

RLND Class VIII Seminars

- **Orientation to the RLND Program** Nov.30-Dec. 2, 2017 – Bismarck, ND
- **Personal Leadership Development** Jan. 10-12, 2018 – Bottineau, ND
- **Agriculture's Future in North Dakota** Feb. 14-16, 2018 – Fargo, ND
- **National Trends in Agriculture and Rural Issues** March 19-24, 2018 – Washington, D.C.
- **Regional Agriculture and Rural Issues** June 19-22, 2018 – Minneapolis, Minn.
- **Exploring the Relationship Between Agriculture, Communities and Natural Resources** Nov. 14-16, 2018 – Bowman, ND
- **Understanding North Dakota Ag and Rural Policies** Jan. 9-11, 2019 – Bismarck, ND
- **Understanding International Ag and Community Issues** (11 days within Feb. 4-23, 2019)
- **Economic Development and Leadership** March 20-22, 2019 – Watford City, ND
- **Civil Engagement/Looking Ahead** June 19-21, 2019 – Grand Forks, ND
- **Graduation Gala** Nov. 22, 2019 – Bismarck, ND

Our Mission

To prepare and develop effective leaders to strengthen rural North Dakota.

Our program

The Rural Leadership North Dakota (RLND) Program is a 18-month dynamic leadership development program. The program curriculum is designed to be immediately applicable to both active and inexperienced leaders. Each seminar features a mix of personal development, leadership study and location-related subject matter. The RLND Program is designed for men and women who are dedicated to strengthening the agriculture community, their community and the state of North Dakota for the future.

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