanding of local issues, connect with community resources and contacts, build mentoring relationships with current leaders and even have fun!

But most importantly you'll gain skills and opportunities that will equip you to serve both your community and your business as a leader.



*Leadership Bismarck-Mandan, Class of 2017 with Gov. Doug Burgum on Legislative & Political Involvement Day*