



Throughout my life I have been blessed with many leadership development experiences, beginning with 4-H and progressing through activities at Kansas State University, an

infantry officer in the U.S. Army Reserves, farm and civic organizations, church and a staff assistant to the Committee on Agriculture of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Each leadership responsibility has been a stepping stone to greater enlightenment and fulfillment. Most recently, participation in the KARL Program and Graduate Program has given me the “big picture” and allowed me to network with “movers and shakers” with self-assurance and enthusiasm.

KARL has brought unimaginable blessings into my life. For that I am beholden and eternally grateful.

**Respectfully,
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Dive into KARL: A “Cutting Edge” Experience

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At some point in our lives we must come to grips with figuring out who we are, what we believe and what we feel called to do in the world.

Formal education provides the basis for learning but that is just the beginning. Informal education beyond high school and college is essential to developing and perfecting one’s skills throughout life.

That is the purpose of KARL, Inc. and the KARL Graduate Program. Created in 1989 as an independent, privately funded 501 (c) (3) organization, it develops better agricultural and rural leaders in Kansas. Classes of 30 diverse members, generally between the ages of 25 to 55, have a unique opportunity to undergo a two-year study, training and travel experience to expand perspectives, contacts and resources to remain competitive and on the “cutting edge” of enlightenment.

Now that nearly 400 have participated, KARL, Inc. has a Graduate Program for its alumni and spouses to continue informal lifelong learning. This is accomplished through timely seminars and travel—both domestic and foreign. (*To KARL, travel is not a reward for working; it is education for living.*)

The goal of the KARL two-year introductory program (“boot camp”) and the graduate program (“active duty”) is to develop leadership excellence, thereby enabling agricultural and rural leaders to cope with the myriad of situations they will encounter in the world’s workforce. The result has produced effective leadership at the local, state and national level.

Dive into KARL, a most rewarding experience.

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