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 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 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

2016 SCHEDULE AND PROPOSED LEADERSHIP TOPICS

January 31 - Feb. 1 & 2, 2016
Opening Retreat
"Leadership, the Community, and You"

February 10
"Leadership Models" Personality Styles

March 9
"Finding Your Voice"

April 13
"Visioning"

May 11
"Enlisting Support"

June 8
"Teaming"

July 13
"Challenging the Process"

August 10
"Decision Making"

September 14
"Ethical Leadership"

October 12
"Encouraging the Heart"

November 9
Final Retreat and Banquet

Join Us
The Jo Daviess County Leadership Forum seeks men and women from a wide range of community and career interests. Each class will have approximately twenty 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
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Cost
The tuition cost of the eleven-month Leadership Forum is $1000. Books and materials fee is $400. Scholarship assistance is readily available for all or a portion of the tuition. Contact Alan Wenzel, 815.599.3464 for further scholarship details.

Applications
Application forms are available from Alan Wenzel, Director, “The Jo Daviess County Leadership Forum,” Highland Community College, 2998 W. Pearl City Road, Freeport, IL 61032, 815.599.3464.

Applications are due by December 5, 2015. The class of 2016 will be announced in early January.
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
- Comprehensive Plan
- The regional economy
- Tourism
- 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
- The Jo Daviess County “Comprehensive Plan”

"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 Jo Daviess Leadership Forum offers a unique experience that allows individuals to really learn how our area became what it is today, as well as how we will plan and adapt for the future. The Forum also gives each student the opportunity to meet and interact with other individuals who are interested in leadership and the betterment of the community."

Bret Johnson, Galena

"Taking this class has introduced me to powerful, effective, and necessary tools needed to become a strong leader. The Jo Daviess Leadership Forum opened up a whole new group of people in our county with which I could network. Great organization and facilitators!"

Lu Douglas, Stockton

"The Leadership Forum not only helped me polish my leadership skills, but helped me learn much about Jo Daviess County."

Chuck Wemstrom, Mt. Carroll

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