



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.

2026			
Date	Location	Seminar	What
June 6	Manhattan	Graduation XVII Announcement XVIII	The KARL Program Big Event Graduation of Class XVII - - - Announcement of Class XVIII
August 20 – 22	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. (Note: Thu. - Sat. dates)
November 4 – 6	Garden City	Economies of Southwest Kansas	Southwest Kansas agriculture: beef + dairy sectors, feedlots, packing plants, immigration policy, energy, ethanol, ag technology, entrepreneurship, water.
December 2 – 4	Goodland - Atwood	Innovation in Northwest Kansas	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.
2027			
Date	Location	Seminar	What
January 20 – 22	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), ag trade associations, the rural voice, education, and rural healthcare.
February 17 – 19	Leavenworth - Kansas City	Northeast Kansas Industry Leadership	Northeast Kansas is home to leadership operations for multiple industries with impact across Kansas including the Animal Health Corridor, Federal Reserve, Fort Leavenworth Command and General Staff College and the Federal and State prison systems.
March 21 – 27	Washington, D.C. Gettysburg, PA	National Issues and Service & Leadership	Public policy decision-making and international trade, congressional delegation, agriculture trade associations, USDA, international relations, the role of agencies and associations (NGOs). Followed by the Gettysburg Leadership Experience - a powerful 2.5-day experience combining high-level leadership modules with on-site tours of Gettysburg.
August 19 – 21	Council Grove	Genesis 2.0	Kick off Year Two with reflection and advanced orientation activities. Nestled in the Flint Hills, this Seminar also has a focus on community, bridging the gap between year one and year two, allowing associates to further learn about themselves, deepen relationships and collaboration potential.
November 3 – 5	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 1 – 3	Pittsburg	Navigating Change in Southeast Kansas	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.
2028			
Date	Location	Seminar	What
January 19 – 21	Wichita	Global Leadership and Southcentral Kansas	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 16 – 18	Hays	Northcentral Kansas Economies and Infrastructure	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)	TBD	International Study Tour	International trade, production practices, critical issues, government policy, foreign cultures, customs, and values.
April 14	Virtual	Exit Interviews	
June 3	Manhattan	Graduation XVIII Announcement XIX	The KARL Big Event Graduation of Class XVIII - - - Announcement of Class XIX