FORMAT

The Leadership Forum begins in January with a two and one-half day overnight opening retreat at Eagle Ridge Inn and Resort. After that, the Forum usually meets on the second Wednesday of each month from February through November. Each Forum session will be held in a different Jo Daviess County community and will run from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

2024 SCHEDULE AND PROPOSED LEADERSHIP TOPICS

January 24 - 26
Opening Retreat
"Leadership, the Community, and You"

February 14
"Leadership Models" Personality Styles

March 13
"Finding Your Voice"

April 10
"Visioning"

May 1
"Enlisting Support"

June 12
"Teaming"

July 10
"Challenging the Process"

August 14
"Decision Making"

September 11
"Ethical Leadership"

October 9
"Encouraging the Heart"

November 13
Final Retreat and Banquet

Faculty

Join Us
The Jo Daviess County Leadership Forum seeks participants from a wide range of community and career interests. Each class will have approximately 15 members selected from applicants on the basis of their interest in leadership issues and their representation of the diversity of our county.

For Further Information
Contact Jim Phillips at 815-599-3469 or jim.phillips@highland.edu or contact a member of the Leadership Forum Steering Committee:

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Cost
The tuition cost for the 11-month Leadership Forum is $1,000, and the fee for books and materials is $500. Scholarship assistance is readily available for all or a portion of the tuition. Contact Jim Phillips at 815.599.3469 for further scholarship details.

Applications
Application forms are available from Jim Phillips, Director
Jo Daviess County Leadership Forum
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or by phone at 815.599.3469, email at Jim.Phillips@highland.edu, or the Highland website at www.highland.edu.

Applications are due by December 1, 2023. The class of 2024 will be announced in early January.
P U R P O S E

The future of our county and its organizations depends on a diverse group of capable and committed leaders.

The Jo Daviess County Leadership Forum is committed to developing and sustaining a network of local leaders who are:

- Knowledgeable about community issues
- Able to demonstrate effective leadership and collaboration skills
- Committed to building and improving our organizations and communities

Expand your understanding of local issues
- The regional economy
- Agriculture
- Local government
- Emergency services
- Education, health, and social services
- Housing

Gain new leadership insights
- Alternate models of leadership
- An inventory of your personal leadership practices
- Creating effective teams
- Planning and visioning

Explore who we are and where we’re going
- Our values
- Community history
- Immigration then and now

"What a fantastic opportunity to learn about Jo Daviess County and yourself while creating long lasting relationships! It is great to know there are such wonderful people in our communities striving to make Jo Daviess County all it can be."

Millie Graves, Stockton

"The forum opens many possibilities to engage in the community by providing education on municipalities within the county. Students are equipped with the tools to become more active and effective leaders in their communities. I’d recommend the program to anyone passionate about sharing their time and talents to improve the County."

Brian Engle, Elizabeth

"The Jo Daviess County Leadership Forum provided me with the education, connections, resources and confidence to continue my interest in community leadership."

Jill Pepin, Stockton

A few of our supporting organizations
- Apple Canyon Lake Properties
- Apple River State Bank
- Brewster Cheese
- Citizens State Bank
- City of East Dubuque
- City of Galena
- East Dubuque Fire Department
- East Dubuque Police Department
- East Dubuque School District
- Fehr Graham & Associates
- FHN
- Furst Staffing
- Galena Area Chamber of Commerce
- Galena Art and Recreation Center
- Galena Gazette
- Galena/Jo Daviess Historical Society
- Galena Territory Association
- Highland Community College
- Highland Community College Foundation
- Honeywell Sensing & Control
- Illinois Bank & Trust
- Illinois Historic Preservation Agency
- Ink and Paper Design
- Jo-Carroll Energy
- Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation
- Jo Daviess CVB
- Jo Daviess County Farm Bureau
- Jo Daviess County Housing Authority
- Jo Daviess County Sheriff's Department
- Lingle Design Group
- M & W Grain
- McCoy Insurance Services
- MetLife Auto & Home/Farmers Insurance
- Midwest Medical
- Oak Hill Weddings
- O'Conner, Brooks
- Riverview Center
- Schultz Appliance
- Stockton Chamber of Commerce
- Tyler's Justice Center
- United Way of Northwest Illinois
- US Bank
- Village of Elizabeth
- Village of Scales Mound
- Vincent, Roth and Toepfer
- Warren Community Bank
- Warren Police Department
- Warren United Methodist Church
- Wills Garage
- Woodbine Bend