

**Kansas Agriculture and Rural Leadership, Inc. (KARL)**  
Curriculum Overview || Class XVII (2024-2026)



**KARL Mission** KARL identifies, prepares, and connects leaders that will positively impact Kansas and rural communities through a two-year leadership program - and a lifetime of opportunities. We challenge Associates to think differently, while connecting them to people and resources that can help them transform organizations, communities, our state, and our world.

Seminar locations and content are subject to change at the recommendation of the KARL Board of Directors and Curriculum Committee.

**2024**

Date	Location	Seminar	What
June 1	Manhattan	Graduation XVI Announcement XVII	The KARL Big Event Graduation of Class XVI - - - Announcement of Class XVII
August 21 - 23	KDA - Manhattan Rock Springs - Junction City	Genesis	Orientation, team and group dynamics, leadership and communication styles, teambuilding, challenge course (ROPES), challenges/needs for leadership in Kansas. The State of Kansas agriculture, agriculture growth industry sectors, state population demographics.
November 6-8	Garden City	Economic Development	Southwest Kansas agriculture: beef and dairy sectors, feedlots, packing plants, immigration policy, energy, ethanol, ag technology, entrepreneurship.
December 4 - 6	Goodland - Atwood	Innovation and Technology	Northwest Kansas thrives on community partnerships needed to build strong successful viable communities. Class Associates will hear the infamous Kings and Kingmakers presentation, take a deeper dive into ag technology, innovation, value-added, housing, and water.

**2025**

Date	Location	Seminar	What
January 15 - 17	Topeka	State of the State	State Government: serving the Great State of Kansas. Legislative process, understanding the three branches of Government (Executive, Legislative, and Judicial), KOMA, ag trade associations, the rural voice, education, and rural healthcare.
February 12 - 14	Leavenworth - Kansas City	Conflict Management - Tools for Peace	Overview of Fort Leavenworth Command and General Staff College, the Federal and State prison system, adult and juvenile justice systems, and human trafficking awareness. Clifton Strengths.
March 23 - 29	Washington, D.C. Gettysburg, PA	National Issues and Service & Leadership	National Government: congressional delegations/process, agriculture trade associations, USDA, trade, transportation, international relations, the role of agencies and associations (NGOs).
August 21 - 22	Council Grove	Genesis 2.0	New with Class XV and with a focus on community this seminar is nestled in the heart of the Flint Hills and bridges the gap between year one and year two allowing Associates to accelerate/deepen relationships and collaboration potential.
November 5 - 7	Marysville, KS & Lincoln, NE	Domestic Study Tour	Focused on innovation and investment. The seminar will delve into observations on entrepreneurship and innovation in the agriculture space. Experience the Engler Agribusiness Entrepreneurship Program and The Combine at Nebraska Innovation Campus.
December 3 - 5	Pittsburg	Navigating Change	Southeast Kansas is a unique area full of history and economic opportunity. An area of the State still recovering from the environmental impact of the mining and ammunition industries.

**2026**

Date	Location	Seminar	What
January 21 - 23	Wichita	Economies of Kansas/Global Leadership	Southcentral Kansas and the economic opportunity for the region; aerospace, agribusiness, value added processing, ag manufacturing, education, cotton, and agricultural lending. Hogan Leadership Assessments.
February 18 - 20	Hays	Energy, water, and Natural Resources	Striving to build communities that thrive, infrastructure is critical for community growth and perseverance. Managing resources such as water, transportation, energy, access to health care and education, communication, etc. to create a systematic approach to be connected long term is critical for sustainability and long term growth.
March (TBD)	To be announced	International Study Tour	International trade, production practices, critical issues, government policy, foreign cultures, customs, and values.
April 10	Virtual	Exit Interviews	
June 6	Manhattan	Graduation XVII Announcement XVIII	The KARL Big Event Graduation of Class XVII - - - Announcement of Class XVIII