

RLND Class VIII Seminar Three — Fargo Agriculture's Future in North Dakota

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The seminar started with RLND Class VIII participants experiencing the Congressional Insight Workshop with Pete Hanebutt, Director of Public Policy ND Farm Bureau, presenting the workshop. This was a hands-on workshop that highlighted the processes and decisions a freshman Congressman or Congresswoman experiences as they begin their legislative career.

Rachelle Vetter, 4-H Youth/Leadership Specialist NDSU Extension Service, shared her expertise in Ethical Leadership during her presentation. Participants were put into groups and assigned examples of difficult situations that could present themselves in a professional environment. The workshop allowed participants to evaluate their own personal ethical challenges and offered them a tool to help build upon their character.

To extend upon the action-packed day; Mel Nelson, President of Executive Management Systems, Inc, took us on a dialogue filled presentation (part 2) of the Work of Leaders. Participants went over their strengths and weaknesses in each of the three principle processes; creating a VISION, building ALLIGNMENT, and championing EXECUTION.

The Business Etiquette Dinner was a fantastic way to end the day. Jill Wilkey brought a charismatic approach to training participant's proper table etiquette in a business meeting setting.

Day two of the seminar was a day to get out and learn about the community. The first visit was to the NDSU Greenhouse where Julie Hochhalter, Greenhouse Manager, passionately talked about the critical research into diseases and plant breeds that will guide and protect farmers for generations to come.

different procedures for meat processing and later had a degree of doneness tutorial. The class was not only able to experience the different "doneness" in pork, but also experienced the different ways to dress the meat.

After lunch participants traveled to Barry Hall in downtown Fargo. The North Dakota Trade Office hosted us and informed us on the importance of trade in North Dakota as well as all the products that come out of North Dakota.

The Great Plains Food Bank was the next visit where Nancy Cariveau, Food Resource Manager, and Megan Myrdal, Cass County Extension Family Nutrition Program, greeted us with excitement. Participants received a tour of the food bank and gathered some uplifting information regarding how far the food banks generosity extends.



RLND Leadership Dinner at Crooked Lane Farm

Our next visit was to Dakota Vines Vineyards where owner, Deb Grosz, shared her passion for wine making by allowing us to come and see their winery. The group ended their second day at Crooked Lane Farm Folk School and Event Center owned and operated by Brent Larson and Mary Jo Schmid. After a wonderful presentation that explained the history of the farm Brent and Mary Jo hosted the RLND Leadership dinner. They literally opened their home up to Class VIII participants, RLND alumni and area state legislators.

The last day of the seminar started with Mike Allmendinger, President Kilbourne Group, sharing information about the Kilbourne Group and the downtown development they are involved in.

The next presenter was Katie Pinke, AgWeek publisher. Katie and several AgWeek staff facilitated a workshop that trained participants in working with the media. It was a unique experience because while the AgWeek staff was there presenting, they were also filming for their weekly broadcast.

To conclude our Agriculture's Future in North Dakota Seminar, we were finally able to end the suspense of the location of our International trip. Class VIII participants found out they were going to Argentina for their international trip. This was an exciting event, to say the least.



RLND Class VIII visits Case IH

The next visit was the Case IH plant. Participants experienced a VIP tour that started with a single sheet of steel and ended with a big, bright red, Case IH quad track tractor. It was a mesmerizing experience to see the impact this company has in North Dakota.

The next visit was at Shepperd Arena on the NDSU campus. Spence Wirt, Animal Science, took the group on an in-depth adventure into the butchering process. There, he demonstrated