



THE *Big Event*
2022



We are excited to have you at our Big Event!

THANK YOU for joining us to **celebrate** the graduation of KARL Class XV Fellows and **welcome** our newest Associates, KARL Class XVI. Together, with KARL alumni, stakeholders, friends, and supporters, we make up the **KARL Network!**

Because of a pandemic, the typical two-year curriculum took almost three years to complete as Fellows managed uncertainties, virtual meetings, delays, and unforeseen distractions to now become part of our 450 plus alumni family. These challenges never dampened determined spirits and helped pave the way for the recruitment of our newest class!

Board Chair **Doug Hofbauer**

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While fields are being planted and flowers bloom, all of us connected to agriculture and rural Kansas know this as a season for renewal. KARL recently engaged with strategic planning for the Program. Four pillars have been identified as focus points: recruitment, curriculum, fundraising, and alumni engagement. All who make up Team KARL have provided us with a tremendous foundation to build upon. Despite any uncertainty of the world we live in, you continue to step up to excellence for **legendary leadership.**

Our commitment is as renewed and ready for the future as ever!

Nothing is impossible when you combine skills, passion, and relationships. **Together**, we can ensure a positive difference for agriculture and rural Kansas!

Hospitality Reception

Cocktails and Music by Too Many Degrees

Sponsored by Class XV Fellows

Dinner

Catered by Nico's Little Italy

Served buffet style

Invocation

Justin Kastner, Class XV

KARL Silent Auction

The graduating KARL Class XV is providing its traditional philanthropic auction in coordination with The Big Event. Proceeds from this auction support the newly created KARL Kings & Kingmakers Fund in honor of the late Dr. Flinchbaugh. Scan the QR Code to bid or make a donation and support the next class of Legendary Leaders! Bidding closes at the conclusion of The Big Event!



Program

Introduction of Emcee

Jill Zimmerman, KARL President

Welcome

Eric Atkinson, Emcee

Keynote Address

Senator Jerry Moran

Recognition of Class Representative

Andrew Ochampaugh will be joining the Board of Directors.

Presentation of KARL Fellows

Class XV Graduation

Introduction of KARL Associates

Class XVI Introduction

International Study Tour Announcement

Debra Teufel, Class XV Fellow

Wrap-Up

Eric Atkinson, Emcee

THE *Big Event Program*



Event Emcee

Eric Atkinson

"Agriculture Today"

Eric is the radio specialist and agriculture director of the K-State Radio Network, and also serves as a professor at K-State. He is widely known for his production of an hour-long program, "Agriculture Today," each weekday. The program features information from agricultural scientists and specialists and is broadcast throughout most of Kansas and parts of Oklahoma, Colorado, and Nebraska and streamed live online. Eric also produces a weekly audio feature series covering agriculture, forestry, and wildlife management; this series is made available to commercial radio stations and other media.



Keynote Speaker

Senator Jerry Moran

Senator Moran has been a leading advocate for protecting and preserving the special way of life in Kansas.

Senator Moran has made it his top priority to stay connected to the people he represents. Despite the distance of more than 1,000 miles between Washington, D.C., and Kansas, he returns home each weekend to meet with people from across the state. While at home in Kansas, he volunteers his time at several community organizations. He serves on the board of trustees of the Fort Hays State University Endowment Foundation, on the executive committee of the Coronado Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and is a former trustee of the Eisenhower Foundation. He is also an active Lions Club member, Rotary Club member, and Sons of The American Legion member. He attends the First Presbyterian Church of Manhattan.

Senator Moran attended Fort Hays State University and later the University of Kansas, where he completed a degree in economics. After an early career as a small-town banker, he received his J.D. from the University of Kansas. Jerry and his wife Robba continue to live in Kansas. They have two daughters, Kelsey and Alex, and two grandchildren.

The Newest KARL Program

Fellows



Kim Baldwin
McPherson

Leadership is a state of action.

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Love to serve others every day.

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Kansas City

Follow leaders with heart, not titles.

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Amy Doane

Downs

*Think globally. Act locally.
Walk humbly.*

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Jessica Ebert

Tescott

*Passionately advocating
while feeding the world.*

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*Authentic friend. Thought
explorer. Change driver.*

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Sabetha

Get better each day. Eyes up!

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I love being a utility player.

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Kayla Jarvis
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Every experience is meant to be.

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Justin Kastner
Manhattan

No parking on the dance floor.

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Equipping others to preserve rural life.

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Every day is a new day.

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Preston

*Heart for service, mind
for growth.*

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Russell

*Work hard, pursue
excellence, glorify God.*

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*Implementing practices today
for success tomorrow.*

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Kendra Riley

Dexter

The experience is worth the risk.

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*Burning determination
evens up the score.*

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*Enhancing production.
Preserving heritage around me.*

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*Gratefully serving God,
family and neighbor.*

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Garden City

*Driven, passionate, collaborative,
faithful, and loyal.*

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Debra Teufel

Hutchinson

*Passionate cheerleader.
Community developer.*

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Shawn Thiele

Manhattan

Dream it, believe it, build it!

Trailblazer Sponsor **Chris Tanner**



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Abilene

*Dream big, work hard,
stay focused.*

Trailblazer Sponsor **Snake Creek Ranch - Jesse Luckie**

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Special thanks to so many, including a strong board of directors, stakeholders, grantors, alumni, and many supporters to whom we are grateful for significant contributions that allow KARL to identify, prepare, and connect aspiring leaders to spark action that will positively impact Kansas agriculture and rural communities.

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KARL, Inc. is a 501c3 organization in the State of Kansas. Now in its third decade, KARL observes a partnership with K-State Research and Extension, with an office located on the KSU campus in Umberger Hall. KARL is proud to be a member in good standing of the International Association of Programs of Agricultural Leadership (IAPAL). This group is composed of agricultural leadership programs from over forty states, as well as programs in other countries including: Canada, New Zealand, Australia, Argentina, and many others.



Grand Mosque Abu Dhabi. Photo courtesy of Allison Burenheide

Class XV

United Arab Emirates

International Study Tour

Class XV was immersed in the Arabic culture, cuisine, and agriculture. Associates learned about desert and oasis farming techniques and raising—and racing—camels.

The class discovered the charm of the UAE while learning about differences in agriculture in an entirely different part of the world.

With 9.8 million people and a GDP of 421 billion, the UAE's economy is the most diversified in the Gulf Cooperation Council, while its most populous city of Dubai is a global city.

The following collection of photos is only a glimpse of the incredible journey

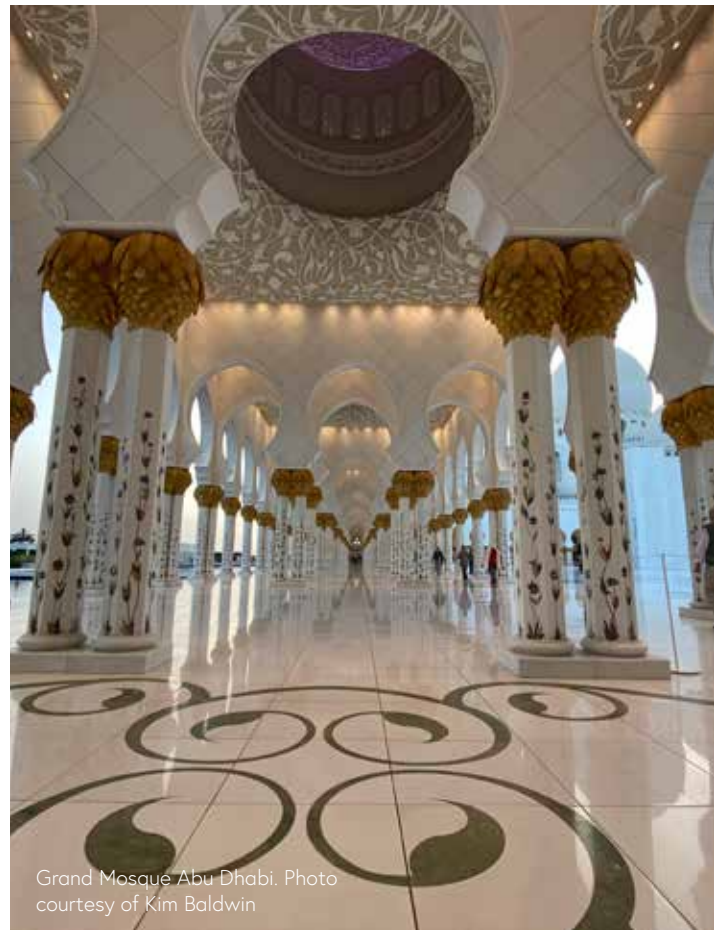
Class XV experienced.

A trip to the Grand Mosque, the Dubai Mall, a working camel dairy, a cultural dining experience, livestock market, World Expo and hydroponic farms, sand dunes and a desert safari are just a few activities the class had the opportunity to experience.

The landscapes of a global city were a backdrop for a trip of a lifetime.

You are encouraged to visit with members of the class and learn more about this incredible adventure.

The international study tour for Class XVI will be announced at the end of the Big Event!



Grand Mosque Abu Dhabi. Photo courtesy of Kim Baldwin



Class XV visits Dubai Photo courtesy of Karly Frederick



Spice market. Photo courtesy of Karly Frederick



A vegetable hydroponic facility Photo courtesy of Kim Baldwin



Falcon hospital in Abu Dhabi. Photo courtesy of Allison Burenheide



A group headed to a camel race. Photo courtesy of Allison Burenheide



The Museum of the Future. Photo courtesy of Allison Burenheide



Class XV after a desert safari Photo courtesy of Allison Burenheide

The Newest Class of *Legendary Leaders*

Class XVI Associates

This group of individuals from across Kansas will face new challenges in the world around them, and learn from the people around them. As the 16th class of associates work toward gaining fellowship in the KARL network of alumni, the program challenges them, provides new experiences, and fosters relationship building that will not only help them in this two-year leadership journey, but their journey beyond graduation in 2024.



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We are proud to announce a new fund in honor of our late, dear friend to KARL, Dr. Barry Flinchbaugh.

Please support the new KARL Kings & Kingmakers Fund for the mission and sustainability of the KARL Program to identify, prepare, and connect aspiring leaders to spark actions that will positively impact agriculture and rural communities.

KARL Class XV (and every class before us!) had the great honor of hearing from Dr. Flinchbaugh, in person, one last time during our Year One seminar in Leavenworth. As our KARL Class XV experience comes to a close after three fruitful years, we are more invigorated and excited than ever about the future of KARL and our great State of Kansas!

The number of challenges facing our communities, state, nation, and world increase daily. Through the KARL experience, we have been able to see stories of innovation, collaboration, and successes around our state that have overcome challenges, time and time again.

Since 1989, KARL has worked to improve the lives of Kansans through leadership development and growth; I can assure you that the KARL network is thriving, and still working every day to make a positive impact!

We know, you too, are an ambassador for rural leadership and the future and invested in the success of our communities. Thank you for joining us today to celebrate KARL Class XV graduation and welcome KARL Class XVI into our network.

On behalf of the KARL Board of Directors and KARL Class XV, we hope you are inspired by the power of philanthropy and take this opportunity to support the ever growing 33-year legacy of leadership.

Andrew Ochampaugh

KARL Class XV Fellow
Class Representative to the KARL Board
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